## SUMMARY OF THE BOARD WORK SESSION

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010

**Call to Order**: A work session of the Central Columbia Board of School Directors was held on Monday, February 1, 2010, at the Central Columbia District Office Board Room, President Chyko presiding.

Roll Call:	<u>Members Present</u> :	Mr. Chyko, President Mr. Sitler, Vice President Mr. Fogarty, Treasurer Mr. Coates Dr. Jackson Mr. Klingerman Mr. Markowski
		Mr. Williams
	Members Absent:	Mr. Rhoads
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Recognition of Guests: Benjamin Miller, Boy Scout, Gary Pang, Press Enterprise, and Laura Spatzer, community member.

**Fund Balance Designation**: Mr. Sokoloski requested that the Board designate \$1.8 million towards the upcoming rise for PSERS and \$1.375 million towards the proposed high school project. This will add to the funds that were designated previously making the balance in the PSERS account approximately \$2.6 million and \$2.3 million in the high school project balance.

**<u>Preliminary Budget</u>**: Mr. Mathias summarized the previous budget presentations for the Board. He stated that the Board is required to vote on the preliminary budget on February 16<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Mathias said the budget presented shows an increase of 1.08mils or 3.1%.

High School Tour feedback: Mr. Groshek gave the Board members who took the tour of the high school an opportunity to give him their feedback.

- Dr. Jackson thanked Jeff for allowing her to see the high school. She stated that she thinks we are headed in the right direction. She said that we need to improve what we have and make more space so things are safer.
- Mr. Markowski also thanked Mr. Groshek for the opportunity to see the high school. He said he was very impressed with the students. He stated that with the upcoming renovations we need to match the facility with today's classes.

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- Mr. Chyko noted that the students behavior was amazing. He mentioned that since we are working with the same group of people who worked on the middle school, he knows they will make the high school great.
- Mr. Fogarty stated that when designing the renovated high school we need to look forward and make the high school future ready so in 10 years we do not have a building that is not current with the times.

**State Audit**: Mr. Mathias informed the Board that we had no financial findings in the state audit which is conducted every 2 years. He mentioned that this year they looked at additional information and we had 3 issues. The three issues were: a) we do not have staff sign the internet use policy, b) we do not require staff change their password into our student file database every 30 days, and c) that the CSIU does not have their employees change their password every 30 days because that is where we get our database system from. The administration discussed our procedures and believe they are satisfactory.

<u>After School Bus Data</u>: Mrs. Lowery came back to the Board with numbers on how many students ride the after school activity bus. She stated these were the numbers for the buses for one week: Day 1 (23), Day 2 (27), Day 3 (22), Day 4 (18), Day 5 (15). Mr. Chyko asked if this was for both buses or just one. Mrs. Lowery informed him that it was for only one bus and she could get the totals for the other. He asked her if she could please do that.

**Keystone Examination Regulations**: Mr. Mathias stated that the regulations for the Keystone Exams have been finalized. He stated that the students will have to pass assessments which will align to specific courses. These requirements will start with the class of 2015.

Dr. Kurelja mentioned that the Keystone Exams will be a direct match to 10 courses. He stated that examinations lines up with our new high school model. He informed the Board that we have the choice to use state assessed tests or create our own local model. Mr. Mathias said that by creating our own local assessment we will be able to better align the tests to our current curriculum and provide students with additional opportunities to show proficiency. He also stated that the assessment will be counted as 1/3 of a students grade and needs to be passed to graduate.

## Other New Business: None.

Mr. Chyko asked that Benjamin Miller introduce himself and what he is attending the meeting for. Mr. Miller stated that he is a Boy Scout who is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and he was attending the meeting to earn his Communications Merit Badge. He said he has future aspirations to become an Eagle Scout.

**Executive Session**: Mr. Chyko called an executive session immediately following the meeting to discuss a legal matter.

Adjournment: Having no further business, President Chyko adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Rosemary J. Nagle, Recording Secretary