

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 20, 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 May 20, 2013, at 7:36 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. Ralph Martire
Mrs. Anne Gottlieb
Mr. Roman Ebert

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent
Mrs. Merryl Brownlow, Willard School Principal
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal

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

Community present:

Keary Cragen, parent
Suzanne Morrison, resident
Mary Vanker, Roosevelt School PTO
Chris Haur, resident
Patty Henek, parent
Barb Hickey, resident
Molly Uhlir, resident
Becca Kaufman, parent
Margie Cekander, parent
Gerri Humbert, Roosevelt School 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

Keary Cragen, 914 Bonnie Brae thanked Mrs. Fischer for her service as facilities chairperson and welcomed Mr. Ebert in to that new role. She spoke about the Roosevelt students' participation in the exterior curricular learning about composting and life cycles. She noted to optimize functionality, the Roosevelt education community needs to extend beyond the building's walls.

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

AGENDA
APPROVED

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Communications

A thank you note was received from Dave Wuersig, Roosevelt School Orchestra teacher, regarding the death of a family member. A thank you note was received from Jerri Gapastione, Willard School teacher regarding the approval of her leave of absence. The River Forest Public Library extended an invitation for the Anne Smedinghoff dedication scheduled for June 1st.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA request was received from Marty Turek on April 15, 2013 regarding computer networking equipment. The response was emailed on April 18, 2013. A FOIA request was received from Michael Nugent on May 6, 2013 regarding construction projects. The response was emailed May 8, 2013.

Student Presentations

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

- Willard – Billy ██████, 4th grade
- Roosevelt – Anishka ██████ 8th grade

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

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

April payrolls totaling \$721,712.30, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$307,035.56 and accounts payable totaling \$349,603.31.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Calendar Review

Mr. Meyer reviewed the items in May and June 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

No report was given.

Communications

No report was given.

Outside Meetings were as follows:

Council of Governments

A meeting was held to discuss the upcoming River Forest library dedication to Anne Smedinghoff, District 200's Board reorganization, and Districts 200 and 97's partnership with the Early Childhood Collaboration.

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

A meeting was held to discuss the upcoming Memorial Day parade.

Citizen Corp Council

No report was given.

IASB Governing Board

No report was given.

ED-RED

A report was given on the status of the two pension reform bills in the legislature as well as the status of the State budget.

Superintendent's Report

Approval of Final School Calendar, 2012-2013 –

Dr. Condon informed the Board that the 2012-2013 final school calendar will be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education with no emergency days used.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mrs. Fischer that the Board of Education approve the final school calendar for 2012-2013 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

FINAL SCHOOL
CALENDAR FOR
2012-2013
APPROVED

Policies, First Reading – Mr. Ebert discussed the first reading of the PRESS Policy updates for March 2013. The Board will provide feedback prior to adoption at the June Regular Board meeting.

Elements of Proposed Roosevelt Exterior Plan – Mr. Cozzi, Dr. Condon, Mrs. Fischer and Mr. Ebert led a discussion about the proposed action plan steps put in place for the exterior plan going forward. The plan steps were discussed in detail by the Board at the April Board meeting.

Dr. Condon addressed the issue questioned by community members of the proposed transfer of funds of \$1,000,000 from the Education Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund scheduled for the June Regular Board meeting. He noted that transfers such as this are allowable under the school code. Its purpose is to pay for current and future capital projects. He also noted that it is similar in scope to the \$2,300,000 transfer in June of 2012. Also, it was discussed by the Board in August of 2012, was authorized in the fiscal year 2012-2013 budget in September 2012, and was discussed at the presentation of the long range financial plan in November 2012. He reminded everyone that there will be a public hearing on that topic on June 17th at 7:00 p.m. just prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. Ebert and Mrs. Fischer spoke about the opportunity to present a more global picture of the plan and looked forward to having open communication and receiving feedback from the overall community. Mr. Cozzi gave a detailed presentation of the entire plan broken down into the four main sections and asked the Board members for feedback on specific points. The general feeling of the Board was that, while the overall cost of the project was within range, individual items were significantly over cost estimates, and that was concerning. The individual members gave specific comments about retaining or eliminating certain elements of the plan. It was decided that in cases where specific project items seemed more for aesthetics than functionality, functional alternatives would be brought before the Board.

In response to Board member comments, Exterior Committee members in attendance spoke about the effort to include student needs in the decision making process.

Public Comment

Suzanne Morrison, 7205 Iowa spoke about her relief that student safety is a priority in the exterior plan. She reminded the Board of the liability to the District if anyone was ever injured in the District's parking lots. She then questioned the Board's lack of engagement and management throughout the process up to this point and the perception of current micromanagement.

Committee Meeting Dates

A Committee of the Whole/Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 4, 2013, in the Roosevelt Library Learning Center at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mrs. Fischer 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: Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Gottlieb, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert,
Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Martire

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 10:36 p.m.

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 11:13 p.m.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mr. Latham that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

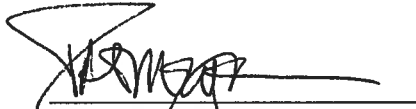
Nays: none

The motion carried.

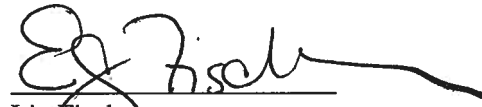
PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mr. Latham and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:14 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Patrick Meyer
President



Liz Fischer
Secretary