

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
December 3, 2013

Place: Roosevelt Library Learning Center

Members Present: Mr. Ralph Martire, Mr. James Weiss, Mrs. Anne Gottlieb, Mr. Roman Ebert, Mrs. Liz Fischer, Mr. David Latham, Mr. Patrick Meyer

Administrators Present: Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Mrs. Martha Ryan-Toye, Director of Student Services
Mrs. Pam Hyde, Lincoln School Principal
Mrs. Karen Boozell, Director of Special Education
Mrs. Merryl Brownlow, Willard School Principal
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal

Community Present: Suzanne Morrison, Roosevelt PTO Liaison
Nancy Snyder, Lincoln PTO Liaison
Gerri Humbert, Roosevelt PTO Liaison
Maureen Spielman, parent
Annie Dwyer, parent
Margie Cekander, resident

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

Mr. Meyer called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:04 p.m. He 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 a motor vehicle crash study that she researched. She hopes the Board would consider safety in the north lot the number one priority when deciding on the details of the exterior construction project.

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

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Personnel Report

Dr. Condon spoke about a request from a tenured faculty member to take a one-year, unpaid leave of absence to travel abroad with family. After reviewing the request, his recommendation was not to grant the leave. The Board discussed the lack of a current policy or a provision in the collective bargaining agreement allowing such a request. Under the circumstances of the request, the Board did not feel empowered to grant the request without a policy or provision. The Board also spoke about the potential disruption to students that this leave would cause and the difficulty in recruitment of a temporary replacement. Finally, there was a discussion about equity issues when granting future requests.

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It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mr. Ebert that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented, which denied the request for the unpaid leave of absence.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

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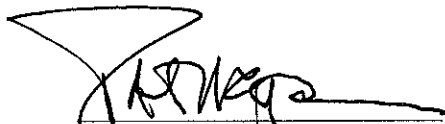
Dr. Condon spoke about the proposed 2014-15 school calendar. Mrs. Ryan-Toye gave information about matching spring break and winter break with District 200. She also spoke about timing of PARCC testing with the proposed spring break schedule.

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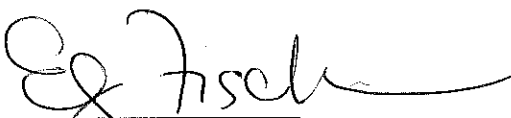
Mrs. Gottlieb and Mrs. Ryan-Toye introduced an overview of the Instructional Specialist presentation. The three instructional specialists, Mrs. Jolene Lorimer, Mrs. Kathleen Fleming and Mr. Michael Czerniawski, gave a presentation about their roles in the District. They noted that the Common Core State Standards were the driving force behind the need for daily, in-house instructional coaching. Their presentation addressed Differentiation and Advanced Differentiated Learners and was followed by the topics of Common Core Literacy and Math, RtI, Social Emotional Learning and finally, Collaboration. They spoke specifically about the progress of planning new trimester assessments, scheduling the testing and analyzing results. A lengthy Board discussion ensued.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:20 p.m.



Patrick Meyer
President



Liz Fischer
Secretary