

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
March 6, 2012

Place: Roosevelt Library Learning Center

Members Present: Mr. Jim Weiss, Mrs. Liz Fischer, Mr. Patrick Meyer, Mr. Roman Ebert, Mrs. JuliAnn Geldner

Administrators Present: Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Mrs. Merryl Brownlow, Willard School Principal
Mrs. Pam Hyde, Lincoln School Principal
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal
Mrs. Karen Boozell, Special Education Coordinator
Mrs. Lisa Groves, Roosevelt School Interim Assistant Principal

Community Present: Sandy Thorpe, Lincoln PTO Liaison
Anne Sullivan, Roosevelt PTO Liaison

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

Mr. Weiss called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:08 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 Mr. Meyer 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. Meyer, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Ebert, Mrs. Geldner, Mrs. Fischer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Summer School Fees

Mr. Cozzi reviewed the scenarios for summer school fees for the 2012 program. After a brief discussion, he recommended an increase of 2.7% (rounded) from the prior year, or \$121 per class for residents enrichment, \$152 for non-resident enrichment and \$83 for remedial.

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mrs. Fischer that the Board of Education approve the 2012 Summer School Fees as presented.

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Open Meetings Act Training

Dr. Condon informed the Board of pending legislation requiring board members to complete certain training modules. The one required for calendar year 2012 is Open Meetings Act. He noted that this could be performed online at the Illinois Attorney General's website or in a traditional class setting sponsored by IASA. School districts will also be required to post on their website the status of all board members' training.

Education Committee

Dr. Condon presented an overview of SB 7 and PERA (Performance Evaluation and Reform Act) highlights. He noted that implementation of new teacher evaluation is required by September of 2016. The new principal evaluation is required by September of 2012. The most significant changes to the current procedures are in the areas of filling new/vacant positions, tenure attainment and layoffs/recalls/reduction in force. Individual teacher scores associated with the new evaluation system will take precedence over seniority.

Dr. Condon and Mrs. Brownlow spoke of other significant changes, which include: any employee responsible for evaluating a certified teacher or principal must complete 32 hours of online evaluation training; changes in the school report card; and the consideration of student growth a significant component of teacher evaluation. Dr. Condon noted that District 90 will see this as an opportunity to collaborate with the RFEA to allow teachers to have the most productive professional growth available. He also noted that a software program was recently purchased as a data warehouse for future employee ranking information.


Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:48 p.m.



James Weiss

Vice President



David Latham
Secretary