Board President Robert Shouse called the meeting to order in Team Room B of the Administrative Service Center at 5:37 p.m. Roll was taken with the following members present: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin.

At 5:38 p.m., member Colvin moved, and member Bierman seconded, to hold a closed meeting for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), and to discuss security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property, pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8). Members voting “yes”: Kiah, Bierman, Sutton, Adams, Shouse, Thompson, and Colvin. Members voting “no”: none. Motion carried.

The Board returned to open session at 7:41 p.m.

Members Kiah and Sutton were no longer present. Superintendent Reuschel had joined the meeting.

The Board discussed the Geothermal Project and the close-out of the contract. There were incentives for finishing the project in one year, but even though the system was operational in one year, there were work orders outstanding. The incentives – whether to award and how much - are at question. Dr. Reuschel will discuss the issue with Ryan, get their requested incentive figure and report to the board if over $10,000.

Dr. Reuschel will be authorizing HLS work. It will be within her parameters.

12-13 Fee Schedules were discussed and Dr. Reuschel asked that the Board review the fee schedules. Mr. Bierman asked for a fee history including 2008, 2010, and 2012. Dr. Colvin suggested a possible family maximum.

The Board reviewed the Education Fund balances at the end of each year from 2007-2013. There were late payments from the state that affected the ending balance. 2013 goal is an ending fund balance of $6.6 million. Our deficit spending will be approximately $700,000. The Board also reviewed PMA projections as compared to the information on the Education Fund balances provided. Discussion ensued regarding General State Aid and the expected proration of those funds. Also, PTELL is going to be a critical factor in the District’s financial health.

Dr. Reuschel addressed the magic number that we needed to have in the Education Fund balance - $1.6 million - and emphasized that the fund balance cannot go below this. She showed how we could address Education Fund projections by freezing expenditures in 2014 and gradually
increase in 2015-18. 80% of the Education Fund budget is personnel. Discussion of alternate funding is necessary. Cutting staff will have a direct effect on the quality of education provided.

The cost of transportation is increasing as well to the tune of $40-45,000 due to supervisory changes.

Dr. Reuschel provided suggestions for cost reduction at all levels that would not directly affect quality of instruction. The Board discussed various conversations to be had with the community regarding proposed ways to decrease expenditures and agreed to discuss at the next regular board meeting, as well. The Board also discussed freezing non-personnel expenditures.

Discussion regarding curriculum focused on the cost of adding programs/classes and how/whether participation numbers justify increased expenditure.

Member Colvin moved, and member Adams seconded, to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. Motion carried by voice vote.

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