

River Forest District 90 Board Business Meeting Highlights May 20, 2013



Presented by

Mr. Patrick Meyer, District 90 Board President
Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent

The monthly Business meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:38 p.m. in the Roosevelt School Library Learning Center. Below is a summary of the meeting highlights. Full meeting minutes will be posted on the District website once approved.

All members were present, except Jim Weiss.

Public Comments

Keary Cragan presented information about Roosevelt students learning about composting, waste water runoff, and the school's garlic garden as examples of educational opportunities related to the Roosevelt Exterior Plan.

Communications

Liz Fischer read thank you notes from teachers Dave Wuersig and Jerri Gapastione. She presented an invitation to the Board from the River Forest Public Library for the dedication of an Anne Smedinghoff memorial garden June 1 between 2:30-4 p.m.

Freedom of Information Act Request

Requests were received on April 15, 2013, for information about computer networking equipment and on May 6, 2013, for information about planned construction projects. Both requests were responded to within the allowable time frame.

Student Presentations

Billy, 4th grade, Willard School, reported about interviews he conducted with teachers. He asked teachers what they do to help students learn, their opinions about exciting instructional content, and how they encourage students to want to learn.

Anishka, 8th grade, Roosevelt Middle School, reported about academics and recent school activities such as the 5th grade iMovie projects, 6th grade science instruction on plate tectonics and earthquakes, a 7th grade field trip to the Lyric Opera performance of "Oklahoma," and 8th grade humanities lessons about world hunger. In addition, he reported that the 8th grade car wash is scheduled for May 30.

Calendar Review

Band-O-Rama at Roosevelt – May 21
String Fling Orchestra Concert, Roosevelt – May 28
District 90 Staff Recognition Dinner – May 30
3rd Grade Recorder Concert and Lincoln Field Day – May 31

Board Committees

Education – Anne Gottlieb, Chair: No report
Personnel – James Weiss, Chair: Items were presented later in the meeting
Policy – Liz Fischer, Chair: Items were presented later in the meeting
Finance – Ralph Martire, Chair: No report
Facilities – Roman Ebert, Chair: Item was presented later in the meeting
Communications/Technology Liaison – David Latham, Chair: No report

Outside Meetings**Next Meeting**

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| A. Council of Governments – Patrick Meyer Dr. Condon gave a brief report. | 10-11-13 |
| B. OPRFHS Citizens' Council – Anne Gottlieb Liz Fischer attended the May meeting and gave a report. | Fall 2013 |
| C. Youth Network Council – Roman Ebert, Liz Fischer | 06-13-13 |
| D. Board Liaison District PTO Council – Liz Fischer Liz Fischer attended the meeting. | Fall 2013 |
| E. River Forest Service Club – David Latham, James Weiss The Club is holding its annual Memorial Day Parade. | |
| F. Citizen Corps Council – Roman Ebert Met May 15 and discussed funding for next year and a home safety presentation for Lincoln students | 06-06-13 |
| G. IASB Governing Board – Ralph Martire | 06-10-13 |
| H. ED-RED – Ralph Martire Mr. Martire gave an overview of the status of pension reform and the governor's proposed education budget. | 06-07-13 |

District Meetings

- A. Green4Good: Dr. Condon congratulated the Green4Good organization on their successful Recycling Extravaganza.
- B. Superintendent's Leadership Council (SLC): The SLC has spent the past month refining recommendations on Advanced Differentiated Learning (ADL) and provided a Parent Information Night presentation on May 15.
- C. District PTO Council: The Council met for the purpose of scheduling events at all three schools for the upcoming year.

D. Teacher Leadership Council (TLC): The Council is working on Common Core and preparing for modifications to RtI for next year related to collection of data. Ralph Martire presented District 90 RtI procedures to U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan and other school districts as a model based on best practices.

Superintendent's Report

Action Items:

1. Approval, Final School Calendar, 2012-2013: Approved

Informational Items:

1. Policies, First Reading: Roman Ebert, the outgoing Board Policy Chair, reviewed proposed revisions to District policies.
2. Board Discussion: Proposed Roosevelt Exterior Plan

Representatives of the landscape architecture and engineering firms were present to answer questions during a presentation regarding proposed revisions to the plan. Dr. Condon clarified the action of the Board in April in transferring funds from the Education Fund to the Operational Fund. A resolution calling for a public hearing about this matter on June 17 was approved at the April Board meeting.

Anthony Cozzi presented detailed information about the current proposal, including the guiding principles for each area of the building, such as safety, ease of navigation, and functionality. Board members indicated elements of the plan that they would like to remain, those that they would like to see revised, and those they would like eliminated. There was a consensus not to pursue angled parking on Oak Street at this time.

It was noted that students and teachers were asked for their input regarding modifications for the outdoor spaces. Some members of the Roosevelt Exterior Planning Committee were present at the meeting and were asked by the Board for their comments. Committee members Anna Schaidler, Molly Uhlir, and Steve Kriegermeier, provided information about the Committee's focus on the needs of students. The Committee members said they feel comfortable that the proposed plan addresses the critical needs of the current site.

Public Comments

Suzanne Morrison made comments related to the Roosevelt Exterior Plan.

Upcoming Meetings

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| A. Committee of the Whole | 7:00 p.m., June 4, 2013 Roosevelt Library Learning Center |
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B. Business Meeting

7:30 p.m., June 17, 2013

Roosevelt Library Learning Center

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. Resignation, Summer School Classified Personnel
2. Family Medical Leaves of Absence – Certified Personnel
3. Approval, Certified Position
4. Appointment, Certified Personnel
5. Appointment, District 90 Substitute Caller
6. Administrative Contract and Amendments
7. Approval, Non-Bargaining Unit Member Salaries, 2013-2014

Adjournment 11:14 p.m.