

River Forest District 90

Board Business Meeting Highlights

November 14, 2012



Presented by

Mr. James Weiss, District 90 Board President

Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent

The monthly Business meeting of the Board of Education was held at 7:30 p.m. at Roosevelt Middle School. Below is a summary of the meeting. James Weiss and Patrick Meyer were not present. Juli Geldner was appointed President pro tem for the meeting.

Freedom of Information Act Request

Dr. Condon reported receiving one commercial FOIA request by a company requesting a copy of the payment bond for work done this summer. It was addressed in the time allowed by law.

Student Presentations



Willard 4th grade student Jamael, and Roosevelt Middle School 7th grade student Adam, gave presentations about student activities, class projects, and student performances and accomplishments.

Calendar Review

Upcoming events include the Spelling Bee, and orchestra and band concerts at Roosevelt Middle School in December, and Lincoln and Willard Winter concerts on December 21.

Board Committees

Education – David Latham, Chair:

No report

Personnel – Patrick Meyer, Chair:

No report

Policy – Roman Ebert, Chair:

No report

Finance – Ralph Martire, Chair:

Report later in meeting

Facilities – Liz Fischer, Chair:

The committee discussed hiring a civil engineer as part of the Roosevelt exterior project and to map out the details of the Request for Proposal for the project.

Communications – Juli Geldner, Chair:

No report

Outside Meetings

Next Meeting

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| A. Council of Governments – James Weiss | 01-11-13 |
| B. OPRFHS Citizens' Council – Liz Fischer | 12-13-12 |
| Ms. Fischer reported that the Council discussed preparing students to apply for college. Board members discussed their strategic planning process, and will be asking the public to participate in focus groups. District 200 Superintendent Isoye signed a contract extension through 2018. | |
| C. Youth Network Council – Patrick Meyer, David Latham | 12-13-12 |
| D. Board Liaison District PTO Council – Juli Geldner | 11-15-12 |
| E. River Forest Service Club – Juli Geldner, David Latham, James Weiss | 12-15-12 |
| F. Citizen Corps Council – Roman Ebert | 12-06-12 |
| G. IASB Governing Board – Ralph Martire | 03-05-12 |
| H. ED-RED – Ralph Martire | 12-07-12 |
| The group met on November 13 and discussed a graduated income tax in Illinois. | |

District Meetings Agendas

- A. Superintendent's Leadership Council (SLC): The Council's last meeting focused on review of gifted and talented programming. Recommendations for further work will be presented at the December 17 Board of Education meeting.
- B. District PTO Council: The group discussed Institute Day, the Common Core initiative, higher ability learners, and the status of the iPad deployment. Dr. Condon mentioned that District students are fortunate to have such supportive parent groups.
- C. Teacher Leadership Council (TLC): Common Core implementation and Response to Intervention (RtI) are among the current areas of focus.

Superintendent's Report

Informational items were presented.

- A. School Board Member Appreciation Day, November 15: Dr. Condon expressed appreciation to the Board members for their service.
- B. Policy Updates, October 2012, First Reading: Roman Ebert and Dr. Condon met in advance to review a number of District policies. Roman Ebert presented recommended policy changes to the Board.
- C. 2012 SchoolSearch Bright A+ Award: Dr. Condon displayed the award, noting that this is the 14th year in a row that the District received this honor related to student performance.

- D. Operating Fund Financial Projections, 2014-017: Ralph Martire, James Weiss, Ed Condon, and Anthony Cozzi met in advance to discuss the projections. Anthony Cozzi presented the five-year projections to the Board of Education and answered questions. At the conclusion of the presentation, Ralph, Anthony, and Ed presented the recommendation to approve the 2012 Estimated Tax Levy with a one-year rate freeze.

Action Items:

1. 2012 Estimated Tax Levy: Approved.
2. Selection of Civil Engineer: Three firms were sent a Request for Qualifications. Two responded and both were qualified. Terra Engineering was determined to be the best fit for the projects, and was recommended for Board approval. Approved.
3. FY2013 School District Library Program Grant: The Illinois Secretary of State makes funds available (about \$1000) to enhance library services. Thanks was expressed to Marcia Ryan, Willard School Librarian, for her assistance in preparing the grant for submission. The Board approved assurances related to fulfilling the grant, if received.

Upcoming Meetings

Committee of the Whole	December 4, 2012, 7:00 p.m. Roosevelt Library Learning Center
Business Meeting	December 17, 2012, 7:30 p.m. Roosevelt Library Learning Center

Personnel Report

Action Items:

1. Unpaid Leave of Absence, Certified Personnel: Approved
2. Social Work Intern: Approved
3. Additional Position, Classified Personnel (part-time): Approved

Closed Session

The Board met according to 5ILCS120/2(c) for “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.”