

River Forest District 90

Board Business Meeting Highlights

April 15, 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 7:33 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. All members were present.

Student Presentations

- Sammi, 4th Grade, Lincoln School, reported about class activities, including kindergarten math classes studying three dimensional shapes and 4th grade learning about ecosystems and making terrariums.
- Elaine, 7th Grade, Roosevelt Middle School, she said she is proud to be a Roosevelt Bulldog and to attend a Blue Ribbon School, and reported about grade level classroom activities, such as 6th grade writing their memoirs and 7th grade learning about genetics.

Calendar Review

Willard PTO International Film Fest - April 19
Lincoln Book Exchange - April 24
Incoming 5th Grade Parent Meeting - April 24, 7 p.m.
A Little Night Music - May 3

Board Committees

- A. Education – David Latham, Chair: No report
- B. Personnel – Patrick Meyer, Chair: Action items were presented later in the meeting.
- C. Policy – Roman Ebert, Chair: Latest policies will be presented at the next Board meeting.
- D. Finance – Ralph Martire, Chair: Items were covered in a report later in the meeting.
- E. Facilities – Liz Fischer, Chair: A report was presented later in the meeting.
- F. Communications – Juli Geldner, Chair: Met with Superintendent Ed Condon, Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and Facilities, and Tari Marshall, Communications and Community Outreach Coordinator, on April 4 to discuss

communication issues, parent outreach regarding Advanced Differentiated Learning, and the Roosevelt Exterior Plan.

Outside Meetings

Next Meeting

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| A. Council of Governments – James Weiss | 05-10-13 |
| B. OPRFHS Citizens' Council – Liz Fischer
Met and reviewed a pilot page on the OPRF High School website regarding student performance. | 05-09-13 |
| C. Youth Network Council – Patrick Meyer, David Latham | 05-09-13 |
| D. Board Liaison District PTO Council – Juli Geldner | 05-15-13 |
| E. River Forest Service Club – Juli Geldner, David Latham,
Reported that the last meeting was the President's Forum. | 05-16-13 |
| F. Citizen Corps Council – Roman Ebert
The Council had a full-scale practice exercise related to an anthrax attack. They have been asked to help with the Anne Smedinghoff funeral procession on April 17. | 05-02-13 |
| G. IASB Governing Board – Ralph Martire | 06-10-13 |
| H. ED-RED – Ralph Martire
Meeting focused on finance. He reported that K-12 funding is set for significant cuts, and the state aid formula will not be funded at the full level - about 89%. Pension issues continue. | 05-03-13 |

District Meetings

- A. Green4Good: The group is looking forward to Earth Week and the Recycling Extravaganza. The District is collaborating with G4G and the school PTOs to share the cost of retrofitting water fountains with water bottle fillers at all three schools, located outside each gym.
- B. Superintendent's Leadership Council (SLC): They are getting close to finalizing Advanced Differentiated Learning (ADL) recommendations to the Board of Education that will be presented at the May 6 Committee of the Whole meeting.
- C. Teacher Leadership Council (TLC): Their recent meeting included presentations from staff members related to Response to Intervention, discussion about Common Core, and learning disability entitlement.
- D. River Forest Administrators' Forum: The Forum discussed emergency crisis response plans, and what the community might do to honor Anne Smedinghoff.

Superintendent's Report

Action Items:

1. Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent to Transfer \$1,000,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The reason for the transfer is to pay for current and future capital projects. A

- public notice will be placed in the newspapers at the end of May, for a public hearing to be held June 17, prior to Board action. Approved.
2. Award Bid – Emergency Generator Installation at Lincoln and Willard. The District called for public bids and received five. Anthony Cozzi recommended awarding the contract to the lowest responsible bidder, Arrow Flow. Approved.

Informational Items:

1. Township School Treasurer’s Office Investment Report was discussed.
2. Financial Comparisons to Similar Districts: Twenty-one other districts were reviewed. The average per pupil expenditure among comparable high-performing districts was \$14,018 per pupil. River Forest is midpoint among the districts at \$12,785 per pupil. For average teacher salary, District 90 moved up on the list (8th among 22 comparable districts).
3. Proposed Roosevelt Exterior Project: “Next Steps” were discussed for communication and community engagement. The Board discussed a draft version of an Action Plan to address these goals. Liz Fischer presented suggestions for moving forward, while Juli Geldner also shared suggestions about important communication elements. Once updated, the Action Plan will be posted on the District website under the Roosevelt Exterior Project tab.
4. Staff Appreciation Week was declared for May 6-10, 2013: Jim Weiss and Ed Condon recognized and lauded the staff for their work and dedication.

Upcoming Meetings

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| A. Committee of the Whole/
Organizational Meeting | May 6, 2013
Roosevelt Library Learning Center
7:00 p.m. |
| B. Business Meeting | May 20, 2013
Roosevelt Library Learning Center
7:30 p.m. |

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.”

Personnel Report

Action Items:

1. Family Medical Leave of Absences – Certified Personnel
2. Unpaid Leave of Absence – Certified Personnel

Adjournment at 10:03 p.m.