

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt Middle School Library Learning Center, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on February 19, 2018, at 7:02 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mr. Ralph Martire, President
Mr. Richard Moore, Vice-President
Mrs. Barbara Hickey, Secretary
Mr. Cal Davis
Mrs. Judy Deogracias

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

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

Community present: Kathleen Perry, League of Women Voters

Mr. Martire 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.

Dr. Condon introduced Denise Matthews, the recommended candidate for Director of Special Education to replace Mrs. Boozell upon her retirement. Ms. Matthews spoke to the Board and expressed her excitement about the possibility of working in District 90.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

A FOIA was received via email from Steve Leftko on January 10, 2018 regarding crossing guard placement and costs. A response was emailed on January 16, 2018. A FOIA was received via email from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association on January 22, 2018 regarding teachers and administrators retiring in 2018. A response was emailed on January 23, 2018. A FOIA was received via email on January 31, 2018 from the Prairie State Wire regarding collective bargaining agreements. A response was emailed on February 5, 2018.

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

AGENDA
APPROVED

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

Ayes: Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis, Mr. Martire

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Student Presentations

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

Roosevelt – Daaniyah Mirza, 7th grade

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

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

January payrolls totaling \$799,931.77, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$414,428.19 and accounts payable totaling \$341,067.35.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis, Mr. Martire

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Board Committee Reports were as follows:

Education

No report was given.

Personnel

No report was given.

Policy

No meeting was held.

Finance

No meeting was held.

Equity

A meeting was held to discuss the development of metrics as well as focusing on how the District communicates its equity efforts to the broader community. It was believed that the communication needs to be improved to better connect excellence in education to equity efforts.

Facilities

No meeting was held.

Communications

No report was given.

Gender Inclusion (Ad Hoc) -

A meeting was held to identify potential committee members who may be available to be included in efforts.

District Calendar Review

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

Outside Meetings were as follows:

Council of Governments

No meeting was held.

OPRFHS Citizens' Council

No meeting was held.

Youth Network Council

A meeting was held to discuss the efforts of the OPRF Township interventionists, who may have a larger student load from District 90 this year.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

A meeting was held at which the perceptions about how the Parkland shooting tragedy has affected River Forest families were discussed, as well as the PTO activities taking place at the individual schools.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

No report was given.

River Forest Civic Association

No report was given.

Citizen Corp Council

A meeting was held to discuss the transition to the new Village of River Forest Chief of Police. Also discussed was an outreach for new Corp volunteers.

IASB Governing Board

No report was given.

ED-RED

A meeting was held to discuss how the State is preparing students for various employment industries specific to Illinois.

Sub-Committee on Collaboration

No report was given.

Superintendent's Report

Policy, Second Reading -

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mr. Moore that the Board of Education adopt the PRESS Policy Updates for the October of 2017, as amended with changes to Policies 5:90 and 5:290.

AMENDED PRESS
POLICY UPDATES
ADOPTED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr.
Davis, Mr. Martire

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Long-Range Facilities Plan – Mr. Cozzi presented the long-range facilities plan listed by category and by building. He noted those items which represent routine projects required for the sustainability of the buildings and those items which represent an improvement initiative without regard to useful life. A Board discussion ensued about prioritization of future items.

Crossing Guards in River Forest -

Dr. Condon spoke about recent conversations at the Village level about the crossing guard program in the community. Dr. Condon and Mr. Cozzi spoke about the program's recent history to clear up any misperceptions. Dr. Condon reminded the audience of the District's partnership with the Village to perform a safe routes to school audit. Furthermore, Dr. Condon indicated that community members had previously requested additional guards at specific locations. As a result, the Village agreed to review intersections at Oak/Park, Oak/Franklin and Oak/Ashland as possible new guard posts. Upon review, the Village recommended adding temporary guards to those three locations until the safe routes audit is complete. The District agreed with the recommendation.

Summer School 2018 – Dr. Hawley presented the proposed dates for Summer School 2018, which includes a series of flexible class options that only last one week each. Dr. Condon complimented the summer school team for preparing the proposed summer school dates and structure of the program.

Legislative Advocacy: School Violence – Mrs. Deogracias led a discussion about what can be done by District leaders to make a meaningful change regarding school violence. She recommended partnering with neighboring districts and petitioning local legislators about a rational approach to gun control. Mrs. Deogracias questioned whether or not the Board wanted to take a formal position; whether or not it wanted to partner with other entities, or proceed alone. Mr. Moore hoped to focus on potential laws around school safety, not specifically gun control. Mrs. Hickey wondered if this work required forming a new committee to determine group beliefs. Mr. Davis connected education around school violence to social-emotional learning. Mr. Martire and Mrs. Hickey recommended Mrs. Deogracias to lead an Ad Hoc committee to formulate a specific belief statement. The Board came to a consensus about the new committee. Dr. Condon informed the Board that the new Chief of Police made him aware that the police department is there to support the District in this area. Mrs. Hickey applauded the work of the new advisory program at Roosevelt School, which could turn out to be very beneficial.

Draft School Board Meeting Calendar – Dr. Condon presented the draft of the upcoming School Board Meeting Calendar highlighting any non-standard dates.

Illinois Science Assessment Results 2016 and 2017 – Dr. Condon and Dr. Hawley presented the results and gave a timeline around making the results available to the public.

Township School Treasurer's Office New Software Implementation – Mr. Cozzi explained the upcoming software conversion process, the costs associated and the timeline necessary to implement as part of the Township School Treasurer's Office.

Committee Meeting Dates

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2018, in the Roosevelt Library at 7:00 p.m.

It was moved by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Hickey that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Deogracias, Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Martire, Mr. Davis, Mr. Moore

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:31 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:52 p.m.

Personnel

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

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis, Mr. Martire

Nays: none

The motion carried.

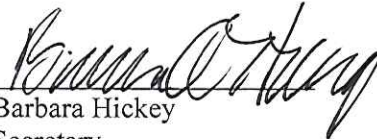
PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mrs. Hickey and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:53 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Ralph Martire
President



Barbara Hickey
Secretary