

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
HINSDALE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 86
November 19, 2007**

Call of Meeting. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hinsdale Township High School District 86, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois was called to order by President Mr. Dennis Brennan at 7:35 p.m. on Monday, November 19, 2007, in the Community Room of Hinsdale Central High School, 55th and Grant Streets, Hinsdale, Illinois.

Pledge of Allegiance. President Mr. Brennan led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call. The following members of the Board were present: President Mr. Dennis Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Dianne Barrett, Secretary Dr. Janet Plate, Mr. Michael Kuhn, Mr. George Kumis, Dr. Richard Skoda, and Mr. Vinaya Sharma. Also present were Hinsdale Central Principal Mr. Kevin Pobst, Hinsdale South Principal Dr. Claudia Geocaris, Superintendent Dr. Nicholas Wahl, Assistant Superintendent for Business Mr. Edward Hoster, Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Carlson, and Board Recording Secretary Mrs. Karen Byers.

Audience Communication. Maria Pierce, Hinsdale resident and Hinsdale Central parent, read a prepared statement expressing her support of the elimination of class rank in District 86.

Terry Edwards, Hinsdale resident and Hinsdale Central parent, echoed the support of eliminating class rank.

Kim Dyson, Burr Ridge resident and Hinsdale South parent, once again expressed her support of keeping class rank. She stated that students should be awarded for their hard work.

Kathleen Wanta, Burr Ridge resident and Hinsdale South parent, expressed her support of keeping class rank. She stated that class rank helps students who are not good test takers.

Lisa Stafford, Hinsdale resident and Hinsdale Central parent, stated that she supports the elimination of class rank as it impedes students from taking more creative courses which are not weighted. She asked, "why force kids to choose between their passion and class rank?"

Good News / Recognition of Students and Staff.

A. Recognition of Girls' Tennis Team State Championship, Hinsdale Central. Principal Pobst introduced Coach Jerilyn Scardina; she, in turn, introduced each team member present. President Mr. Brennan presented the athletes and coach with a certificate of recognition. The Girls' Tennis State Champions are: Courtney Dolehide, Nida Hamilton, Kate Klein, Emily Lombardi, Hanna Mar, and Alexandra Tapak. Superintendent Wahl congratulated the team and coach for their second consecutive State Championship! He thanked the parents and students for attending the meeting.

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Superintendent Wahl congratulated Ms. Jane Michaels, Reporter for “The Doings,” for her upcoming recognition in the spring by the National School Boards Association. Mrs. Michaels received a round of applause.

Board Reports

A. Student Liaisons. *Charles Tarabour*, student liaison from Hinsdale Central, reported that Monday was the fall sports recognition program, which means winter sports are in full swing; the lock-down drill went well; LHO is busy with their pop tab drive, recent blue jean drive, and the seasonal bell-ringing for the Salvation Army. He reported that the consensus among the HC student body is to eliminate class rank. *Josh Lapidus*, student liaison for Hinsdale South, reported that PLN (Peer Leadership Network) has their annual “Giving Tree”; the National Honor Society, Key Club, and Student Council are bell-ringing for the Salvation Army and are also participating in food drives; the Student Council is sponsoring the Battle of the Bands; girls’ swimming took 20th at State; and Parent Day went smoothly. Josh also reported that he has witnessed disrespect in class during the Moment of Silence.

B. Principals. *Principal Pobst*, Hinsdale Central, stated that he had nothing to add to his written report. *Principal Geocaris*, Hinsdale South, reported that approximately 70 more parents participated in Parents Day this year; in addition, there are approximately 800 more appointments for parent/teacher conferences over last year. Dr. Geocaris also reported that the local ABC channel will air a spot on Alexsy Zurkowski, student athlete, on November 29th.

C. Facility Committee. Mr. Kuhn reported that the Facility Committee met on November 12. The Committee’s focus has been the building improvement projects for Summer 2008. The Hinsdale Central womens’/girls’ athletic locker room project is being added to the projects list; cost estimates are being finalized. A discussion ensued regarding the Summer 2008 facility improvement projects. Mr. Hoster stated that the goal is to bring the proposed List of Summer 2008 projects to the Board on December 17th.

D. Finance Committee. Mr. Kumis stated that there was no Finance Committee report. However, as a member of the District Insurance Committee, he reported that the District Insurance Committee met on November 8th. The focus of the discussion was on wellness, and how healthcare costs affect our District and the economy. In addition, a Wellness Subcommittee was established.

E. Operations/Communication Committee. No report.

F. Policy Committee. Secretary Dr. Plate reported that the Policy Committee met briefly to discuss the Moment of Silence policy, with the intention to bring it forward to the Board this evening. However, given the recent ruling in District 214, it was decided to postpone any action as it relates to this policy. In the meantime, the District is obeying the law and observing a Moment of Silence each day. In addition, Secretary Dr. Plate reported that the District Round Table, which she sits on, met on November 7th. During the meeting, paragraph three of the Nepotism Policy came up for discussion. Secretary Dr. Plate promised to bring this

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discussion item up to the Board. A discussion ensued regarding the Moment of Silence and the student liaison report that some students show disrespect during this time.

G. Vision/Strategic Planning Committee. Secretary Dr. Plate stated that there was a Strategic Plan Status Report from ECRA Group in the Board's orange folders. A discussion ensued regarding the timeline as it relates to finalizing and distributing surveys, as well as the Board of Education receiving reports on the Administrative Organizational Study. Superintendent Wahl stated that the timeline provided by ECRA was recommended, but flexible to the needs of the Board.

H. Personnel Liaison. No report.

I. Technology Liaison. Mr. Sharma reported that the Parent-Community Technology Advisory Committee will meet on November 26, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.

J. District Round Table Report. Secretary Dr. Plate reported that, as mentioned previously in her Policy Committee report, paragraph three of the Nepotism Policy was an item of discussion during the November 7th meeting of the District Round Table. In addition, concerns were expressed as it relates to the number of IEP students in classes. A Board discussion ensued. It was agreed that Superintendent Wahl will look into how many classes have more IEP students than recommended. Secretary Dr. Plate stated that the Board should keep the issue of class size in mind as we look at staffing in light of March tally. Also, due to changing demographics, the District may need to have more staff members with specialized classes in response to the SIP at Hinsdale South. Secretary Dr. Plate also reported that complaints were raised during the District Round Table regarding the lack of coordination (i.e., installation) of technology equipment for teachers' instructional use at the beginning of the school year.

K. IASB Joint Conference Reports. Superintendent Wahl asked those who attended the Illinois Association of School Board conference on November 16-18th, to report at this time. Board members attending IASB were: President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, and Mr. Sharma. Reports included information related to the Illinois Math and Science Academy, which offers educational opportunities to all Illinois students; the Illinois virtual high school, which offers 110 courses on-line—18 of which are AP courses; guidance counselors' insight into the class rank issue; and Illinois School Code which presently allows 18 year olds to serve on school boards. President Mr. Brennan stated that the District does not pay for Board and Administration attending the conference to stay overnight during the conference.

Written Communication.

A. Freedom of Information Request. Superintendent Wahl reported that Mr. Don O'Neil requested a copy of the Teacher Retirement Report for 2006-2007; Teacher Service Record Report for 2006-07; and (3) Salary Report by School and Function for Athletics, Clubs, etc. for 2007-2008. Since the information requested in Item #3 is not available until summer

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2008, Mr. O’Neil was provided with the 2006-2007 Salary Report by School and Function for Athletics, Clubs, etc. All other information was sent accordingly. A subsequent mailing occurred on November 2, 2007, to provide Mr. O’Neil with an updated 2006-2007 Teacher Service Record Report from the Illinois State Board of Education’s reporting site as of November 2, 2007.

Consent Agenda. Superintendent Wahl presented a revised personnel recommendation for certified staff. Mr. Sharma moved to approve Consent Agenda as amended; Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda items consisting of minutes, business affairs, personnel, and administrative were approved as follows:

A. *Minutes of Previous Meetings.* The minutes of the Facility Committee Meeting of October 15, 2007; Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 15, 2007; Closed Session/Regular Board of Education Meeting of October 15, 2007; Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 5, 2007; Closed Session/Committee of the Whole Meeting of November 5, 2007; District Round Table Meeting of November 7, 2007; District Insurance Committee Meeting of November 8, 2007; Facility Committee Meeting of November 12, 2007.

B. *Business Affairs.* Salaries for October 2007 in the amount of \$4,615,635.91; Interim Bills dated October 31, 2007, in the amount of \$727,352.92; Board Bills dated November 19, 2007, in the amount of \$2,810,602.48.

C. *Personnel.*

1. *Support Staff. Resignations:* Kathleen Condux, Secretary-Health Aide, Hinsdale South, effective November 21, 2007; Josephine Strazzante, Instructional Aide, Hinsdale Central, effective December 31, 2007.

2. *Certified Staff. Leave of Absences:* Nancy Olsen, English Teacher, Hinsdale South, for an unpaid leave beginning November 26, 2007, through the end of the first semester of the 2007-08 school year; Becky Wilcox, Educational Services Teacher (Job Share), Hinsdale Central, for an unpaid maternity leave beginning approximately March 13, 2008 and continuing through the end of the 2007-08 school year. *Amendment to Superintendent’s Agreement:* Dr. Nicholas D. Wahl.

D. *Administrative.*

1. **New Course Approval.**

Action Items.

A. Self-Insurance Renewal. Superintendent Wahl referred the Board to page two of Mr. Hoster's memo, which outlines the seven proposals for the self-insurance trust contract services renewal for plan year 2008. Mr. Kumis moved to approve the renewal of the self-insurance program as presented; Vice President Mrs. Barrett seconded the motion. On roll call, voting "Aye" were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. "Nay," none. The motion carried.

B. Hinsdale South Hornet Football Parent Club Donation. Mr. Sharma moved to accept the donation of weightlifting equipment, goal posts, and videorecording camera, valued at approximately \$18,500, from the Hinsdale South Hornet Football Club; Secretary Dr. Plate seconded the motion. On roll call, voting "Aye" were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. "Nay," none. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Report.

A. District Goals Report: Class Rank Report (Goal #1: Increased Student Opportunities). Superintendent Wahl presented the Class Rank Report dated November 15, 2007. He gave an overview of the proposal for transitioning the potential elimination of class rank in District 86. He stated that this embraces the goal to increase student opportunities by reducing student stress, increasing high school course selection, and increasing opportunities for college admission. The proposal outlines ways in which to recognize the top ten students beginning with the Class of 2011 and beyond. A general discussion ensued as it relates to alternatives for recognizing top students, including recognition of students in the top 2% of their graduating class; the exploration process; and the pros and cons of eliminating class rank. Superintendent Wahl stated that a recommendation would be presented to the Board at the December 17th Regular Action Meeting. Superintendent Wahl thanked the District 86 community for their attendance at the meetings and their feedback throughout the exploration process.

B. First Quarter Goals Report. Superintendent Wahl highlighted areas in which the District is moving forward. He reported that, in light of Board discussion last year, the First Quarter Goals Report is presented in a more concise manner. Superintendent Wahl provided some of the highlights of the first quarter of the school year including the first Special Olympics game between Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South, which was well attended. He thanked the Board for expanding the opportunities for the students by supporting this program through a stipend for the Special Olympics sponsor. He further reported that the District has secured a three-year lease of the KinderCare property. A general discussion ensued regarding the student:teacher ratio for on-line courses. Superintendent Wahl stated that the District will continue to utilize on-line courses and report back to the Board accordingly. A question answer session ensued regarding LEED-certified projects, energy efficiency of building operations, and course offerings which might be outdated. In addition, Vice President Mrs. Barrett asked Superintendent Wahl about community service activities in District 86, and whether this was

part of the goals. Superintendent Wahl directed the Board's attention to their orange folders which included principals' reports on community service at each campus. He reported that he has queried his colleagues as it relates to community services as a graduation requirement. He will report to the Board as those responses are received. Superintendent Wahl then commended Principals Pobst and Geocaris, Dr. Carlson and Mr. Hoster for their efforts and reporting of actions taken in the first quarter. Vice President Mrs. Barrett thanked Superintendent Wahl for the excellent job in doing good things during the first quarter of 2007-08.

C. Hinsdale Central Fitness Center Bids. Superintendent Wahl reported that the bids for the Fitness Center came in over budget; the District has sixty days to consider the current bids. He further reported that he had an open and positive follow-up meeting with the Friends of Hinsdale Central Fitness, who are working collaboratively with District Administration. Superintendent Wahl stated that he would provide more information on this project in December.

D. Program of Studies Report. Superintendent Wahl gave an overview of the recommended language changes for the 2008-09 Program of Studies at Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South. Some of these changes are a result of the new laws as it relates to Driver Education. A report on the impact of these new laws will be presented in the Summer School Report to be presented at the December Committee of the Whole meeting. A general discussion ensued regarding the District's payment to other Districts for drivers education. It was reported that we are legally responsible for the cost of providing Driver Education to students who live in our District and attend private schools outside our District and need to take Driver Education at a school near their private school. It was also reported that no private schools currently use District 86 for providing Driver Education. A discussion ensued regarding Item 2 in Superintendent Wahl's memorandum as it relates to early graduation. Specifically, this will be included in the Program of Studies as an option for students as long as they meet District graduation requirements.

Interim Assistant Superintendent's Report. No report.

Business Reports.

A. Property Tax Extension—Final 2006. Mr. Hoster reported that the final Cook County property tax extension for tax year 2006 is \$3,365,428, which is \$300,000 less than we had estimated during budgeting. The total combined property tax extension for both counties is \$61,774,284 and is 96% of our levy request. This tax extension, minus the Bond and Interest Fund, represents a net increase of 4.44% over the prior year. The total of "new" property values for both counties for 2006 is at an all-time low of 1.04%. Detailed charts were included in the Board Binders and provided a more detailed analysis of the current property tax extension for 2006 and some historical trend information on tax rates.

B. Proposed Property Tax Levy—2007. Mr. Hoster led a discussion regarding the Proposed Property Tax Levy for 2007. He stated that a Public Hearing for the Tax Levy would take place at the December 17th Regular Action Board Meeting. Tonight, Truth in Taxation

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Law Resolution 07-05, which includes a 7.5% increase over the prior year, is presented to the Board for adoption. Mr. Sharma moved to adopt Resolution 07-05 Truth in Taxation Law for the 2007 Property Tax Levy; Secretary Dr. Plate seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report. Mr. Hoster reviewed with the Board of Education the Treasurer’s Report as of October 31, 2007. A general discussion ensued.

New Business. None.

Old Business. Vice President Mrs. Barrett asked Superintendent Wahl whether or not we learned who the anonymous donor was who covered the cost of taping Board meetings. Superintendent Wahl reported that he made the inquiry of the Village of Hinsdale, but has not heard back; he stated that he would contact the Village of Hinsdale again to inquire.

Audience Communication. Richard Hetke (Hinsdale resident and Hinsdale Central parent), stated that he has a student who is tied for first place. (He previously spoke in favor of keeping class rank.) He commented that the class rank proposal presented this evening is reasonable and logical. He also did not want to discourage students from experimenting with enrichment classes and suggested that perhaps students could take a 6th class as Pass/Fail or Audit. He concluded by stating that “you’re not going to please everyone.”

Josh Lapidus, student liaison from Hinsdale South, further commented regarding the disrespect for the Moment of Silence observance, the class rank issue, and encouraged the Board to ask him questions if they need a student perspective. Mr. Sharma asked for Josh’s help in stopping student cell phone use during plays, musicals, etc.

Adjournment to Closed Session. At 10:16 p.m., President Mr. Brennan moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss pending litigation, collective bargaining, student discipline, security procedures, and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees; Secretary Dr. Plate seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried. President Mr. Brennan called for a break before convening the Closed Session.

Reconvene to Open Session. At 10:53 p.m., Mr. Kuhn moved to adjourn closed session, and reconvene in open session; Vice President Mrs. Barrett seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried.

Action Item.

A. Student Discipline. Mr. Kumis moved to adopt Resolution 07-06 as it relates to Student No. 284514; Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President

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Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried. Mr. Kumis moved to adopt Resolution 07-07 as it relates to Student No. 284394; Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried. Mr. Kumis moved to adopt Resolution 07-08 as it relates to Student No. 410281; Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried.

Adjournment. At 10:55 p.m., Mr. Kuhn moved to adjourn the meeting; Secretary Dr. Plate seconded the motion. On unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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Call of Meeting. A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of Hinsdale Township High School District 86, DuPage and Cook Counties, Illinois was called to order by President Mr. Dennis Brennan at 7:31 p.m. on Monday, December 17, 2007, in the Black and Gold Room of Hinsdale South High School, 7401 Clarendon Hills Road, Darien, Illinois.

Pledge of Allegiance. President Mr. Brennan led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call. The following members of the Board were present: President Mr. Dennis Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Dianne Barrett, Mr. George Kumis, Mr. Vinaya Sharma, and Dr. Richard Skoda. Also present were Hinsdale Central Principal Mr. Kevin Pobst, Hinsdale South Principal Dr. Claudia Geocaris, Superintendent Dr. Nicholas Wahl, Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Carlson, and Board Recording Secretary Mrs. Karen Byers. *Mr. Michael Kuhn arrived at 7:35 p.m.; Secretary Dr. Janet Plate was absent.*

2007 Tax Levy Hearing.

A. Tax Levy Hearing. President Mr. Brennan suspended the Board meeting to conduct the tax levy hearing. He called the Public Hearing to order regarding the 2007 Levy at 7:33 p.m. The public notice for Truth in Taxation was published in The Doings on Thursday, December 6, 2007, as required by law. The tax levy of \$63,895,940 represents an increase of 7.50% over the prior year tax extension. The tax cap limit is based upon the lesser of 5.0% or the Consumer Price Index of the prior year (2.50%) plus new construction growth. Board of Education Comments: None. Public Comments. None. (See attached Public Hearing for 2007 Tax Levy.)

President Mr. Brennan closed the Public Hearing for the 2007 Levy and reconvened the Regular Board Meeting at 7:34 p.m.

B. Resolution 07-09 to Levy Taxes for the Year 2007. President Mr. Kumis moved to adopt Resolution 07-09 to Levy Taxes for the Year 2007. Mrs. Barrett seconded the motion. On roll call, voting "Aye" were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. Voting "nay," none. Motion carried.

C. Cook County Tax Extension Reallocation Resolution 07-10. Vice President Mrs. Barrett moved to adopt the Cook County Tax Extension Reallocation Resolution 07-10. Mr. Kumis seconded the motion. On roll call, voting "Aye" were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. Motion carried.

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D. Certificate of Compliance with Truth in Taxation and Certificate of Tax Levy. The Certificate of Compliance with Truth in Taxation and Certificate of Tax Levy were signed accordingly and will be filed with DuPage and Cook Counties.

Audience Communication. None.

Good News / Recognition of Students and Staff.

A. Recognition of All-State Musicians. Superintendent Wahl recognized the eighteen All-State Musicians from Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South High Schools. He asked each principal to introduce their respective All-State Musicians. President Mr. Brennan presented those honorees in attendance with a certificate. A list of honorees is as follows: *Hinsdale South:* Jillian Jones, James Marelli, Chris Mlynarczyk, Nicole Monaco, James Pavese, Adrianna Polit, Jeremy Ramilo, and Anna Valcour. *Hinsdale Central:* Binoy Bhansali, Jing Chen, Stephanie Jordan, Alex Kim, Emily Mather, Nina Mohan, Suzy Oskouie, Kevin Smith, Nick Stathopoulos, and Mari Sullivan. Superintendent Wahl offered his congratulations to the students and their parents for this honor.

B. Recognition of Illinois State Scholars. Charla Russell, Director of Community Relations, prepared press releases announcing our Illinois State Scholars. Specifically, 183 Hinsdale Central students and 78 Hinsdale South students were named Illinois State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). Superintendent Wahl conveyed his congratulations to both campuses.

C. Recognition of College Board AP Scholars. Charla Russell also provided press releases highlighting the College Board AP Scholars for both campuses. In summary, Hinsdale Central had 279 and Hinsdale South had 136 current or graduated students who were recognized as AP Scholars. Superintendent Wahl offered his congratulations to these students who were named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board.

Board Reports

A. Student Liaisons. *Charles Tarabour*, student liaison from Hinsdale Central, reported on the activities of the holiday season, including the holiday concert this Tuesday morning and Wednesday evening; the Madrigal Dinner; charities being helped through various student organizations; the National Honor Society art sale; the student and faculty cafeteria committee meeting in January; the December 15th “Early Action” date for seniors to receive their notices of admission from colleges. Charles reported that, as of today, 3,534 college applications have been submitted by Hinsdale Central students. Next, *Josh Lapidus*, student liaison for Hinsdale South, reported that the Peer Leadership Network had a successful “Giving Tree” Drive, which provided gifts to ten “adopted” families; Snowball, National Honor Society, and Student Council served as Salvation Army bell ringers; Student Council had their annual change drive; Battle of the Bands raised \$500 for the Food Drive; and South students collected over 20,000 pounds of food. Unfortunately, Hinsdale South lost to Hinsdale Central in the Boy’s Basketball game.

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B. Principals. *Principal Pobst*, Hinsdale Central, stated that he appreciated the orderly fashion that students and parents evacuated the building last Thursday evening during the security incident. Next, *Principal Geocaris*, Hinsdale South, reported that Hinsdale South recently hosted the 2nd Annual Science Olympiad, which involved 16 schools for 23 events.

C. Facility Committee. Mr. Kuhn stated that there was no Facility Committee report; however, an action item for building improvement projects would be presented later this evening.

D. Finance Committee. Mr. Kumis stated that the Board met on Monday, December 10th, to discuss funding options for the womens'/girls' locker room project at Hinsdale Central. It was generally agreed to wait until the end of the fiscal year to see the available fund balance before determining which funding option to utilize for this project. In addition, Mr. Kumis reported that the Finance Committee will meet shortly after the mid-January CPI numbers are released, in order to adjust projections accordingly.

E. Operations/Communication Committee. Vice President Mrs. Barrett stated that the first District Newsletter was distributed last week. She asked for feedback regarding the newsletter. Positive comments were made that this was a great first step in communicating with our District-wide community. It was noted that future editions of the newsletter should not be mailed close to the holidays.

F. Policy Committee. No report.

G. Vision/Strategic Planning Committee. Mr. Kumis reported that the Board met on Monday, December 10th, to refine survey questions with the assistance of the ECRA Group.

H. Personnel Liaison. No report. A question/answer session ensued regarding the personnel recommendations presented this evening.

I. Technology Liaison. No report.

Written Communication.

A. Freedom of Information Request. Superintendent Wahl reported that Mr. Joshua Patterson, of First Investors Corporation, requested copies of various documents related to 403(b) carriers for the District and related procedures of same. Available documents were sent accordingly.

Consent Agenda. Mr. Sharma moved to approve Consent Agenda; Mr. Kuhn seconded the motion. On roll call, voting "Aye" were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, and Mr. Sharma. "Nay," none. "Abstain," by Dr. Skoda. The motion carried.

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Consent Agenda items consisting of minutes, business affairs, personnel, and administrative were approved as follows:

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings. The minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 19, 2007; Closed Session/Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 19, 2007; Parent-Community Technology Advisory Committee Meeting of November 26, 2007; Policy Committee Meeting of December 3, 2007; Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 3, 2007; Closed Session/Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 3, 2007; Special Meeting of the Committee of the Whole of December 10, 2007.

B. Business Affairs. Salaries for November 2007 in the amount of \$3,690,531.39; Interim Bills dated November 30, 2007, in the amount of \$278,608.08; Board Bills dated December 17, 2007, in the amount of \$1,917,341.37.

C. Personnel.

1. Support Staff. Leave of Absence: Rita Syracuse, Educational Services Aide, Hinsdale South, for an unpaid leave from December 3, 2007, through March 11, 2008.
Employments: Lisa Anderson, One-on-One Specialized Aide (Job Share), Hinsdale South, New Position; Mary Baumbach, One-on-One Specialized Aide (Job Share), Hinsdale South, New Position; James Martinek, PM Security, Hinsdale South, Replacement of Victor Glaser; and Mary Beth Tamm, Health Aide, Hinsdale South, Replacement of Kathleen Condux.

D. Administrative.

1. Program of Studies Language

Action Items.

A. Building Improvement Projects – School Year 2008-09. Superintendent Wahl presented the proposed Projects for the 2008-09 school year. He also gave an overview of the RFQ (Request for Quotations) process as it relates to architect/engineer services for the District. In the meantime, it is recommended that the RFQ not be attached to the womens'/girls' locker room project at Hinsdale Central, so that the project can move forward to completion in a timely manner. A discussion ensued regarding the energy compliance of the Hinsdale Central locker room project (including water conservation, lighting, etc.). Superintendent Wahl stated that the Facility Committee can look at the specifications and require energy compliance to be included. Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the Building Improvement Projects for the 2008-09 School Year totaling \$1,808,080 and the \$1.2 million for Design Option 1 for the Womens'/Girls' Locker Room Project at Hinsdale Central; Mr. Kumis seconded the motion. On roll call, voting "Aye" were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. "Nay," none. The motion carried.

B. Summer School 2008. Superintendent Wahl presented the Summer School 2008 proposal as presented at the December 3rd Committee of the Whole. A discussion ensued

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regarding the District's position as it relates to on-line courses vs. face-to-face instruction (i.e., pros/cons; teacher training; student integrity). Superintendent Wahl stated that on-line courses are experimental; an evaluation will be made and data brought back to the Board accordingly. Mr. Kumis requested that budget numbers be provided for expanding reading strategies for the bottom half of 8th grade readers vs. the bottom third. Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the Summer School 2008 Proposal as presented; Mr. Sharma seconded the motion. On roll call, voting "Aye" were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. "Nay," none. The motion carried.

C. Hinsdale Central/Earth Science-Geology Trip to National Parks. Superintendent Wahl presented the proposal for the Hinsdale Central/Earth Science-Geology trip to National Parks on June 6-14, 2008. He stated that this trip is scheduled to take place after the school year ends; therefore, the trip does not impact student attendance days. A discussion ensued regarding comparable trips in the past as it relates to extensive drive time for students. Vice President Mrs. Barrett moved to approve the proposed Hinsdale Central High School trip to National Parks from June 6-14, 2008; Dr. Skoda seconded the motion. On roll call, voting "Aye" were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. "Nay," none. The motion carried.

Superintendent's Reports.

Superintendent Wahl reported that he participated in a general meeting with the architect/engineers and a representative of the Friends of the Aquatic Center. They reviewed design concepts presented by Dahlquist and Lutzow, which were paid for by the Friends of the Aquatic Center. Superintendent Wahl recommends that the next step be that the Facility Committee, or the entire Board, looks at the design concepts so this project can move forward.

Superintendent Wahl also reported that the Friends of Hinsdale Central Fitness continue to meet to discuss possible fundraising options. He will report their progress at the January Board meeting.

A. District Goals: Class Rank (Goal #1: Increased Student Opportunities). Superintendent Wahl reviewed his memorandum to the Board, dated December 13, 2007. The recommendation is to eliminate class rank in District 86 with the transition period as outlined in the proposal. A discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of eliminating class rank; Dr. Skoda presented his research findings on the subject. Dr. Geocaris reported that the District currently has weighted and unweighted class rank. Mr. Kuhn moved to approve the elimination of Class Rank in District 86, using the transition process as outlined in the proposal; Mr. Kumis seconded the motion. On roll call, voting "Aye" were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, and Mr. Sharma. "Nay," Dr. Skoda. The motion carried.

B. Community Service Report. Superintendent Wahl presented a follow-up to previous Board conversations regarding community service opportunities for District 86 students. He reported the responses from his counterparts, specifically two of the seven superintendents responding stated that they have community service as a part of their graduation requirements. A general discussion ensued. While it was noted that many District 86 students already participate in community service opportunities, it was suggested that the District consider

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offering one class with a community service requirement; this would provide a measurement of potential interest in community service. Mr. Sharma stated that the Hinsdale Central Foundation currently funds Project Achieve, which targets the 10-20% of students who are the least successful academically. Superintendent Wahl stated that these discussions could be continued at the January Regular Action Board meeting when the Extra-Curricular Report is presented to the Board.

Interim Assistant Superintendent's Report.

A. Technology Capital/Maintenance Projects for 2008-09. Interim Assistant Superintendent Dr. John Carlson presented the Technology Capital/Maintenance Projects for 2008-09, which includes initiatives recommended in the June 2006 Technology Task Force Report. Mr. Hohman, Director of Technology, was present to answer questions by the Board. A discussion ensued which included the need for replacing the servers every three years, with a current price tag of \$240,000.

Business Reports. President Mr. Brennan stated that Mr. Hoster could not be present this evening; therefore, he asked Superintendent Wahl to present the Business Reports.

A. Fall 2007 Athletic Financial Report. Superintendent Wahl presented the Fall 2007 Athletic Financial Report, which was prepared by the Athletic Directors for a second year in a row; comparative numbers to Fall 2006 were also included. A general discussion ensued. It was stated that administration monitors student participation and adjusts positions accordingly.

B. Request for Proposals – Financial Auditing Services. Superintendent Wahl reported that in response to Board discussions as it relates to RFPs for auditing services, both as a whole and within the Finance Committee, a suggested timeline for the RFP process was included in the Board packet. This process will begin the week of December 17th, with a recommendation to the Board in February 2008.

Treasurer's Report. Superintendent Wahl directed the Board to the narrative from Mr. Hoster provided in the Board Book, which relates to the Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2007. A general discussion ensued. Mr. Kumis, Finance Committee Chair, reported that Cook County is sending out tax bills and those payments are beginning to trickle in. In addition, the self-insurance funds are tracking in excess of our 55% goal.

New Business. Vice President Barrett stated that she would like to discuss the committee structure of the Board and the possible elimination of committees. A general discussion ensued. Superintendent Wahl stated that this is done in the spring at the time of officer elections/reorganization of the Board. It was generally agreed to table this discussion until April.

Old Business. None.

Audience Communication. None.

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Adjournment to Closed Session. At 9:25 p.m., President Mr. Brennan moved to adjourn to closed session to discuss pending litigation, collective bargaining, student discipline, security procedures, and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of employees; Vice President Mrs. Barrett seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried. President Mr. Brennan called for a break before convening the Closed Session.

Reconvene to Open Session. At 11:15 p.m., Mr. Kuhn moved to adjourn closed session, and reconvene in open session; Vice President Mrs. Barrett seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried.

In order for the Tax Levy documents to be signed for proper execution and filing, Mr. Kumis moved to appoint Mr. Michael Kuhn as Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of Secretary Dr. Janet Plate; Mr. Sharma seconded the motion. On roll call, voting “Aye” were President Mr. Brennan, Vice President Mrs. Barrett, Secretary Dr. Plate (via phone), Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Kumis, Mr. Sharma, and Dr. Skoda. “Nay,” none. The motion carried.

Adjournment. At 11:18 p.m., Mr. Kumis moved to adjourn the meeting; President Mr. Brennan seconded the motion. On unanimous voice vote, the motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education



Science Department

Department Chairperson Ms. Julie Gaubatz

The Science Department provides students with opportunities to develop observation, investigation, technological and problem-solving skills that will benefit students as they enter the worlds of college and work. Prerequisites may be waived by teacher or department chair recommendation. **Please see Course Description for detailed prerequisites.**

<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Prerequisite</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Levels</u>
GeoPhysics	03640 03610 (AR)	Yes	1	9
Physics Honors	03960 (11, 12) 03920 (9)	Yes	1	9, 11, 12
Concepts in Chemistry	03840	Yes	1	10-12
Chemistry	03810	Yes	1	10-12
Chemistry Honors	03830	Yes	1	10-12
Biology G	03600	Yes	1	10-12
Biology	03720 03750 (AR)	Yes	1	10-12
Biology Honors	03730	Yes	1	10
Physics	03970	Yes	1	11, 12
Astronomy: Solar System	03691	Yes	0.5	10-12
Astronomy: Stars & Galaxies	03692	Yes	0.5	10-12
Ecology: An Ecosystems Approach	03751	Yes	0.5	10-12
Ecology: Human Impact on the Environment	03752	Yes	0.5	10-12
Anatomy & Physiology	03980	Yes	1	11, 12
Earth Science Honors	03660	Yes	1	10-12
AP Biology	03740	Yes	1	11, 12
AP Chemistry	03820	Yes	1	11, 12
AP Environmental Science	03670	Yes	1	11, 12
AP Physics B	03930	Yes	1	12
AP Physics C	03940	Yes	1	12

- Students are strongly encouraged to take **four** years of science courses. Most colleges require a minimum of three science credits. Students may take multiple science courses their sophomore, junior and senior years.
- All science courses emphasize laboratory investigations, problem-solving skills, real world applications, technology in the classroom, and reading, writing and note taking skills.
- Hinsdale South High School's Honors classes require motivated students who are able to complete work independently and consistently while applying critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Honors classes require teacher recommendations.
- Advanced Placement (AP) courses provide students with an opportunity to earn an average of 8 college credits upon successful completion of the AP exam, depending on the AP policy of the college you will be attending (see www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy). AP courses cover college-level material at a college-level pace with college-level expectations. Because of the level of study presented in AP courses, teacher recommendations are required. Students who plan to attend college are encouraged to take the appropriate prerequisites and to develop skills and work habits that will prepare them for AP classes their junior or senior years.
- Hinsdale South also offers a variety of electives for sophomores, juniors and seniors that allow students to explore the sciences and expand their knowledge base. Electives can be taken concurrently with core courses.
- Listed course prerequisites may be waived by teacher or department chair recommendation.



HSHS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT COURSE SEQUENCE FOR THE CLASS OF 2012:

8 th Grade	9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
		Concepts in Chemistry (AR option available)		
Math 8 →	Geophysics (AR option available)	Chemistry	Biology (AR option available)	
Algebra I or higher →	Physics H	Chemistry H	AP Biology	
Electives Available		Astronomy, Earth Science H (if taken concurrently with Chemistry)	Physics Astronomy, A&P Earth Science H AP Phys B AP Phys C AP Environmental Science AP Chemistry	Physics Astronomy Ecology, A&P Earth Science H AP Phys B AP Phys C AP Environmental Science AP Chemistry AP Biology

HSHS SCIENCE DEPARTMENT COURSE SEQUENCE FOR THE CLASSES OF 2011, 2010, AND 2009:

9 th Grade	10 th Grade	11 th Grade	12 th Grade
Earth Science →	Biology (AR option available)	Concepts in Chemistry, Chemistry OR Chemistry H	Physics OR Physics H
Biology OR Biology H →	Concepts in Chemistry, Chemistry OR Chemistry H	Physics OR Physics H	
	Astronomy Ecology (see prerequisites)	Astronomy, A&P Earth Science H, Ecology AP Phys B, AP Phys C AP Environmental Science AP Chemistry	Astronomy, Ecology A&P, Earth Science H AP Phys B, AP Phys C AP Environmental Science AP Chemistry, AP Biology



CORE COURSES

GEOPHYSICS

Course # 03640

Prereq: Department Chair recommendation; This course cannot be taken by students who have earned a science credit in Earth Science.
Level: 9 (higher with recommendation)
Credit: 1.0

This course combines Earth Science content while exploring the Physics that underlie observable phenomenon. Topics include plate tectonics, mountain-building and volcanoes, astronomy, history of the Earth, velocity, acceleration, waves, energy, forces, magnetism, and atomic structure. These topics will be explored via inquiry, graphing and applied mathematics which will be built on in students' sophomore year science course, Chemistry. This course is also offered in an Academic Reading (AR) format (#03610) for students who read below grade level.

PHYSICS HONORS

Course #03920 (9)

Course # 03960 (11, 12)

Prereq: Freshmen: Department Chair recommendation; Concurrent with Geometry or higher. Junior/Seniors: Teacher recommendation; Chemistry; Concurrent with Algebra II or higher.
Level: 9, 11, 12
Credit: 1.0

Freshmen (#03920): Topics include the study of motion, forces, momentum, work, energy, power, waves, sound, light, optics and electromagnetism. These topics will be explored via inquiry, graphing and applied mathematics which will be built on in students' sophomore year science course, Chemistry. A high level of understanding is expected and problem-solving will be challenging.

Juniors/Seniors (#03960): Similar topics are covered as listed above. This course is appropriate for students with above average math and critical thinking skills.

CONCEPTS IN CHEMISTRY

Course # 03840

Prereq: Biology, Teacher recommendation
Level: 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1.0
Supply fee: \$10

This course is an issue-oriented laboratory course. Traditional chemistry topics are covered and include acids and bases, organic and nuclear chemistry, kinetics, behavior of gases, thermodynamics and the quantitative aspects of chemistry. This course is appropriate for students with below average math ability, and does not serve as a Prereq for AP science courses. This course will be offered in an Academic Reading (AR) format beginning in the 2008-2009 school year for students who read below level.

CHEMISTRY

Course # 03810

Prereq: Biology, Teacher recommendation
Level: 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1.0
Supply fee: \$10

This is a traditional high school chemistry course. Topics include acids and bases, organic and nuclear chemistry, kinetics, behavior of gases, thermodynamics and the quantitative aspects of chemistry. This course is appropriate for students with average math ability and can serve as a Prereq for AP science courses.

CHEMISTRY HONORS

Course # 03830

Prereq: Biology, Teacher recommendation, Concurrent with Geometry or higher.
Level: 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1.0
Supply fee: \$10

Similar topics are covered as in Chemistry, but a higher level of understanding is expected and problem-solving will be more challenging. This course is appropriate for students with above average math and reading abilities and can serve as a Prereq for AP science courses.



CORE COURSES

BIOLOGY G

Course # 03600

Prereq: Earth Science, Teacher recommendation and Dept. Chair approval
Level: 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1.0

This course is designed specifically for those students who do not have a strong background in science due to reading or other learning issues. An emphasis is placed on the comprehension of major concepts and the acquisition and comprehension of new information from multiple sources. Placement is dependent upon teacher recommendation and department chairperson approval.

BIOLOGY

Course # 03720

Prereq: Earth Science
Level: 10, 11, 12
Credit: 1.0

This course is an introduction to the study of life. Topics covered include the scientific method, cellular biology, molecular biology, ecology, evolution, biochemistry and body systems. This course is also offered in an Academic Reading (AR) format (#03750) for students who read below grade level.

BIOLOGY HONORS

Course # 03730

Prereq: Earth Science; Teacher recommendation
Level: 10
Credit: 1.0

This course covers similar topics to Biology (#03720) with more in-depth labs, reading and explorations.

PHYSICS

Course # 03970

Prereq: Chemistry; Concurrent with Algebra II or higher.
Level: 11, 12
Credit: 1.0

This is a traditional high school physics course. Topics include the study of motion, forces, momentum, work, energy, power, waves, sound, light, optics and electromagnetism. This course is appropriate for students with average math ability.

ELECTIVE COURSES

ASTRONOMY: THE SOLAR SYSTEM/STARS AND GALAXIES

Course # 03691/03692

Prereq: Two core science credits (or concurrent with 2nd core science)
Level: 10, 11, 12
Credit: 0.5 each

Astronomy—The Solar System investigates the history and origins of astronomy, telescopes, calendars, and the solar system. Astronomy—Stars and Galaxies investigates ordinary stars, stellar distances and motions, supernovae, pulsars and black holes, overview of the universe, stellar evolution, and galaxy formation. These two semester courses may be taken independently of each other.

ECOLOGY: AN ECOSYSTEMS APPROACH/HUMAN IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Course # 03751/03752

Prereq: Two core sciences; can be concurrent with 2nd core course as long as Biology has been successfully completed.
Level: 10, 11, 12
Credit: 0.5 each

These courses are designed to teach the fundamental principles of ecology, including energy flow, ecosystems, man's impact on nature and cycles. Students explore the importance of the balances that are found in nature and the implications that upsetting these balances can have on entire systems. These two semester courses may be taken independently of each other.



Science Department

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

Course # 03980

Prereq: Biology and Chemistry

Level: 11, 12

Credit: 1.0

This course develops students' understanding of the workings of the human body. Dissections, including a fetal pig, various cow organs and joints and a cat, play an important role in the learning process of this course. Careers in health-related fields are emphasized through in-class activities and field trips.

EARTH SCIENCE HONORS

Course # 03660

Prereq: Biology and Chemistry (or concurrent with 2nd core science)

Level: 10 - 12

Credit: 1.0

Students develop an understanding for Earth and all its functions by questioning, analyzing, experimenting, and evaluating their discoveries in the classroom, laboratory and out in the field.

ADVANCED PLACEMENT COURSES

ADVANCED PLACEMENT BIOLOGY

Course # 03740

Prereq: Biology, Chemistry, Teacher recommendation.

Level: 11, 12

Credit: 1.0

Advanced Placement Biology covers two semesters of college-level general biology which applies previous knowledge to biochemistry, cellular biology, molecular biology, phylogeny and population biology. Typically, students can earn 8 college credit hours depending on AP exam scores (see www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT CHEMISTRY

Course # 03820

Prereq: Biology, Chemistry and Physics (can be concurrent); Teacher recommendation

Level: 11, 12

Credit: 1.0

Supply fee: \$10

Advanced Placement Chemistry is a college-level chemistry course which applies previous knowledge to atomic structure, bonding, nuclear chemistry, solutions, oxidation-reduction, kinetics and thermodynamics. Typically, students can earn 8 college credit hours depending on AP exam scores (see www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

Course # 03670

Prereq: Chemistry and Earth Science or Biology; Teacher recommendation.

Level: 11, 12

Credit: 1.0

Advanced Placement Environmental Science is a college-level science course that explores cycles, chemistry in the environment, ecosystems, population, relationships in nature and man's effect on the planet. Typically, students can earn 3 college credits depending on AP exam scores (see www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS B

Course # 03930

Prereq: A or B in Physics; Concurrent with Alg II/Trig or higher; Teacher recommendation.

Level: 12

Credit: 1.0

Advanced Placement Physics B is a college-level survey course that includes the topics: Newtonian mechanics; relativity; fluid mechanics and thermal physics; electricity and magnetism; waves and optics; and atomic and nuclear physics. Typically, students can earn up to 8 college credit hours for non-major physics courses depending on AP exam scores (see www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy).

ADVANCED PLACEMENT PHYSICS C

Course # 03940

Prereq: A or B in Physics; Concurrent with Calculus or higher; Teacher recommendation.

Level: 12

Credit: 1.0

Advanced Placement Physics C is a calculus-based physics course that has a reduced focus compared to AP Physics B, but more in-depth investigations into mechanics, electricity and magnetism. Typically, students can earn up to 8 college credit hours for physics/engineering or general majors depending on AP exam scores (see www.collegeboard.com/ap/creditpolicy).



