

**River Forest District 90**  
**Board Business Meeting Highlights**  
**March 18, 2013**



**Presented by**

Mr. James Weiss, District 90 Board President  
Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent

The monthly Business meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 p.m. in the Roosevelt School Library Learning Center. Below is a summary of the meeting highlights. Full meeting minutes will be posted on the District website once approved.

Members present: James Weiss, Patrick Meyer, David Latham, Roman Ebert. Ralph Martire arrived during the Closed Session.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Communications**

David Latham read thank you notes to the District from Mike and Emily Schlachter, and Kristin Lunardini, for best wishes on the birth of their babies, and Suzanne McLeese for condolences. He also read a letter to the District from Jean Meister asking for support for the Early Childhood Collaborative.

**Freedom of Information Act Request**

One request for information about janitorial services was received on March 4, 2013. The response was mailed on March 5.

**Student Presentations**

Anna (4<sup>th</sup> Grade, Willard School), interviewed teachers in each grade level and gave examples of classroom activities for each. She also reported about the "Jump Rope for Heart" charity fundraiser taking place through Physical Education classes.

Vito (7<sup>th</sup> Grade, Roosevelt Middle School), talked about school-wide activities, such as the jazz recital, and academic lessons at each grade level over the past several weeks.

**Coming Up on the Calendar**

Parent Teacher Conferences – March 21 and 22

Spring Break – March 25-29

"Put on Your Thinking Cap Day" at Lincoln – April 5

Cultural Extravaganza at Roosevelt – April 12

## Board Committees

**Education** – David Latham, Chair: The committee met March 14.

**Personnel** – Patrick Meyer, Chair: The committee met on March 8. Relevant personnel items were scheduled for discussion in closed session, and subsequent Board action.

There were no other committee reports.

## Outside Meetings

## Next Meeting

A. Council of Governments – James Weiss	05-10-13
B. OPRFHS Citizens' Council – Liz Fischer	04-11-13
C. Youth Network Council – Patrick Meyer, David Latham	04-11-13
D. Board Liaison District PTO Council – Juli Geldner	04-19-13
E. River Forest Service Club – Juli Geldner, David Latham, Jim Weiss: There is a Village Trustee and Village President Forum at Concordia, 7 p.m., March 21	03-21-13
F. Citizen Corps Council – Roman Ebert	04-04-13
G. IASB Governing Board – Ralph Martire	06-10-13
H. ED-RED – Ralph Martire	04-05-13

## District Meetings

- A. Teacher Leadership Council (TLC) – Met March 6 and discussed Common Core implementation and Response to Intervention.
- B. River Forest Administrators' Forum – The District participates in this meeting of all government entities once a month. The Roosevelt exterior project was discussed, as well as several items pertaining to the Village.
- C. District PTO Council – Discussed the Early Childhood Collaborative, upcoming STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) programming, the Roosevelt exterior project, and summer school. Important PTO activities at each school were also reported and discussed.

## Superintendent's Report

### Action Items:

1. Resolution Approving the Acceptance of the Plat of Vacation of a Portion of the Franklin Avenue Right of Way by the Village of River Forest and Authorizing and Directing the Proviso Township Trustees of Schools, Township 39 North, Range 13, to Sign Said Plat of Vacation for the Use and Benefit of this Board of Education: Dr. Condon thanked the Village for coordinating the transaction. *Approved*
2. Resolution establishing the Fiscal Year and Appointing the Superintendent to Draft the Tentative Budget: *Approved*
3. Board of Education Meeting Schedule, 2013-2014 (posted on website). *Approved*
4. C.A.S.E. Agreement: Cooperative Association for Special Education: *Approved*

5. FY2014 School Fees: Options were presented by Anthony Cozzi. *Approved*

### **Informational Items**

1. The District received an Illinois State Board of Education Certificate of Recognition for each of its schools. To qualify, students must meet specified academic achievement requirements over a three year period.
2. The District received a SchoolSearch 2013 Bright Red Apple Award for the 20th year in a row. Only 78 districts in Illinois were honored. The five key factors the award is based on are Academic Performance, Pupil/Teacher Ratio, Expenditure Per Pupil, Educational Level of Teachers, and Average Teacher Salary.
3. The District was awarded an Illinois Secretary of State FY13 School District Library Program Grant in the amount of \$983. Dr. Condon thanked Marcia Ryan for her work in preparing the grant application.
4. Kevin Martin presented an update about the iPad program. He reviewed the results of a 7th-8th grade student survey, noting that more than 93% of the students indicated using their iPads every day in school. He provided examples of how students are using them for academic purposes, with the greatest use occurring in reading/humanities, social studies, science and art. Most students indicated that they prefer using their iPads for organizational purposes and note-taking.

Because of the program's significant success in Grades 7 and 8, Kevin recommended implementing the iPad initiative in 6<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2013-14 school year. The anticipated cost will be approximately \$93,800. The Board expressed support for moving forward with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade implementation.

### **Closed Session**

According to 5ILCS120/2(c) for 1) "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"

### **Board Action**

Insurance – 12 Month Employees

### **Personnel Report**

Action Items:

1. Resignation, Certified Personnel
2. Resolutions, Nonrenewal and Dismissal from Employment
3. Honorable Dismissals, Classified Personnel
4. Unpaid Leave of Absence, Classified Personnel
5. Additional Positions, Certified Personnel
6. Instructional Staffing Plan
7. Appointments, Certified Personnel
8. Resolutions, Renewals of Probationary Certified Personnel
9. Resolution, Re-employment of Part Time Certified Personnel
10. Resolution, Re-employment of Classified Personnel
11. Appointments, Summer School Certified Personnel
12. Appointments, Summer School Classified Personnel
13. Appointments, Summer Secretaries

**Upcoming Meetings**

A. Committee of the Whole

7 p.m., April 2, 2013

Roosevelt Library Learning Center

B. Business Meeting

7:30 p.m., April 15, 2013

Roosevelt Library Learning Center

**Public Comments**

None.

**Adjournment at 9:29 p.m.**