# MINUTES REGULAR MEETING January 22, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt Multi-Purpose Room, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on January 22, 2013, at 7:31 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mr. James Weiss, President

Mr. Patrick Meyer, Vice-President

Mr. David Latham, Secretary

Mr. Ralph Martire

Mr. Roman Ebert

Mrs. JuliAnn Geldner

Mrs. Liz Fischer

# Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent

Mrs. Merryl Brownlow, Willard School Principal

Recording Secretary: Mr. Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and

**Facilities** 

### Community present:

Suzanne Morrison, Roosevelt School PTO Liaison Stacy Williams, Lincoln School PTO Liaison Gerri Humbert, Roosevelt School PTO Liaison Portia Ebert, parent David Lee Neubecker, parent

Mr. Weiss welcomed visitors and invited comments from the audience. A copy of the Speakers Roster as well as the Attendance Roster is included in the official minutes.

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education approve the agenda as revised.

On call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Geldner, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert,

Mr. Martire, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Navs: none

The motion carried.

# Communications

Thank you notes were received from two Lincoln School employees, Terri Paneque-Calabrese, P.E. teacher and Michael Ritchey, evening custodian, regarding the deaths of their respective family members.

**ROLL CALL** 

REVISED AGENDA APPROVED

#### **Freedom of Information Act Request**

A FOIA request was received from Al Popper on January 2, 2013 regarding payment bonds. The response was emailed on January 3, 2013.

#### **Student Presentations**

Mr. Weiss introduced the following students to present current items of interest about each school building:

Willard – Braiden 4th grade Roosevelt – Nick 7th grade

With regards to the Consent Agenda, Mrs. Fischer spoke about the proposed minutes from December 17, 2012. She did not agree with the language in the minutes that read, "The Board expressed desire to support an initiative with whatever resources are needed." She proposed amending the language to more accurately reflect the Board's intentions. Mr. Weiss and Mrs. Fischer proposed the amended language. Mr. Weiss then proposed that the Consent Agenda be approved first without the December 17<sup>th</sup> minutes and then take action on those minutes separately.

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mr. Latham that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda to include the following:

December payrolls totaling \$772,002.57, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$317,293.76 and accounts payable totaling \$362,732.24, not including the minutes from December 17, 2012. On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Fischer, Mrs. Geldner, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Mrs. Geldner opined that the December 17, 2012 minutes did accurately reflect the Board's intentions.

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mr. Latham that the Board of Education approve the minutes for December 17, 2012 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Geldner, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire,

Mr. Weiss

Nays: Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Meyer

The motion carried.

#### Calendar Review

Mr. Weiss and Dr. Condon reviewed the items in January and February that require Board member attendance. Each Board member identified which item fit into his/her available schedule.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVED WITHOUT MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 17, 2012

DECEMBER 17, 2012 MINUTES APPROVED Board Committee Reports were as follows:

### **Education**

No report was given.

#### Personnel

No report was given.

#### **Policy**

No report was given.

#### **Finance**

No report was given.

#### **Facilities**

No report was given.

#### **Communications**

A meeting was held to discuss the outgoing communication about the Roosevelt exterior construction project.

Outside Meetings were as follows:

#### **Council of Governments**

No report was given.

### **OPRFHS Citizens' Council**

No report was given.

### **Youth Network Council**

No meeting was held.

## **Board Liaison District PTO Council**

No report was given.

### **River Forest Service Club**

No report was given.

### **Citizen Corp Council**

No report was given.

# **IASB Governing Board**

No report was given.

#### **ED-RED**

No report was given.

#### **Superintendent's Report**

Resolution Amending the Resolution Approving the Dissolution of FDSE and Amending the Dissolution Agreement of FDSE -

Dr. Condon recommended that the Board approve an amendment to the FDSE Dissolution Resolution and the FDSE Dissolution Agreement, which improve a lack of clarity in the original versions.

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Fischer that the Board of Education approve the amended FDSE Dissolution Resolution and the amended FDSE Dissolution Agreement as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Latham, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire, Mrs. Geldner

Nays: none The motion carried.

Selection of Landscape Architect – Mrs. Fischer and Mr. Cozzi informed the Board of the steps taken to request qualification statements, interview and finally select the landscape architect for the Roosevelt exterior project. The panel of interviewers was in consensus that Hitchcock Design Group was the best fit for the District. Mr. Cozzi checked references and was able to negotiate fee rates from 2012 with the firm. Mr. Cozzi formally recommended Hitchcock Design Group for landscape architecture services.

It was moved by Mr. Latham and seconded by Mrs. Fischer that the Board of Education approve Terra Engineering for civil engineering services as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Latham, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire, Mrs. Geldner

Navs: none

The motion carried.

**Instructional Supplies** – It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mr. Latham that the Board of Education authorize the solicitation of catalog discount bids for instructional supplies for the 2013-14 school year.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Geldner, Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire, Mr. Weiss

Navs: none

The motion carried.

**Receipt of 2010-11 Audit Report** – Dr. Condon introduced Colleen DeKraker, audit manager from Miller, Cooper, LLC, to give the presentation of the 2011-12 Audit Report and related required Board communication. Ms. DeKraker was available to answer any Board questions.

AMENDED FDSE DISSOLUTION RESOLUTION AND AMENDED FDSE DISSOLUTION AGREEMENT APPROVED

LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE SERVICES APPROVED

INSTRUCTIONAL
SUPPLIES
CATALOG
DISCOUNT BID
SOLICITATION
AUTHORIZED

**2013** Financial Profile Designation – Dr. Condon shared the 2013 Financial Profile Designation with the Board. He noted that the District once again has received the highest status of Recognition.

Policies, First Reading – Mr. Ebert presented the first reading of following policies: 6:170 – Title I Programs, and 6:15 – School Accountability. Both policies are needed when a District is considering accepting Title I grant funding. There was an extensive Board discussion about the types of programs Title I could fund and the allowable expenditures under the grant. There was also discussion about the potential pitfalls to accepting Title I funding. The Board requested that the administration survey other WSCAE districts prior to approving.

## **Personnel**

It was moved by Mrs. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented. On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire, Mrs. Geldner, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

## **Committee Meeting Dates**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 5, 2013, in the Roosevelt Library Learning Center at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mrs. Fischer and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:42 p.m.

David Latham Secretary PERSONNEL REPORT APPROVED

**ADJOURNMENT** 

James Weiss President