

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 2012**

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 December 17, 2012, at 7:32 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

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

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

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

Community present:

Suzanne Morrison, Roosevelt School PTO Liaison
Sandy Thorpe, Lincoln School PTO Liaison
Gerri Humbert, Lincoln School PTO Liaison

Mr. Weiss proposed a Resolution for a moment of silence to recognize the victims and families of Newtown, Connecticut, after the tragic school shootings that occurred on December 14, 2012.

It was moved by Mrs. Fischer and seconded by Mrs. Geldner that the Board of Education approve the Resolution For A Moment Of Silence as presented.

RESOLUTION FOR
A MOMENT OF
SILENCE
APPROVED

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

A moment of silence was observed.

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 Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Fischer 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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

REVISED
AGENDA
APPROVED

Communications

Thank you notes were received from two teachers, Kim Bruzek at Lincoln and Ann Pesce at Willard regarding the deaths of their respective family members.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA request was received from Patrick Enright on November 13, 2012 regarding payment bonds. The response was emailed on November 15, 2012.

Student Presentations

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

Lincoln – Aidan [REDACTED], 4th grade

Roosevelt – Carleigh [REDACTED], 7th grade

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

November payrolls totaling \$730,687.71, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$316,412.81 and accounts payable totaling \$270,702.65.

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.

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

Calendar Review

Mr. Weiss and Dr. Condon reviewed the items in December and January 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 report was given.

Facilities

A meeting was held on December 10th to discuss Roosevelt exterior design with the Village of River Forest administration.

Communications

No meeting was held.

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 meeting was held.

River Forest Service Club

A meeting was held on November 15th to discuss the transformation of Madison Avenue in Forest Park and its positive economic impact on that village.

Citizen Corp Council

A meeting was held on December 6th to discuss the re-appointment of the Corp chairperson.

IASB Governing Board

No report was given.

ED-RED

A meeting was held on December 7th to discuss the opposition to the shift in normal pension cost to local governmental entities.

Superintendent's Report

Adoption of 2012 Tax Levy – Mr. Cozzi described the requirements under the Truth in Taxation Act. The District was not required to conduct a formal public hearing on the tax levy, which would have been required if the increase was greater than 5% of the prior years' extension. In fact, the current year proposed levy is a decrease of 2.9% from the prior years' extension. Mr. Cozzi also described the amount of the levy as being equal to the estimated levy that was approved in November.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mr. Latham that the Board of Education adopt the 2012 Tax Levy as presented.

2012 TAX LEVY
ADOPTED

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.

Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under IRC Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings – Mr. Cozzi noted that, as part of an Employer Audit conducted by IMRF, it was determined that the District would need to adopt a resolution, as a matter of housekeeping, to include compensation paid under an IRC Section 125 plan as IMRF earnings. This has been occurring since the plan’s inception in 1999, yet IMRF did not have the adopted resolution on file.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution to Include Compensation Paid Under IRC Section 125 Plan as IMRF Earnings as presented.

RESOLUTION TO
INCLUDE
COMPENSATION
PAID UNDER IRC
SECTION 125
PLAN AS IMRF
EARNINGS
ADOPTED

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.

Resolution Supporting Governmental Self-Insurance Pooling and in Opposition to Non-Productive Legislative Restraints – Mr. Cozzi informed the Board of the request from the District’s two self-insurance pools, EBC and CLIC, to participate with other districts opposing new potentially detrimental legislation.

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mr. Martire that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Supporting Governmental Self-Insurance Pooling and in Opposition to Non-Productive Legislative Restraints as presented.

RESOLUTION
SUPPORTING
GOVERNMENTAL
SELF-INSURANCE
POOLING AND IN
OPPOSITION TO
NON-
PRODUCTIVE
LEGISLATIVE
RESTRAINTS
APPROVED

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.

Resolution and Agreement for FDSE Dissolution – Dr. Condon discussed the purpose of the Resolution and Agreement for the withdrawal of District 90 from FDSE and the dissolution of FDSE as described in Article II of the FDSE joint agreement.

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

RESOLUTION
AND
AGREEMENT FOR
FDSE
DISSOLUTION
APPROVED

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Mrs. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education approve the recommendation not to release previous closed session minutes.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES NOT
RELEASED

Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Tapes –

Mr. Cozzi noted that, due to pending litigation, there are no recommended closed session meeting audio tapes to be destroyed.

Eighth Grade Lock-In – It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mr. Martire that the Board of Education approve the request for the Eighth Grade “Lock-In.”

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

EIGHTH GRADE
“LOCK-IN”
APPROVED

Policy Adoption, Second Reading –

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mrs. Fischer that the Board of Education adopt the October 2012 PRESS Policy Updates as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried

PRESS POLICY
ADOPTED

Gifted and Talented Learning Presentations – Dr. Condon introduced the SLC team to discuss Gifted and Talented Learning. SLC members Martha Ryan-Toye, Louisa Starr, A.J. Peters and Laurie Hendrickson each took turns presenting an overview of a related topic. They discussed the District’s current state of differentiation and described how differentiation is fluid with a new set of students each year. They noted that data review is key to determining if differentiation techniques are successful. The Board expressed desire to support an initiative with whatever resources are

needed. Also, the Board spoke of the importance of transparency with regards to the weighting of placement criteria and the characteristics of Gifted/Talented learners. Finally, the group spoke about the proposed further examination topics as follows: a renewed commitment to differentiation; a review of ATP qualifying process; and an examination of support for high ability learners. The findings and recommendations of that examination will be presented to the Board in the Spring of 2013 with the hope to implement any changes in the 2013/14 school year.

Committee Meeting Dates

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2013, in the Roosevelt Library Learning Center at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment

Suzanne Morrison, 7205 Iowa, spoke about the perceived lack of transparency in the current ATP program and the proposed Gifted and Talented program. She hoped the Board would take this opportunity to improve the public perception of the criteria used for program placement.

Gerri Humbert, 1319 Park, spoke about the fact that there are over 200 million guns in the U.S. She urged the Board to do whatever it takes to protect the students through additional security and improved lockdown procedures.

Dr. Condon took the opportunity to present to the group illustrations of the new Lincoln eagle and Willard wizard mascots. He thanked Tari Marshall for helping facilitate the change.

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mrs. Geldner that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 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.

CLOSED SESSION

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 9:17 p.m.

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 10:17 p.m.

Personnel

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner 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.


PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

It was moved by Mr. Ebert and seconded by Mrs. Fischer and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



James Weiss
President



David Latham
Secretary