

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
October 3, 2017

Place: Roosevelt Library Learning Center

Members Present: Mr. Ralph Martire, Mr. Richard Moore, Mrs. Barbara Hickey, Ms. Stacey Williams, Mrs. Judy Deogracias, Dr. Nicole Thompson, Mr. Cal Davis

Administrators Present: Ms. Diane Wood, Willard School Principal
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal

Community Present: Diane Carroll, parent
Pat Meyer, former resident
Dr. Vanesa Thompson, Superintendent Intern
Beth Vlerick, parent
Scott Hall, parent

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

Mr. Martire called the Committee of the Whole Meeting to order at approximately 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Martire 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

Diane Carroll, 720 Forest spoke about the proposed Willard School addition. She hoped that a long-term view is taken into consideration so not to miss an opportunity to construct enough instructional spaces to accommodate a future full-day kindergarten program. She felt the Board missed that opportunity when constructing the Lincoln addition in 2015.

Pat Meyer, 26481 Longview Drive, Conifer, CO. Mr. Meyer, who was a former District 90 Board President spoke about his youngest child's current experience in the Colorado school system and compared it to District 90. He noted that the Colorado school system "cannot hold a candle to District 90." He thanked the Board, the Administration and the faculty and staff for their efforts and service to District 90 residents and students.

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: Dr. Thompson, Mr. Martire, Mrs. Deogracias, Ms. Williams, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Hickey,
Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Master Board Member Recognition

Dr. Condon recognized Mr. Martire for receiving the Master School Board Member Award from the Illinois Association of School Boards. Dr. Condon commended him for completing such a rigorous training. Mr. Moore presented Mr. Martire with the award.

Education Committee

Dr. Thompson introduced the proposed Power Scholars Academy program, a partnership between District 90, Forest Park District 91 and the West Cook YMCA. Dr. Condon and Philip Jimenez, Director of the West Cook YMCA gave a presentation on the proposed summer 2018 program. It was noted that students will qualify for the program based on certain achievement criteria. It is expected that the majority of students will be from District 91. The details of the program and how it will fit into District 90's goals was discussed. The program will be housed at Stevenson School in Forest Park with a shared transportation plan. The majority of the program costs will be borne by a YMCA grant through the BELL foundation, with the remainder shared by Districts 90 and 91. District 90's share is expected to be around \$12,000. It was noted that math and literacy will be the main focus. The instructional programs for both are aligned with District 90's current curriculum. The enrollment will include rising first through fifth graders for a duration of five weeks in the summer. It is not expected to replace District 90's current summer enrichment and remedial programs. A lengthy Board discussion ensued.

Facilities Committee

Mrs. Deogracias spoke about the potential Willard School construction project, which is needed to alleviate instructional space constraints in that building. Mr. Cozzi presented an updated scheme, which was the result of meetings with the District architect and school administrators. Mr. Martire hoped for good communication with the community about the reasons for the work, noting that this project would result in discontinuing the practice of engaging in teaching practices that occur in suboptimal spaces. A Board discussion ensued, which included communication plans.

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 10) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Thompson, Mr. Martire, Mrs. Deogracias, Ms. Williams, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Davis

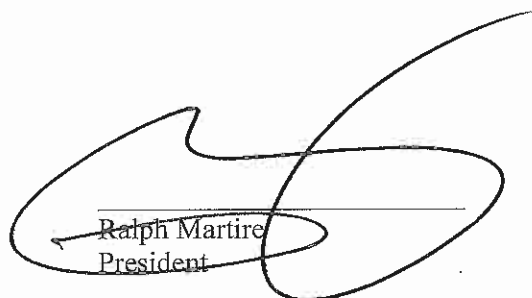
Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:18 p.m.

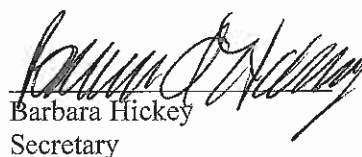
The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the Committee of the Whole Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.



Ralph Martire
President



Barbara Hickey
Secretary