

**MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 18, 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 March 18, 2013, at 7:31 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Mr. James Weiss, President  
Mr. Patrick Meyer, Vice-President  
Mr. David Latham, Secretary  
Mr. Roman Ebert

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Edward Condon, Superintendent  
Mrs. Martha Ryan-Toye, Director of Student Services  
Mrs. Karen Boozell, Director of Special Education  
Mr. Kevin Martin, Director of Technology  
Mrs. Merryl Brownlow, Willard School Principal

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

Community present:

Stacey Williams, Lincoln School PTO Liaison  
Teresa Peavy, Board member candidate  
Anne Gottlieb, Board member candidate  
Kristen Charkow, Willard School PTO Liaison  
Suzanne Morrison, Roosevelt 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

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Communications**

Thank you notes were received from Mike Schlachter and Kristen Lunardini, Roosevelt School teachers, regarding the birth of their children as well as from Suzanne McLeese, Willard School Social Worker regarding the death of a family member. A letter was received from Jean Davidson Meister providing her support for early childhood education programs in the community.

**Freedom of Information Act Request**

A FOIA request was received from TaShaunda Shumpert on March 4, 2013 regarding custodial/janitorial services. The response was mailed on March 5, 2013.

**Student Presentations**

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

Willard – Anna [REDACTED], 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Roosevelt – Vito [REDACTED], 7<sup>th</sup> grade

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

February payrolls totaling \$730,537.60, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$306,106.51 and accounts payable totaling \$223,404.18.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

CONSENT  
AGENDA  
APPROVED

**Calendar Review**

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

No report was given.

**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**

No report was given.

**Citizen Corp Council**

No report was given.

**IASB Governing Board**

No report was given.

**ED-RED**

No report was given.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Resolution Approving the Acceptance of the Plat of Vacation of a Portion of the Franklin Avenue Right of Way by the Village of River Forest and Authorizing and Directing the Proviso Township Trustees of Schools, Township 39 North, Range 13, to Sign Said Plat of Vacation for the Use and Benefit of this Board of Education –**

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Latham that the Board of Education approve the Resolution as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Meyer, Mr. Latham, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Ebert

Nays: none

The motion carried.

RESOLUTION  
APPROVING  
ACCEPTANCE OF  
PLAT APPROVED

**Establishing the Fiscal Year and Appointing the Superintendent to Draft the Tentative Budget –**

It was moved by Mr. Latham and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education adopt the resolution establishing the fiscal year as July 1, 2013, through June 30, 2014, and appoint the Superintendent to draft a tentative budget for that fiscal year.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Ebert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

ESTABLISHED  
FISCAL YEAR  
AND APPOINTED  
SUPERINTENDENT  
TO DRAFT  
TENTATIVE  
BUDGET

**Board of Education Meeting Schedule –**

It was moved by Mr. Latham and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education approve the Board Meeting Schedule for 2013-2014 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Ebert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

2013-2014 BOARD  
MEETING  
SCHEDULE  
APPROVED

**C.A.S.E. Agreement –** Dr. Condon spoke about the recommended C.A.S.E. Agreement. He noted that C.A.S.E. has provided itinerant services for low-incidence needs in the District in the past.

However, they were previously contracted through the special education cooperative, FDSE. With FDSE's impending dissolution, the District will have to begin contracting directly with C.A.S.E.

It was moved by Mr. Latham and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education approve the C.A.S.E. Agreement as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Ebert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

The motion carried.

C.A.S.E.  
AGREEMENT  
APPROVED

**2014 School Fees –** Mr. Cozzi presented the options for the school fees for the 2013-14 school year using the appropriate Consumer Price Index as a guide. He also showed the associated early bird discount and late fee penalty calculations that were approved at the March Committee meeting. After a brief discussion, Mr. Cozzi recommended that the Board approve the fees with a 1.7% increase (tied to CPI) and associated discounts and penalties.

It was moved by Mr. Latham and seconded by Mr. Meyer that the Board of Education approve the school fee schedule for 2013-2014 as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Weiss, Mr. Latham, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Ebert

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**ISBE Certificates of Recognition –** Dr. Condon indicated that the District has again received the Illinois State Board of Education Certificates of Recognition for the 2012-2013 school year. He also noted that all three schools received the award for the fourth year in a row.

**SchoolSearch 2013 Bright Red Apple Award –** Dr. Condon noted that the District once again earned the SchoolSearch Award for Academic Excellence. He also noted that this is the District's 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year earning this prestigious award and congratulated the entire District community for the accomplishment.

**FY 13 School District Library Program Grant** – Dr. Condon informed the Board that the District was awarded a Library Program Grant in the amount of \$983.25 from the Secretary of State.

**iPad Initiatives: Next Steps** – Mr. Martin presented the iPad initiative results for the second year of deployment. He also provided recommendation to continue deployment in the 2013-2014 school year in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades as well as extending deployment to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students.

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Ebert 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

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:47 p.m.

The Board returned to open session with the same members present and with the addition of Mr. Martire at approximately 9:03 p.m.

**12-Month Employee Insurance** – Mr. Meyer gave a brief timeline and the Board's goals around the 12-month employee insurance analysis. He, along with Dr. Condon and Mr. Cozzi, explained the current benefit plan afforded to that employee group and the proposed changes to the plan that would take effect July 1, 2013.

It was moved by Mr. Martire and seconded by Mr. Latham that the Board of Education approve the proposed insurance plan for 12-month employees as presented.

12-MONTH  
EMPLOYEE  
INSURANCE  
PLAN APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Ebert, Mr. Latham, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Martire

Nays: none

The motion carried.

**Personnel**

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Mr. Latham that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

PERSONNEL  
REPORT  
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mr. Latham, Mr. Ebert, Mr. Martire, Mr. Weiss, Mr. Meyer

Nays: none

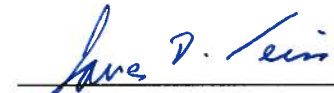
The motion carried.


**Committee Meeting Dates**

A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 2, 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 9:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

  
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James Weiss  
President

  
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David Latham  
Secretary