

River Forest School District 90  
Board of Education Meeting  
May 16, 2016 7:30 P.M.  
Observer: Kathleen M. Perry

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**Board Members: Present:** President: Patrick Meyer, Vice-President: Ralph Martire, Secretary: Ann Gottlieb, Board Members: Roman Ebert, Barb Hickey, David Latham, and Rich Moore

**Staff Present:** River Forest School District: Superintendent, Edward Condon, Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and Facilities, Martha Ryan-Toye, Director of Student Services.

**Recognize Visitors and Public Comments:**

**Public Comments:** 1) Deb Wolfstein, parent of a Willard student who was attending an activity at Roosevelt, reported on problems related to a bike accident of her daughter. Her daughter was knocked off her bike when a substitute teacher who was driving out of the parking lot ran over her. The substitute teacher with another person got the student up and seeing that the student was able to walk around, said that there was no need to call 911. However another substitute teacher said 911 would be called, and it was. The paramedics examined the student, and she was cleared to go home. The student was shaken up, but did not sustain any serious injuries. Ms Wolfstein would like the district to do a systematic assessment of hazards around the school and address them. She suggested that the guard now posted at the middle school lot be a permanent addition to the staff. She also she requests the school enforce the Village and school rules re: wearing a helmet when bike riding.

**Approval of Agenda:** the Board approved the agenda.

**Communication:** Secretary Ann Gottlieb reports that the Board received two thank you notes and a college graduation announcement of a student who previously attended D90 schools. The note was thanking the district for the educational benefit it afforded students that set a good foundation for all future educational endeavors.

**Student Presentations:** Marissa and Yaretzi, 4th graders from Willard Elementary, presented information verbally and in a PowerPoint about the various activities of the students from Kindergarten to 4th grade. Students were: studying oviparous animals, reading a "How to" book about plants, learning about air and weather and finding out how to be compassionate. Students enjoyed their visit to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum.

Josie, a 7th grader from Roosevelt Middle School, reported on the activities of the 5th graders: learning about water conservation and reading *The Adventures of Ulysses*; 6th graders: learning about the Middle Ages and, in ATP Math, learning equations and inequality; 7th graders: a short story contest, 8th graders: reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*, studying the Civil Rights movement and, in biology, examining the earth's place in the universe. Big highlights for Roosevelt students were trips to 6 Flags, Great American and Medieval Times.

**Consent Agenda includes:** Board members approved the Consent Agenda, which included: Minutes (Board of Education Meeting and Closed Session- April 18, 2016; Committee of the Whole Meeting-May 3, 2016), Payrolls, Orders relating to Payrolls, Bills and Treasurer's Report. ***Pg18-43 of May Board Packet***

**Board Committees Reports:**

Education -Rich Moore- No report

Personnel-Ann Gottlieb-one action item to be discussed in closed session.

Policy - Barb Hickey-2nd reading of policies later in the meeting.

Finance/Equity -Ralph Martire-Information in packet from Finance. ***Pg18-43 May Board Packet.***

Equity group-Ralph Martire - No report

Facilities -Roman Ebert-No report

Communications-Patrick Meyer-No report.

**District Calendar Review:** Dr Condon noted upcoming events: May 19<sup>th</sup>, Staff Recognition, June 1<sup>st</sup>, Roosevelt graduation, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, last day of school. ***May/June Calendar Pg. 44 of May Board Packet.***

**Outside Meetings**

A. Council of Governments-Patrick Meyer

This group meets quarterly to update each other on special events that are happening at their facilities.

Representative from Concordia informed the group about a new residence hall that will be under construction:

Dominican University shared the challenges it faces with the decrease in MAP funding; OPRF D200 reported on a referendum that will be placed on the ballot in Nov 2016; RF Township discussed the Madison street TIFF.

B. OPRFHS Citizen's Council-Rich Moore-was not able to attend the meeting.

C. Youth Network Council-Barb Hickey- Nothing new to report from this group.

D. Board Liaison District PTO Council-Barb Hickey

Group will contact John Williams for further information re: what his group does for D-90 students.

E. Inclusiveness Advisory Board-Ann Gottlieb

Reported the dates for leadership training-June 24, 25. Will focus on: 1) How to improve relationships between student to student and student to adult. 2) How to increase information to families on park activities; may consider having a D90 rep to these events

F. River Forest Service Club-Roman Ebert-No report.

G. Citizen Corps Council-Roman Ebert- No report.

H. West Cook Governing Board (IASB) Ralph Martire-No report.

I. ED-RED-Ralph Martire

Discussed SB 231 of Sen. Andy Manar that includes the concept of evidence-based funding for student success.

The evidence-based model: identifies how much money per pupil is needed to ensure his/her success, is based on research and evidence-based practices that when implemented support increase student proficiency of state standards and correlate to success in higher education and careers. The model is currently used in Maryland, Vermont and Wyoming.

J. River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration-Ralph Martire, Barb Hickey-No report

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**District Meetings Agendas:** *(See May Board Packet pg for info about these meetings)*

A. Professional Development Council (PDC) ***Pg. 46***

B. Superintendent's Leadership Council ***Pg. 47***

**Superintendent's Report: (See May Board Packet for information on these Action items)**

1. Policy, second reading (Nine policies reviewed) **Board Packet Pg.49-72**
2. Approval of Final 2015-16 calendar **Board Packet Pg.73-77**
3. 6-8 Science Adoption Recommendations **Board Packet Pg. 78**
4. Honors Geometry Adoption Recommendation **Board Packet Pg.79**

The Board voted to approve all of the above noted Action Items.

**Information Items: (See May Board Packet for information on these items)**

1. IMSA STEM Fusion Program **Board Packet Pg. 81-83**
2. School FTE Study, 2015-16 **Board Packet Pg. 84-87**
3. FY17 General State Aide Forecast Board **Packet Pg. 88**

Open Session of Board Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.