

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt Library Learning Center, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on October 21, 2013, at 7:31 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mr. Patrick Meyer, President
Mr. David Latham, Vice-President
Mrs. Liz Fischer, Secretary
Mr. Roman Ebert
Mrs. Anne Gottlieb
Mr. Jim Weiss

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Mrs. Martha Ryan-Toye, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Pamela Hyde, Lincoln School Principal
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal

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

Community present: Mary Vanker, Roosevelt PTO
Katarina Berin, Roosevelt PTO
Erin Eberle, Willard PTO
Jan Dressel, resident
Margie Cekander, resident
Anna Schaidler, resident
Nancy Snyder, parent
Kevin Crowell, RF Library
Joan O'Connor, RF Library
Suzanne Morrison, Roosevelt PTO Liaison
Gerri Humbert, Roosevelt PTO Liaison
Becca Kaufman, Willard PTO Liaison

Mr. Meyer 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.

Public Comment

Suzanne Morrison, 7205 Iowa spoke about the FOIA request she made to the Village of River Forest regarding traffic accidents at and around Roosevelt Middle School and the River Forest Public Library. She wanted to refute assertions that there was no need for the proposed Roosevelt exterior project to improve safety.

Public Comment (continued)

Nancy Snyder, 558 William was hoping that at some point each board member could publicly state their opinions regarding the proposed exterior project.

It was moved by Mrs. Fischer and seconded by Mrs. Gottlieb that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA
APPROVED

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

Ayes: Mrs. Gottlieb, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert,
Mr. Meyer, Mr. Weiss

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Communications

A thank you note was received from Wendy Perry, Roosevelt ELL teacher, regarding the birth of her child.

Student Presentations

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

Lincoln – Tim ████████, 4th grade

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

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

September payrolls totaling \$462,801.34, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$244,371.37 and accounts payable totaling \$381,471.79.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Gottlieb, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert,
Mr. Meyer, Mr. Weiss

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Calendar Review

Mr. Meyer reviewed the items in October and November that require Board member attendance. Each Board member identified which item fit into his/her available schedule.

Board Committee Reports were as follows:

Education

No report was given.

Personnel

No report was given.

Policy

No report was given.

Finance

No meeting was held.

Facilities

No report was given.

Communications

No meeting was held.

Outside Meetings were as follows:

Council of Governments

A meeting was held on October 11th to discuss the Village of River Forest's economic development, while District 200 discussed a Finance Committee update and proposed security improvements.

OPRFHS Citizens' Council

No report was given.

Youth Network Council

No report was given.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

A meeting was held October 18th to discuss the status of the proposed Roosevelt exterior project; Common Core update; and 6th grade iPad update.

River Forest Service Club

A meeting was held October 17th and included a discussion about the "State of the District" in District 90; an update from the District 200 Finance Committee and a Village of RF state of the Village.

Citizen Corp Council

No report was given.

IASB Governing Board

No meeting was held.

ED-RED

No meeting was held.

Superintendent's Report

Permissive Transfer Requests –

It was moved by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mr. Ebert that the Board of Education approve the permissive transfer requests as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Ebert, Mrs. Gottlieb, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Latham,
Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Weiss

Nays: none

The motion carried.

PERMISSIVE
TRANSFER
REQUEST
APPROVED

Window and Ventilation Field Survey – Mr. Cozzi presented the results of the window and ventilation field survey that was performed by the District’s architect and mechanical engineer consultant. He also detailed the associated costs, the potential funding streams, and the probable recommendations. Finally, he discussed the topics of individual space air conditioning units and the rental of multiple, portable cooling units on excessive heat days.

Proposed Roosevelt Exterior Project – Mr. Cozzi presented the updated concept drawings and cost estimates, which included options to construct additional parking on the Oak Avenue side of the campus. All four options presented significantly changed the drop off/pick up procedures by reconstructing the circle drive into a new drop off/pick up driveway north of Oak Avenue. This idea was in response to suggestions from the large group meeting with the leadership of invested River Forest entities. He also presented the driveway/parking review of the options performed by the District’s traffic consultant, TADI, Inc. A lengthy discussion ensued that led to a rejection of all four options and thus, they were withdrawn from future consideration. Mr. Cozzi then asked the Board for a consensus about which previous version of the project’s concept drawings that should be presented at the upcoming public forum. The Board came to consensus on the version that illustrated a student area in the North Lot for 7th/8th graders to congregate.

Summer School Report 2013 –Financial Section – Mr. Cozzi gave a brief overview of the financial section of the summer school report. The report showed a significantly higher net loss than in previous summers. He noted that the net loss could be explained by the large decrease in number of paid classes or the shortened length of the summer break. The Board discussed options for future years, including conducting an informal survey to parents of summer school students. Even with the larger net loss, it was noted the Board continues to support the configuration of the program.

Policies – First Reading – Mrs. Fischer reviewed the recommended revisions for the PRESS Policy Updates from July 2013.

5Essentials School Climate Survey – Dr. Condon shared the District-level 5Essentials School Climate Survey results and responded to questions from the Board.

Principal Appreciation Week, October 20-26, 2013 – Dr. Condon formally acknowledged and thanked District 90 Principals on behalf of the Board of Education, the certified and classified staff, and students. This week of observance serves as a reminder of the dedication and commitment of District 90’s principals.

Committee Meeting Dates

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

Personnel

It was moved by Mrs. Gottlieb and seconded by Mrs. Fischer that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Ebert, Mrs. Gottlieb, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Latham,
Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Fischer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

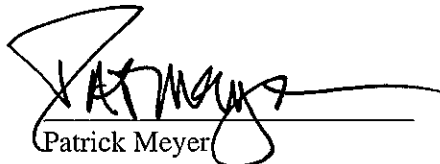
Public Comment

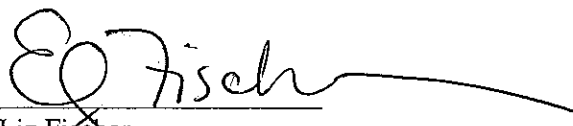
Becca Kaufman, 934 N. Harlem, thanked the Board for weighing in on the exterior project. She also spoke about the competition for summer school offerings in the community and the topic of air-conditioned spaces during the summer.

Geri Humbert, 1319 Park, suggested that future summer school offerings be revamped with a more hands-on curriculum. Noted that there are other such offerings elsewhere in the community.

It was moved by Mr. Weiss and seconded by Mrs. Gottlieb and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:12 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


Patrick Meyer
President


Liz Fischer
Secretary