

River Forest District 90 Board Budget and Business Meeting Highlights

December 17, 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 at 7:30 p.m., Monday, December 17, 2012, in the Roosevelt School Library Learning Center. Below is a summary of the meeting.

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

Mr. Weiss requested a moment of silence in remembrance of the students and teachers lost in Newtown, CT. The Board adopted a resolution in solidarity with, and sympathy for, Sandy Hook School and the Newtown Community.

Communications

David Latham read two thank you notes from District staff for acknowledgement of deceased family members.

Freedom of Information Act Request

One request regarding payment of the performance bond for the 2012 Roosevelt Middle School construction project was fulfilled on Nov. 15, 2012.

Student Presentations

- Aidan, 4th grade, reported about what students in various grade levels are learning at Lincoln School.
- Carleigh, 7th grade, reported about classroom and extra-curricular activities at each grade level at Roosevelt Middle School

Calendar Review

Lincoln and Willard concerts, December 21
Lincoln Connect for Kids Parent Forum, January 17
Willard Math Festival, January 25
OPRF High School open house, January 29
Young Authors Conference, January 26

Board Committee Reports

Education – David Latham, Chair:	Presentation was made later in the meeting about gifted and talented learning.
Personnel – Patrick Meyer, Chair:	Presentation was made in closed session.
Policy – Roman Ebert, Chair:	Presentation was made later in the meeting.
Finance – Ralph Martire, Chair:	No report
Facilities – Liz Fischer, Chair:	Dr. Condon, Anthony Cozzi and Ms. Fischer met with a civil engineering firm and will present a report at the Committee of the Whole meeting in January.
Communications – Juli Geldner, Chair:	No report

Outside Meetings**Next Meeting**

A. Council of Governments – James Weiss	01-11-13
B. OPRFHS Citizens' Council – Liz Fischer Ms. Fischer attended the last meeting, where the discussion centered on nutrition and discipline, and seeking a full levy.	01-10-13
C. Youth Network Council – Patrick Meyer, David Latham	01-10-13
D. Board Liaison District PTO Council – Juli Geldner	01-18-13
E. River Forest Service Club – Juli Geldner, David Latham, James Weiss Mr. Latham attended the meeting, where the discussion included the transformation of Madison street and the economic impact on Forest Park.	12-20-12
F. Citizen Corps Council – Roman Ebert Mr. Ebert reported that Ron Sherman will continue as chairperson for the Citizen Corps Council.	01-24-13
G. IASB Governing Board – Ralph Martire	03-05-13
H. ED-RED – Ralph Martire Mr. Martire reported that the group took a position against unfunded mandates and shifting pension costs back to school districts.	01-28-13

District Meetings Reports

District PTO Council: Dr. Condon reported that at the November 15 meeting, summer school plans were discussed, updates were provided about the Roosevelt exterior project, there was discussion of gifted and talented programming. The PTO co-presidents also shared details about PTO sponsored activities.

Superintendent's Leadership Council (SLC): The group met November 28 and discussed the issue of gifted and talented instruction, among other topics.

Superintendent's Report

Action Items:

1. Adoption of 2012 Tax Levy: Approved
2. Resolution to Include Compensation Paid under IRC Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings: Approved
3. Resolution Supporting Governmental Self-Insurance Pooling and in Opposition to Non-Productive Legislative Restraints: Approved
4. Resolution and Agreement for FDSE Dissolution: Approved
5. Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes: Approved
6. Destruction of Closed Session Meeting – Audio Tapes: No Action Taken
7. Eighth Grade Lock In: Approved
8. Policy Adoption, Second Reading: Approved

Informational Items

Gifted and Talented Learning Presentation: Martha Ryan-Toye, AJ Peters, Louisa Starr, Laurie Hendrickson, and Ed Condon gave a presentation updating the Board on progress toward revising instruction and services related to gifted and talented services. A new designation was suggested for high achieving students - "Advanced Differentiated Learning" (ADL). Vibrant discussion and questions from the Board took place, and the Board encouraged the Superintendent's Leadership Council (SLC) to continue their work in this area. The SLC will be returning to the Board this Spring with recommendations for program implementation. The presentation is available on the District website.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee of the Whole	January 8, 2013, 7:00 p.m. Roosevelt Library Learning Center
Business Meeting	January 22, 2013, 7:30 p.m. Roosevelt Library Learning Center

Public Comments

Suzanne Morrison commented about the ADL presentation. Geri Humbert thanked teachers and administrators for their dedication related to the Newtown, CT, shooting and encouraged a review of school lockdown procedures. Dr. Condon also presented the new logos for Lincoln and Willard schools.

Closed Session

According to 5ILCS120/2(c) for 1) “The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.”

Personnel Report

Action Items:

1. Appointment, District Director of Special Education
2. Appointment, Classified Personnel
3. FMLA – Certified Personnel
4. Unpaid Child-Rearing Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel
5. Approval – Independent Contractor Contract

Adjournment at 10:18 p.m.