

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 16, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt School Multipurpose Room, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on December 16, 2019, at 7:04 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mr. Richard Moore, President
Mrs. Barbara Hickey, Vice-President
Ms. Stacey Williams, Secretary
Dr. Nicole Thompson
Mrs. Katie Avalos
Mr. Cal Davis
Mrs. Judy Deogracias

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Ms. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal
Mr. Casey Godfrey, Lincoln School Principal
Ms. Diane Wood, Willard School Principal
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal
Ms. Denise Matthews, Director of Special Education

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

Community present: Dionna Plywacz, parent
Lauren Behan, parent
Caren Chessick, parent
Kathleen Perry, League of Women Voters
Sarah Donoho, parent
Beth Vlerick, parent

Mr. Moore welcomed visitors and invited comments from the audience. A copy of the Speakers Roster as well as the Attendance Roster is attached to the minutes.

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

AGENDA
APPROVED

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

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Student Presentations

Mr. Moore introduced the following individual to present current items of interest about their school building:

Lincoln – Charlotte Terry and Lura Weiner, 4th grade
Willard – Nora Partin and Sofia Berg, 4th grade

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

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

November payrolls totaling \$843,039.60, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$298,950.87 and accounts payable totaling \$386,320.54.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Board Committee Reports were as follows:

Education

No report was given.

Personnel

No meeting was held.

Policy

A meeting was held at which the PRESS Policy updates were discussed for the second time.

Finance

No meeting was held.

Equity

No meeting was held.

Facilities

No meeting was held.

Communications

A meeting was held at which the articles spotlighted in the Wednesday Journal as well as using social media to inform community of important topics were discussed.

Gender inclusion (Ad Hoc)

No meeting was held.

Outside Meetings were as follows:

Council of Governments

No meeting was held.

Community Council

No report was given.

Youth Network Council

A meeting was held at which the legalization of cannabis was discussed.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

No meeting was held.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

No report was given.

River Forest Civic Association

No meeting was held.

Citizen Corp Council

A meeting was held at which the recruiting of members was discussed.

West Cook Governing Board (IASB)

No report was given.

ED-RED

A meeting was held at which legislative updates on a property tax freeze, school construction grants, and the upcoming 2020 census were discussed.

River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration

A meeting was held at which early childhood development was discussed.

Positive Youth Development Committee

A meeting was held to announce the receipt of a drug free community grant award of \$650K to address substance abuse issues.

Tri-Board Equity Committee

No meeting was held.

District Calendar Review

Dr. Condon reviewed the items for December and January that require Board member attendance. Each Board member identified which item fit into his/her available schedule.

Superintendent's Report

Adoption of 2019 Tax Levy – Mr. Cozzi described the requirements under the Truth in Taxation Act. The District was not required to conduct a formal public hearing on the tax levy, which would have been required if the increase was greater than 5% of the prior years' extension. Mr. Cozzi also described the amount of the levy as being equal to the estimated levy that was approved in November.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education adopt the 2019 Tax Levy, as presented.

2019 TAX LEVY
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies – Mr. Cozzi noted that a resolution is necessary to instruct the County to reduce the fund levies if necessary.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education adopt the resolution authorizing reduction of certain fund levies for the 2019 levy year.

REDUCTION OF
CERTAIN FUND
LEVIES FOR THE
2019 LEVY
AUTHORIZED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Hickey that the Board of Education approve the recommendation not to release previous closed session minutes.

CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES NOT
RELEASED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings –

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education approve the destruction of closed session meetings audio recordings dated between July 2017 and December 2017.

DESTRUCTION OF
CLOSED SESSION
MEETINGS
AUDIO
RECORDINGS
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Ten-Year Life Safety Resurvey Applications for Lincoln, Roosevelt and Willard – Mr. Cozzi presented the final draft of the Ten-Year Life Safety Resurvey, which include cost estimates and project prioritization and timing schedule. The Board was asked to approve the submission of the applications. Mr. Cozzi anticipated that the applications would be submitted by December 31st.

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the submission of the Ten-Year Life Safety Resurvey Applications for Lincoln, Roosevelt and Willard Schools.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried

SUBMISSION OF
TEN-YEAR LIFE
SAFETY
RESURVEY
APPLICATIONS
APPROVED

OPRF Community Foundation “Community Works” Renewable Energy “Letter of Commitment” – Mr. Cozzi presented the letter of commitment along with some introductory information about possible efforts to meeting the letter of commitment in the future.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education approve OPRF Community Foundation Renewable Energy Letter of Commitment as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried

OPRF
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION
RENEWABLE
ENERGY LETTER
OF COMMITMENT
APPROVED

Establish Ad Hoc Board Subcommittee – River Forest School District 90 Education Foundation – Dr. Condon spoke about foundation formation procedures and spoke about establishing an Ad Hoc subcommittee to discuss the formation. He noted that the foundation’s purpose would be to reach out to the portion of the community that is no longer a part of District 90 to give back to mitigate future facility needs. A lengthy Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education establish an Ad Hoc Board Subcommittee to explore the feasibility of an educational foundation and the selection of a Board of Directors.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried

AD HOC BOARD
SUBCOMMITTEE
EXPOLORING
FEASABILITY OF
AN
EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION
ESTABLISHED

Roosevelt Middle School Master Schedule Review Report – Proposed Recommendations – Dr. Condon introduced Mr. Garstki to present the most recent proposed recommendations of the Roosevelt Master Schedule Review. A lengthy Board discussion ensued.

Strategic Planning Update – Dr. Condon spoke about the draft version of the SWOT Analysis that the Strategic Planning team performed at the recent data retreat. Dr. Condon also spoke about the community feedback event that took place on December 11th. He noted that the next step in the strategic planning process is the vision retreat in January.

Policy, First Reading – Dr. Condon and Ms. Williams reviewed the first reading of the PRESS Policy update from October 2019.

Emergency Rules and ISBE Directives on Time Out and Restraint – Dr. Condon spoke about the recent article in the newspaper in regards to the use of time out rooms and restraints in schools on special education students. He introduced Ms. Matthews to speak about those inhumane procedures and noted ISBE's directive banning those practices. She also noted that District 90 has not practiced the types of processes that were banned. District 90's current practices manage students' behavior and de-escalates behavioral situations.

Proposed Public School Calendar 2020/2021 – First Review – Dr. Condon presented the proposed school calendar for 2020/2021. He thanked Dr. Hawley for her work leading the Calendar Committee, noting the proposed calendar's alignment with District 200's breaks and other non-attendance days. He noted that a formal approval would be recommended at the next Regular Board meeting.

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mrs. Avalos 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: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Hickey, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 9:11 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 9:42 p.m.

Decision Regarding Student Residency Matter (2019-1) -- It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mrs. Hickey that the Board of Education 1) find that the three students identified in closed session are non-residents of District 90 and have been non-residents of the District throughout the 2019-2020 school year to date; 2) find that the individual who enrolled the three students is to be charged tuition of \$6,528.88 per student for the period of August 28, 2019 through December 16, 2019, for a total amount owed of \$19,586.64; and 3) approve the notice of Board of Education's Decision letter as presented in closed session.

DECISION
REGARDING
STUDENT
RESIDENCY
MATTER (2019-1)
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: none

The motion carried

Personnel

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

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

Nays: None


The motion carried.

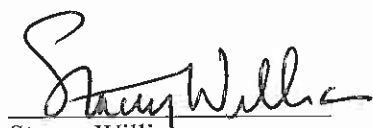
Committee Meeting Dates

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 7, 2020, in the Roosevelt Multipurpose Room at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Davis and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT


Richard Moore
President


Stacey Williams
Secretary