

River Forest District 90 Board Budget and Business Meeting Highlights

January 22, 2012

Presented by

Mr. James Weiss, District 90 Board President
Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent



The monthly Business Meeting of the Board of Education was held Monday, January 22, 2013, in the Roosevelt School Library Learning Center. Below is a summary of the meeting.

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. All members were present.

Communications

David Latham read two thank you notes from staff members for condolences from the District.

Freedom of Information Act Request

One request for payment bond information was received on January 2, 2013. The response was mailed on January 3.

Student Presentations

- Braiden, 4th Grade, Willard School, reported about class activities, including second graders switching classes for some subjects, which is new this year. The third grade is participating in the Second Step behavior improvement program. Fourth grade is learning the role Native Americans played in Illinois history.
- Nick, 7th Grade, Roosevelt Middle School, gave a Power Point presentation about school instruction and activities using his iPad. The 5th graders are practicing for Readers Theater, and 6th graders are writing memoirs and studying weather in science. The 7th graders are writing thesis papers on science fiction books, and studying bacterial and viral diseases in science. The 8th graders are making iMovies. Rehearsals are under way for Music Man, orchestra and jazz band workshops, and other performances.

Consent Agenda

There was a motion to amend the Consent Agenda by removing the Minutes from the December 17 Board meeting for review. Approved.

Liz Fischer referenced the draft of the December 17 meeting minutes and suggested revisions to a section of the draft. There was a motion to accept the December 17 Minutes as originally presented. Approved.

The Consent Agenda included Minutes of the Closed Session, December 17, 2012; Special Board of Education Meeting, December 28, 2012; Committee of the Whole Meeting, January 8, 2013; Payrolls, Orders Relating to Payrolls, Bills, and the Treasurer's Report.

Calendar Review

Willard Family and Math Fest, January 25
Young Authors Conference, January 26
Roosevelt Lock-In, February 1
Committee of the Whole meeting, February 5
Willard Big Hearts, Little Hands, February 8
Willard Science Festival, February 8
Roosevelt Orchestra and Band Concert, February 11
Lincoln/Willard Band and Orchestra Concert, February 25
Roosevelt's "Music Man" school musical performance, February 21-24

Board Committees

- A. Education – David Latham, Chair: No report
- B. Personnel – Patrick Meyer, Chair: Presented later in the meeting
- C. Policy – Roman Ebert, Chair: Presented later in the meeting
- D. Finance – Ralph Martire, Chair: Presented later in the meeting
- E. Facilities – Liz Fischer, Chair: Presented later in the meeting
- F. Communications – Juli Geldner, Chair: Ms. Geldner met with Ed Condon to plan communication with the neighbors of Roosevelt regarding the upcoming exterior construction.

Outside Meetings

Next Meeting

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| A. Council of Governments – James Weiss: No report | 05-10-13 |
| B. OPRFHS Citizens' Council – Liz Fischer: No report | 02-14-13 |
| C. Youth Network Council – Patrick Meyer, David Latham:
No report | 02-14-13 |
| D. Board Liaison District PTO Council – Juli Geldner: No report | 02-15-13 |

- E. River Forest Service Club – Juli Geldner, David Latham, James Weiss: The mayor of Elmwood Park spoke at the January meeting. The next meeting will be a school board candidate forum at Concordia, jointly presented with other organizations. 02-21-13
- F. Citizen Corps Council – Roman Ebert 02-07-13
In April there will be a mock emergency drill with actors re: biohazard at Dominican University.
- G. IASB Governing Board – Ralph Martire 03-05-13
Modifications in pension laws may be forthcoming.
- H. ED-RED – Ralph Martire: No report 01-28-13

District Meetings

- A. River Forest Administrators' Forum
Ed Condon reported that the group discussed new policies related to use of Village property for gatherings of more than 50 people.
- B. Teacher Leadership Council (TLC): At the meeting, the TLC members continued their focus on Advanced Differentiated Learning, including discussion about gifted and talented identification and the creation of related sub-committees.
- C. Superintendent's Leadership Council (SLC): Discussion items included the topics of Response-to-Intervention, ongoing preparations for the transition to the Common Core curriculum, and Summer School 2013.
- D. District PTO Council: The January meeting included several parents who shared information about District 90 allergy policies and procedures. The group also discussed Advanced Differentiated Learning (ADL), the Roosevelt exterior project, and upcoming February events scheduled at each school.

Superintendent's Report

Action Items:

1. Resolution amending the Resolution approving the dissolution of FDSE, due to lack of clarity. There was a motion to amend the FSDE dissolution agreement. Approved
2. Selection of landscape architect: Seven proposals were received and reviewed, then narrowed to three finalists. A panel interviewed the three finalists. The committee recommended selection of Hitchcock Design Group, pending negotiation of the terms and budget. Approved
3. Instructional supplies: The Board must annually approve the solicitation of bids for instructional supplies. Approved

Informational Items:

1. Receipt of Audit Report for the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Colleen DeKraker, Senior Manager from Miller, Cooper & Co., Ltd., presented the Audit Report. The District received a clean audit opinion.
2. 2013 Financial Profile Designation: A report from the Illinois State Board of Education was provided to the Board. District 90 received the highest ratings in each area. Ed Condon acknowledged those responsible for the District's financial health for their ongoing commitment and "Financial Recognition" status.
3. Policies, first readings: 6:170 – Title 1 programs
6:15 – School accountability
Roman Ebert presented background regarding the District's past position on accessing Title 1 funds in District 90. Increases in available funding for the coming year were also discussed. The Board requested more information and further discussion will take place at a future meeting.

Personnel Report

Action Items:

1. Teacher Assistant - Approved
2. Weekend Custodian - Approved

Upcoming Meetings

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| A. Committee of the Whole | February 5, 2013
Roosevelt Library Learning Center
7:00 p.m. |
| B. Business Meeting | February 19, 2013
Roosevelt Library Learning Center
7:30 p.m. |

Adjournment at 8:43 p.m.