

**River Forest District 90
Committee of the Whole
Meeting Highlights
March 7, 2013**



Presented by

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

The rescheduled meeting was held in the Roosevelt Middle School Auditorium. Below is a summary of the meeting highlights. Full meeting minutes will be posted on the District website once approved.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m. All members were present except Ralph Martire.

Roosevelt Campus Renovation Plan

Committee members discussed the proposed Roosevelt Middle School campus renovation plan. All Committee members expressed their thanks to Liz Fischer, Dr. Ed Condon, Anthony Cozzi and members of the planning committee for their work. Mr. Weiss indicated that Board of Education members had received many comments from community members both in support of and against the proposal, or related to specific aspects of the plan. The consensus of the Committee was to forgo implementation of the plan this summer in order to engage in further discussions with the extended community about the best manner in which to proceed.

In addition to the above comments from all members, Patrick Meyer suggested identifying aspects of the plan related to improved student safety that may be considered for completion immediately, and thanked the community for their engagement about the project. David Latham stated that he believes the north lot is a safety hazard that should be addressed, and he presented alternate ideas for meeting immediate safety needs. He indicated that he believes the current plan includes landscaping that is beyond what may be basically needed. Roman Ebert indicated that he also supports further discussion with stakeholders about the elements of the plan before proceeding. Juli Geldner supported immediately addressing needed safety measures. She noted that the Board has exhibited good financial stewardship. She recommended creating a D90 foundation to raise private funds for projects. Liz Fischer thanked the committee members who worked hard to devise the plan, and underscored the importance of student safety at all times.

Public Comments

All comments were related to the Roosevelt construction plan. Speakers were:

Anna Chavez Schaider
Kathleen Brand White
Margie Cekander
MaryJo Taira
Suzanne Morrison
Tom Smetinghoff
Harley Beck
Allison Lundeen
Gerri Humbert

Science Bowl

Jim Weiss congratulated the Roosevelt Science Bowl team on winning the regional competition and wished them well in the national competition in Washington, D.C.

Board Actions

1. Student Registration

Dr. Condon announced that the District is planning for a new online registration system. The Board approved the following:

- a. **Residency Verification:** A change in the residency procedure will require that families provide at least one proof of residency document each year. This is recommended in order to ensure that all children in District 90 schools reside within the boundaries of the school district.
- b. **Early Bird Discount/Late Fees:** A five percent discount for parents who register their children before June 15, and a five percent late fee for returning families who enroll after July 15 will be instituted. Dr. Condon explained that the change was proposed to help encourage timely enrollment, which is important to ensure appropriate staffing, and that adequate supplies and materials are on hand for the start of the school year.

2. 2013 Summer School Fees

The Committee approved a \$125 registration fee and a \$20 late fee for resident enrichment classes.

Education Committee, David Latham, Chair

Martha Ryan-Toye, Pam Hyde, Merryl Brownlow, Tina Steketee and Karen Boozell presented information about District 90's writing curriculum. They noted changes that are being implemented to meet Common Core State Standards, as well as some practices that have been in place for many years that meet the Standards. Details were provided about writing strategies in use across all grade levels, and areas for continued growth were also identified and discussed.

Adjournment at 9:09 pm