

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 15, 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 April 15, 2013, at 7:32 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

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

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent  
Mrs. Martha Ryan-Toye, Director of Student Services  
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal

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

Community present:

Ute Meyer, resident  
Sandy Thorpe, Lincoln School PTO Liaison  
Gerri Humbert, Roosevelt School PTO Liaison

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.

It was moved by Mr. Meyer 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: Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer,  
Mrs. Geldner, Mrs. Fischer, Mr. Martire

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Student Presentations**

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

Lincoln – Sammi [REDACTED], 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Roosevelt – Elaine [REDACTED], 7<sup>th</sup> grade

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

CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED

March payrolls totaling \$711,860.61, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$306,086.68 and accounts payable totaling \$332,485.94.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

### **Calendar Review**

Mr. Weiss reviewed the items in April and May 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**

No report was given.

#### **Communications**

No report was given.

Outside Meetings were as follows:

#### **Council of Governments**

A meeting was held to discuss the OPRF online pilot program highlighting school data as well as District 90 differentiated learning and the status of the Roosevelt School exterior project.

#### **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**

The annual President's Forum meeting was held.

**Citizen Corp Council**

No report was given.

**IASB Governing Board**

No report was given.

**ED-RED**

No report was given.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent to Transfer \$1,000,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund –**

Mr. Cozzi spoke about the process for the Board's approval of an interfund transfer between the Education Fund and the Operations and Maintenance Fund. The Board has discussed and approved the previous steps at prior meetings. The current step is to approve the resolution calling for a public hearing concerning the transfer.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Calling for a Public Hearing Concerning the Intent to Transfer \$1,000,000 from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund as presented.

RESOLUTION  
CALLING FOR A  
PUBLIC HEARING  
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Award Bid** – Mr. Cozzi presented the results of the Emergency Generator Installation bid for Lincoln and Willard Schools. The lowest three bids are as follows:

Arrow Flow Co. – \$68,000, plus \$1,900 performance bond  
J. Hamilton Electric. – \$69,797, plus \$956 performance bond  
Homestead Electric – \$108,400, plus \$1,030 performance bond

The apparent low bidder is Arrow Flow Co. While they have not done work for the District in the past, they are a reputable company from Franklin Park, IL. Our architects, SDA recommends awarding the bid to the responsible low bidder, Arrow Flow Co. for \$68,000, plus \$1,900 performance bond.

It was moved by Mrs. Fischer and seconded by Mr. Latham that the Board of Education award the Lincoln and Willard Emergency Generator Installation contract to the apparent low bidder, Arrow Flow Co. for \$68,000 plus \$1,900 performance bond.

CONTRACTOR  
BID AWARDED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Township School Treasurer's Office Investment Report – Mr. Cozzi** presented the Treasurer's Investment Report, the annual investment yield and the benchmark industry yield for the end of February 2012. This is done on an annual basis for informational purposes only.

**Financial Comparisons to Similar Districts – Mr. Cozzi** presented the most recent, available financial data of the District with a presentation of comparable, high performing school districts. This is also done on an annual basis for informational purposes only.

**Proposed Roosevelt Exterior Project "Next Steps" for Communication and Community Engagement – Dr. Condon** explained in detail the new Strategic Goal Action Plan focusing on the next steps of the Roosevelt Exterior Project with regards to communication and community engagement. Mrs. Fischer suggested a narrow focus to community engagement. The wider scope of previous discussions with the community about this topic exposed the Board to unrelated criticism.

Mr. Weiss also suggested a format for a narrow scope. He expressed discomfort with "reinventing the wheel". Mrs. Geldner noted that the community felt under-informed and that proper communication was the key to a successful project. She felt that it was important to re-engage with the community at large, but with a Board-driven focus on important issues only. She also stressed an importance to enlist District stakeholders to help get the message out to the general public.

Mr. Meyer was concerned about the community outreach. He felt that conducting meetings with individual entities would result in a self-serving process. He suggested limiting the process to a set number of highly publicized meetings with all stakeholders.

Mr. Latham expressed his objection to the "bottom-up" approach of the plan with the Board following the lead of the appointed committee. He was also very concerned with the misconception that there is a safety issue in Roosevelt's parking lots.

Mrs. Geldner proposed testing a reconfigured north lot for the remainder of the school year by blocking several spots and providing a safer student access to the north gym, the playing field and the library. She also suggested documenting the historical timeline of the work performed leading up to the exterior plan, dating back to the life safety resurveys, the space utilization study and the PTO-sponsored Oak Avenue landscaping renovation.

Mr. Ebert proposed building consensus with stakeholder groups, while Mr. Weiss was adamant that the message from the Board has to be ahead of the plan, not two steps behind. Finally, Mr. Martire spoke about the bigger picture, that community criticism could be present under any circumstance. He felt that what was lost in the communication process was the fact that any public oppositional points made about the plan were either already taken into consideration by the Board during the plan development stage or were based on lack of information. He urged the Board not to change decisions on important matters in response to a public outcry.

Mr. Cozzi and Dr. Condon recommended that the Board discuss the topic in detail at the May Regular Board meeting in order to give the committee the new direction to the plan. Dr. Condon proposed having the civil engineer and the landscape architect in attendance at that meeting to aid the Board with their plan modifications.

**Staff Appreciation Week, May 6-10, 2013** – Dr. Condon, on behalf of the Board, recognized the excellence of District 90 staff and declared May 6<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> as Staff Appreciation Week.

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mrs. Fischer that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 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.

CLOSED SESSION

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 9:08 p.m.

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 10:02 p.m.

**Personnel**

It was moved by Mrs. Geldner and seconded by Mrs. Fischer 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, Mr. Weiss,  
Mr. Meyer, Mrs. Geldner, Mrs. Fischer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

PERSONNEL  
REPORT  
APPROVED

**Committee Meeting Dates**

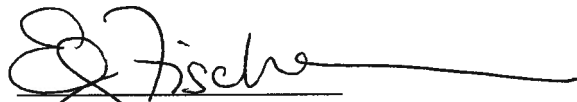
A Committee of the Whole/Organizational Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 6, 2013, in the Roosevelt Library Learning Center at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mr. Meyer and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:03 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Patrick Meyer  
President



Liz Fischer  
Secretary