

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt Library Learning Center, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on February 19, 2013, at 7:34 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mr. James Weiss, President
Mr. Patrick Meyer, Vice-President
Mr. David Latham, Secretary
Mr. Ralph Martire
Mr. Roman Ebert
Mrs. JuliAnn Geldner

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal

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

Community present:

Sandy Thorpe, Lincoln School PTO Liaison
Teresa Peavy, Board member candidate
Anne Gottlieb, Board member candidate
Kristen Coe, resident

Mr. Weiss 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.

Public Comment

Kristen Coe, 611 Edgewood, spoke about the proposed Roosevelt Exterior Plan. She noted that Mrs. Fischer escorted her around the Roosevelt campus last spring to discuss the possible scope. She also noted that the proposed plan has a total estimated cost of \$1.2 - \$1.6 million, with \$200 thousand for Oak Avenue modifications alone. She called for the Board, if the plan is truly for student safety, to close the north parking lot today. She continued by saying that, as a former chairperson of many committees, she has a concern with the financial implications of a project so large. She worked diligently with many volunteers during the 2006 referendum with the principle of avoiding extravagant spending. She believes that this project represents extravagant spending and may affect the success of future referenda.

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

AGENDA
APPROVED

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

Ayes: Mrs. Geldner, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire,
Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Communications

A thank you notes was received from Tammy Highfill, Roosevelt School Foreign Language teacher, regarding the birth of her child.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA request was received from Bill Dwyer on January 14, 2013 regarding documents related to Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) cases. The response was emailed on January 22, 2013.

Student Presentations

Mr. Weiss introduced the following students to present current items of interest about each school building:

Lincoln – Isabel [REDACTED], 4th grade
Roosevelt – Avery [REDACTED], 7th grade

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Martire that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda to include the following:

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

January payrolls totaling \$703,744.73, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$304,338.52 and accounts payable totaling \$263,284.07.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Geldner, Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire,
Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Calendar Review

Mr. Weiss reviewed the items in February and March that require Board member attendance. Each Board member identified which item fit into his/her available schedule.

Board Committee Reports were as follows:

Education

No report was given.

Personnel

No report was given.

Policy

No report was given.

Finance

No report was given.

Facilities

The Roosevelt exterior plan was discussed at the Village Traffic and Safety meeting on February 13th and is being discussed at the Village Committee meeting tonight.

Communications

No report was given.

Outside Meetings were as follows:

Council of Governments

No report was given.

OPRFHS Citizens' Council

No report was given.

Youth Network Council

No meeting was held.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

No report was given.

River Forest Service Club

No report was given.

Citizen Corp Council

No report was given.

IASB Governing Board

No report was given.

ED-RED

No report was given.

Superintendent's Report

Policy Adoption, Second Reading – Mr. Cozzi recommended formally adopting the two policies relating to Title I grant funding. The Board held a first reading of the policies at the January Regular Board meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education adopt Policy 6:170 – Title I Programs and 6:15 – School Accountability as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Latham, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire, Mrs. Geldner

Nays: none

The motion carried.

POLICIES 6:170
AND 6:15
FORMALLY
ADOPTED

School Board Meeting Calendar, 2013-2014 – Mr. Cozzi presented the 2013-2014 School Board Meeting Calendar noting any exceptional dates.

Lincoln School Field – After initial Board discussions at the February Committee of the Whole meeting, Mr. Cozzi presented the Board with the recommendation to re-grade, top-dress and install sod on the playing field at Lincoln School during the 2013 summer.

Summer School Registration Dates – Mr. Cozzi presented the proposed Summer School registration dates for the 2013 program, which included April 15th as registration for District 90 students and River Forest residents, April 30th as open registration, and May 31st as the last day for registration. K-4 classes will be held at Willard School and 5-8 classes will once again be held at Lincoln School due to the proposed Roosevelt Exterior construction.

Updated Kasarda Enrollment Projections – Mr. Cozzi briefly reviewed the updated enrollment projections. He canvassed the Board about their support for continuing to contract with a geo-demographer to collect projection data in subsequent years. The Board consensus was that it is an unnecessary endeavor unless a compelling argument arises.

Mid-Year Strategic Plan Update – Mr. Cozzi noted that for reference purposes, mid-year updates for each goal have been provided in the board packet and represent in-process working documents.

Academic Excellence Awards – ISBE 2012 Illinois Honor Roll – Mr. Cozzi reported that, in addition to the Bright Red Apple Award, District 90 is also the recipient of the Academic Excellence Award from the Illinois State Board of Education. He also noted that for the fourth consecutive year, all three schools received the award.

Roosevelt Construction Update – Mr. Weiss noted that, as part of the exterior plan, the District is seeking to install 90-degree angled parking on the south side of Oak Avenue. He noted that Dr. Condon and Mrs. Fischer were attending a Village Committee meeting this evening to participate in public comment. The Board will keep the public informed of the progress.

Personnel

It was moved by Mr. Ebert and seconded by Mrs. Geldner that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire, Mrs. Geldner, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

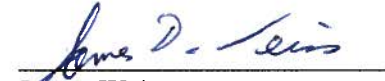
PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

Committee Meeting Dates


A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, 2013, in the Roosevelt Library Learning Center at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mr. Meyer and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:18 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



James Weiss
President



David Latham
Secretary