

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
February 27, 2013**

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt Middle School Auditorium, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois on February 27, 2013 at 7:04 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

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

ROLL CALL

Administrators present: Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal
Mr. Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance
and Facilities

Recording Secretary: Ms. Tari Marshall, Communications and
Community Outreach Coordinator

Community present: A copy of the Speakers Roster as well as the
Attendance Roster is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Weiss welcomed visitors, and provided introductory information about steps taken by District 90 related to the Roosevelt Middle School campus renovation plan leading up to the Special Meeting. He introduced Dr. Condon, who provided additional background information, and introduced Mr. Cozzi, who gave a detailed presentation about the project planning process. Afterwards, the floor was opened for questions and comments.

Public Comments:

1. Anastasia Khoubaeva, 627 Jackson
2. Heidi Ewell, 633 Ashland
3. Daniel Lauber, 7215 Oak
4. Liz Gagliardo, 719 Jackson
5. Mike Gibbs, 527 Monroe, Village Trustee
6. Alice Berry, 719 William, President, River Forest Library Board
7. Richard Schnedorf, 610 Monroe
8. Karin Danganan, 1523 Ashland
9. Patty Henek, 731 Bonnie Brae

Public Comments (continued):

- 10. Renee Sichlau, 130 Keystone
- 11. Len Grossman, 624 Clinton
- 12. Tom Cargie, 938 William
- 13. Anna Schnedorf, 610 Monroe
- 14. John O'Connor, 806 Monroe
- 15. Kristin Coe, 611 Edgewood
- 16. Suzanne Morrison, 7205 Iowa
- 17. John Dzurya, 315 Forest
- 18. Katarina Berin, 819 Forest


The comments varied, and were both in support and against the overall campus renovation plan. Questions were asked about the reasons for the project, which Mr. Weiss, Dr. Condon, and Mr. Cozzi answered. The reasons provided included the functionality of the campus, the changing educational needs of the school, and a desire to improve student safety. There were comments from residents encouraging the Board not to lose sight of the cost of the project and to continue to remain fiscally responsible. Mr. Martire responded that the Board of Education has maintained cost sensitivity throughout the planning process and has rejected some higher cost options. He also mentioned the long-term benefits of key elements of the project, and the funds necessary to pay for the project are available in the operating fund reserves.

Several residents shared comments supporting the installation of angled parking on Oak Avenue. Dr. Condon indicated that the current plan is to move forward in seeking Village approval for permitted parallel parking on the streets surrounding and near the school, which resulted in numerous questions and comments. Two speakers offered alternate parking suggestions, which Dr. Condon and Mr. Weiss indicated were not feasible.

A speaker lauded the Board and the District for closely collaborating with other entities in the community. Dr. Condon indicated that the District and Board want to be responsive to the needs of all constituents.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mrs. Fischer and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:55 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


James Weiss
President


David Latham
Secretary