

**MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
February 5, 2013**

Place: Roosevelt Library Learning Center

Members Present: Mr. Patrick Meyer, Mr. David Latham, Mrs. Liz Fischer,
Mr. Roman Ebert

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

Community Present: Gerri Humbert, Roosevelt School PTO Liaison
Suzanne Morrison, Roosevelt PTO Liaison

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

Mr. Meyer called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:06 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.

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

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Education Committee

Dr. Condon gave a brief overview of Title I. He spoke about allowable expenditures and what would be necessary to go forward with the grant process. He noted that Title I is an additional funding source for expenditures that would have been proposed in the budget regardless. He also noted that, due to grant formula calculations, Willard school would be excluded based upon poverty level. There was a discussion about auditing of the grant; under what guidelines District 90 qualified for funding; any possible stigma issues for being a Title I district; what inequities would exist with one of the District 90 schools being excluded; and finally, whether the receipt of Title I funding would negatively affect the future receipt of other state/federal grant funding.

Facilities Committee

Mrs. Fischer, Dr. Condon and Mr. Cozzi gave an update on the 2013 Summer Construction. First, when discussing Roosevelt's Exterior project, Dr. Condon spoke about conversations held with neighboring entities and the distribution of information to the residents on the 600 and 700 blocks of Lathrop and Jackson. The Board discussed re-visiting the option of partnering with the River Forest Tennis Club for use of their parking lot as opposed to presenting the Village the idea of constructing parking spaces on Oak Avenue. After an extensive discussion, the Board chose to present the Village with the 60-degree angled parking spaces, permanent one-way street option for Oak Avenue, with the 90-degree angled spaces, two-way street as a back-up.

Mr. Cozzi spoke about the multiple options and costs for Lincoln School's playground, including re-seeding the grass area, re-sodding the grass area, with and without a rubberized running track, and installing an artificial turf system with a perimeter rubberized running track. After an extensive discussion, the Board concluded that it will deliberate further and provide direction at the February Regular Board meeting.

Public Comment

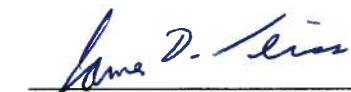
Suzanne Morrison, 7205 Iowa, spoke about Willard's procedures for students using the playground and stressed the need for parity between the K-4's and the middle school with regards to improving the exterior play areas.

Teresa Peavy, 13 Ashland, commented that angled parking on Oak Avenue could create more traffic congestion if visitors were allowed to utilize any available spots during drop off and pick up. Mr. Cozzi replied that the plan called for any open spots to be made unavailable during those peak traffic times.


Gerri Humbert, 1319 Park, commented that she was very involved, as a resident, in the parking garage construction project at Dominican University, in which she organized a petition to modify the project plans to benefit the neighbors. She hoped that District 90 plans to distribute plans to the neighbors prior to the Village public hearing. Mr. Cozzi replied that conceptual master plan illustrations were included with the informational letter that was distributed to the neighbors in January.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:35 p.m.



James Weiss
President



David Latham
Secretary