

River Forest School District 90
Board of Education Meeting
January 19, 2016, 7:30 p.m.
Observer: Kathleen Perry

Board Agenda, Board Packet, Addendum Material, and a recording of the January 19 meeting are available at www.district90.org.

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

Also Present: Superintendent Edward Condon, Director of Finance and Facilities, Anthony Cozzi, Director of Student Services, Martha Ryan-Toye.

Public Participation: None

Communication: Four thank-up notes were read by Secretary Ann Gottlieb.

Student Presentation:

Kate Wallace, fourth grader from Lincoln, presented an I-Movie in which she interviewed students in grades 1 through 4 about classroom activities. Aiden Redmond, seventh grader from Roosevelt Middle School gave a presentation, which described the various activities that involved students in grades fifth-through eight.

Consent Agenda

Board of Education Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2015

Closed Session Minutes - December 14, 2015

Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes, January 5, 2016

Payrolls, Orders relating to Payrolls, Bills and Treasurer's Report (Board Packet pages 4 - 40).

The Board approved the Consent Agenda.

Board Committees Reports:

Education - Rich Moore stated the next meeting is scheduled for Feb 3, 2016.

Personnel - Ann Gottlieb reported that one action item will be discussed in closed session.

Policy - Barb Hickey commented that the 2nd reading of policies will be done later in the meeting.

Finance/Equity - Ralph Martire said there wasn't any new report from Finance, Equity group reported that Rev Marshall Hatch, an Austin community leader involved in school reform, is interested in collaborating with D-90 Blue Ribbon schools.

Facilities - Roman Ebert will review the Roosevelt Project timeline later in the meeting.

Communications - Patrick Meyer, no report.

District Calendar Review

Committee of the Whole will meet Feb 2,

Standardized Testing is scheduled for next week,

Solo Recital (1/25), and Young Authors' meeting (1/30),
Early dismissal on 2/12/16 (Board Packet pages 41 - 42)

Outside/Other Meetings

- A Council of Governments - Patrick Meyer and Dr. Condon attended the meeting at OPRF HS on January 8. Reports were given from various organizations on their areas of responsibilities. District 90 reported on the Roosevelt Project, Technology partnership with Dominican University, and the Strategic Plan. Jon Williams, OPRF Youth Services Director, reported that 22-23% of total 55 students served by the Taskforce are from River Forest.
- B. OPRFHS Citizen's Council - Rich Moore reported that the meeting of January 14 discussed the Explore Test which is in decline vs. SAT. Still waiting for a decision on which standardized test the state will support. It was also reported that Columbus Holiday, which was previously removed as a school holiday has been placed back on School Calendar as this is a long weekend that students typically go on college tours.
- C. Youth Network Council - Barb Hickey attended the meeting January 14, and became aware of young people at risk. Ms. Hickey wondered if District 90 Social Workers should attend the Youth Network Council meetings; currently they do not attend the meetings.
- D. Board Liaison District PTO Council - Barb Hickey, no report, the next meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2016.
- E. Inclusiveness Advisory Board - Ann Gottlieb, Superintendent Condon attended the January 13 meeting and reported on other potential partners for this group.
- F. River Forest Service Club - David Latham and Roman Ebert, no report the next meeting is scheduled for January 21.
- G. Citizen Corps Council - Roman Ebert, reported that at the January 14 meeting, MRC and Citizens Corp conducted a Table Top exercise for readiness.
- H. West Cook Governing Board (IASB) - Ralph Martire, no report, the group will not meet until 7/7/16.
 - I ED-ED - Ralph Martire, no report, and no budget, will attend a workshop and legislative dinner on January 25. The Spring Meeting is scheduled for April 25.

Ralph Martire, also discussed the weighted funding formula for education that includes capacity to accomplish the Accountability measures. The emphasis is on proactively changing the Education public policy instead of reactively making changes (Recording online 32 minutes through 36 minutes).
- J. River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration - Ralph Martire and Barb Hickey attended the January 12 meeting; discussion centered on the basic missions of each group and where there is an overlap.

District Meetings Agendas

A. Professional Development Council - Martha Ryan-Toye and 13 teachers met on January 12 (Board Packet page 45).

B. Inclusiveness Advisory Board - this group met January 13 (Board Packet page 46).

Superintendent's Report

Action Items:

1 Policies Update of October, 2015; Second Reading was given.
Discussion included adding P.E. teachers to those mandated to attend Concussion Training, also Carbon Monoxide Monitors (Recording 43 minutes through 51 minutes).
Board approved the policies with amendments (Board Packet pages 48 - 82).

2. Instructional Supplies - Dr. Condon requested that the Board give authority to District 90 to obtain competitive prices for supplies.

The Board approved the District authority to obtain competitive prices for supplies.

Information Items

Copies were distributed to the Board, but not to the audience.

- 1 Audit Report of 2014-2015 was presented by Betsy Allen of Miller-Cooper. Information was given on pension liability of the district and the state. District 90 has a fund balance of 27 million, with a \$500,000 increase from the previous year (Recording 52 minutes - 1 minute).
- 2 Roosevelt Exterior Project; Public Bidding Construction Schedule
Components of the project are listed with projected bidding and constructing dates. Terra has communicated frequently with the Village of River Forest (Board Packet page 84).
3. Consortium Planning: Proposed Technology collaboration between District 90, District 97 and District 200 (Board Packet page 85)
4. Non-employee Workshop / Conference Attendance
Superintendent Condon raised the issue of District 90 paying for attendance of family and community members to attend conferences, given the emphasis of Equity committee. The Board stated that there should be strict parameters for this and a suggested dollar amount/yearly. They also directed Dr. Condon to consult with the district attorneys for advice on this before any policies are developed or any Board action is taken.
5. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) Compliance
Local educational agency that receives Department of Education funds must comply with the policies and regulations of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (Board Packet pages 86 - 109).
6. Enrollment Statistics Total enrollment for the District is 1,349 students (Board Packet page 112).

Open Session of Board Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.