

River Forest District 90 Committee of the Whole Meeting Highlights October 2, 2012



Presented by

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

The meeting was held at Roosevelt Middle School Library Learning Center at 7 p.m. Below is a summary of the meeting highlights. Full meeting minutes will be posted on the District website once approved.

Call Meeting to Order/Roll Call

Not in attendance: James Weiss, Ralph Martire

Comments from the Public

Eric Palm, River Forest Village Administrator, spoke about a Home Rule referendum that will appear on the ballot. He encouraged attendees to refer to informational materials on the Village website. There will be a Community Forum about the issue at Concordia College on October 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Board Action

Dr. Condon recommended the hiring of a teacher assistant and replacement custodian. Motion carried.

Education Committee: David Latham, Chair

- **Realigned Strategic Plan:** Mr. Latham and Dr. Condon met to review the Plan that has been in place two years. Dr. Condon reported good progress on completing goals. They consolidated some of the original goals into realigned goals that reflect the intent and spirit of the Plan. Dr. Condon thanked the Board members who reviewed the updated Plan to ensure that it reflects the desired of the Board and community.

While a number of goals remain to be completed, many have already been accomplished, and have become embedded in the work of the District. Board members were provided with an expanded version of the Plan for working purposes.

There will be a check-in to review the progress in January or February, and again at the end of the school year. The Plan is available on the District website. Mrs. Geldner thanked the Superintendent and Mr. Latham for their work on the Plan realignment.

- **Plan for Analysis of District 90 Gifted and Talented Programming:** Dr. Condon discussed a review of how the District addresses the needs of Gifted and Talented students. The District would like to improve areas where the staff feels it is not fully serving the best interests of those students. An analysis of relevant gifted and talented considerations will be developed by the Superintendent's Leadership Council (representative teachers and administrative staff), to be presented to the Board later in the year. The presentation of this analysis will be the first step toward likely modifications in future gifted and talented programming for District 90 students.

- ISAT Data Review: Martha Ryan-Toye, Director of Student Services, presented the District's ISAT results. She was joined by Principals Garstki, Hyde, and Brownlow. Scores will be mailed to parents this week and posted on the District website as part of the Illinois School Report Card.
- FDSE Dissolution: Six school districts are part of the Federation of Districts for Special Education. The role of FDSE has evolved to one of assisting with professional development and grant assistance, while shared special education placements have now largely been eliminated through the advent of instructional approaches such as RtI and inclusion. For these and other factors, the group has agreed to dissolve, and steps are being taken toward dividing the assets and distributing the activities of the group. Each district is developing plans for fulfilling the purposes of FDSE within their separate districts, and plans are proceeding to request approval from the Illinois State Board of Education to dissolve at the end of the 2012-13 school year.

Next Meeting Topic:

Technology , RtI Progress Update

Public Comments

None