

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Flossmoor School District 161, Cook County, Illinois
Board of Education Meeting
October 13, 2009**

President Dreyfuss called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. in the Normandy Villa School conference room, 41 E. Elmwood Drive, Chicago Heights, Illinois.

Roll call verified that there was a quorum of the Board present with the following members present as listed below:

Present

Mr. Arnold Crater
Mrs. Christine Marks
Mr. Ronald Moore
Mrs. Timijanel Odom
Mr. John Simmons
Mr. Thomas Sifner
Dr. David Dreyfuss

Staff members present:

Dr. Donna Joy, Superintendent
Dr. Rebecca Elish, Director of Learning and Instruction
Joseph Martin, Director of Operations
Dr. Susan Pingitore, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services
Deborah Pitts, Director of Instructional Technology and Information
Nancy Wilson, Director of Special Education
Cathy Perino, Secretary to Superintendent and Board of Education

Others present:

Dr. Vanessa Atkins, Bruce Brozynski, Jennifer Camilleri, Bob Pinciak, Venus Smith, Lynn Westerlund, Crystal Conley, FEA President, Mike Strauss, Vice-President, Positive Connections, Patrick Gallagher, Marketing and Sales, Positive Connections, staff, and community members (see attached sign in sheet).

Audience to Visitors

Board President Dreyfuss asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items. No one at this time.

Superintendent's Report

The District's Outdoor Education Program begins the week of October 26. Heather Hill and Western Avenue are scheduled to attend on Monday, October 26 through Wednesday, October 28. Flossmoor Hills and Serena Hills will attend Outdoor Education on Wednesday, October 28 through Friday, October

30. Dr. Joy thanked the principals, and all the fifth grade teachers, who are busy preparing for this experience. There are also many teachers and staff members who participate in the Outdoor Education program that help to make it a great experience for our students.

Dr. Joy shared on Wednesday, October 28 Parker's Fall Orchestra Recital is scheduled at 7:00 p.m.

The Pride in Parker breakfast will be held on Thursday, October 22 at 9:00 a.m. at Parker Junior High School. All community members are invited to breakfast, conversation, and the opportunity to tour Parker. All are welcome and encouraged to bring a friend.

Dr. Joy stated the District is in compliance with PA-96-434.

Dr. Joy shared the District has scheduled Teacher's Institute Day for Tuesday, November 3, 2009.

Dr. Joy congratulated Serena Hills and Western Avenue Schools for their participation in the Walk of Hope this past weekend. They raised six hundred dollars. Way to go!

The following items were presented for approval:

Board Minutes

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – September 14, 2009
- Executive Session – September 14, 2009
- Committee of the Whole Meeting – September 29, 2009
- Executive Session – September 29, 2009

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the consent Agenda regarding minutes as amended.

Voice Vote:

Aye: Odom, Moore, Simmons, Marks, Crater, Sifner, Dreyfuss

Nay: None

Abstain: Odom – 9/29 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

Motion Carried.

Personnel

- Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the consent Agenda regarding personnel.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Crater, Odom, Simmons, Sifner, Moore, Marks, Dreyfuss

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Business

- Approval of gift from Flossmoor Hills PTO – Decorative Bench
- Approval of gift from Parker Junior High PTO – Audio Sound System
- Approval of gift from The Sigale Family – Audio Equipment for Parker Junior High

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Marks to approve the consent Agenda regarding business. The Board thanked the Flossmoor Hills PTO, the Parker Junior High PTO, and the Sigale Family for their generous gifts to the students at Flossmoor Hills School and Parker Junior High School.

Voice Vote:

Aye: Marks, Moore, Simmons, Odom, Crater, Sifner, Dreyfuss,

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills/Payroll

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the bills for the month ending October 2009, in the amount of \$724,659.32. Mr. Simmons shared his questions with Dr. Susan Pingitore prior to the board meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Simmons, Odom, Marks, Crater, Sifner, Moore, Dreyfuss

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the payroll for the month ending September 2009, in the amount of \$1,290,158.21.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Moore, Marks, Odom, Crater, Sifner, Simmons, Dreyfuss

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Excess Equipment

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the designated Social Studies, and Spanish textbooks declared as excess equipment. The Committee of the Whole reviewed this item at the September 29, 2009 meeting.

Dr. Elish stated the District will place these items in the Textbook Relocation Program on the Illinois State Board of Education's website until the middle of November.

Voice Vote:

Aye: Crater, Odom, Marks, Simmons, Sifner, Moore, Dreyfuss

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Memorandum of Agreement

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH). This is conditional on making sure all of the questions posed by the Board of Education members have been answered prior to participation in the CCDPH Vaccination Program.

Dr. Joy stated the District received correspondence from the CCDPH regarding an H1N1 vaccination program to school districts within Cook County. The correspondence stated the CCDPH and other community agencies are coordinating a voluntary school-based H1N1 vaccination program to students who are currently enrolled in pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. The vaccination schedule was based on the number of school-aged children within a school district, access to healthcare and income, and geography assuring regional distribution. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), which outlines the duties of the CCDPH and the school districts was discussed.

Legal counsel reviewed this agreement and their concerns were discussed.

Mr. Sifner shared his concern regarding the legal opinion, which suggests the use the CCDPH volunteers over the use of District nurses.

Some of the concerns of the Board members were as follows:

Would there be enough vaccine for all students whose parents want their children inoculated?

Would the vaccine be administered by injection or inhaled?

Who are the CCDPH volunteers and what are their credentials?

What are the possible side effects of the vaccine?

Can the District be held to the MOA if we decide not to participate?

Dr. Dreyfuss feels this vaccination program is a very rushed, but stated he wants to do what is best for students of the District.

Mr. Simmons questioned the time sensitivity of this item and whether the Board of Education has any obligations once it signs this agreement, but would like to change its mind.

Dr. Joy stated that in speaking with the CCDPH unless school districts authorize the Memorandum of Agreement no more information would be forthcoming. The CCDPH will be organizing this program based on zip code, and size of school districts. Dr. Joy further stated DuPage and Lake county school districts are not participating in the vaccination program because they will use satellite clinics.

Ms. Odom shared her concerns regarding the fact this program is important to the students of our District. She stated the District has a duty to act.

Ms. Marks suggested executing the agreement as a placeholder for the District.

Ms. Odom echoed Ms. Mark's suggestion to sign the agreement as a placeholder so the District does not lose any opportunities and gives the administration a chance to get answers to all of the Board members questions.

Dr. Dreyfuss reiterated participation is voluntary.

Voice Vote:

Aye: Marks, Odom, Moore, Crater, Simmons, Dreyfuss

Nay: Sifner

Motion Carried.

Ms. Odom left the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Dr. Joy stated the CCDPH determines the date(s) they will be in a district to vaccinate the students. As of today, the District has not received a date. The CCDPH is currently scheduling planning meeting with school districts.

Dr. Joy will add this item to the agenda for the October 26 Committee of the Whole meeting. Answers to the Board's questions will be researched and the Board will be updated regarding this matter. Dr. Joy felt this was important to move forward and thanked the Board members for the very thoughtful discussion.

Transportation Report

Mr. Joe Martin, Director of Operations, shared with the Board members the District is in the first year of a three-year contract with Positive Connections. Mr. Mike Strauss, Vice President of Operations, and Patrick Gallagher, Marketing and Sales from Positive Connections. Mr. Martin stated the lines of communication have been excellent.

The District transports 1544 students on 76 daily routes. In addition, the District's two mini-buses transports 61 students from Homewood-Flossmoor High School, early childhood students, and students in the HF park district extra innings program. Mr. Martin shared of those 1544 students, they are

picked up and dropped off at 1,085 stops; and the total mileage traveled during the 2008-2009 school year was a staggering 661,559 miles. Mr. Martin stated Positive Connections addressed a Board concern regarding disinfecting procedures. Positive Connections assured the District that all busses are disinfected at least weekly and cleaned on a daily basis.

The Board thanked Mr. Martin for his report.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Moore to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to personnel 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1), and negotiations 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(2).

Voice Vote:

Aye: Sifner, Moore, Crater, Marks, Simmons, Dreyfuss

Nay: None

Absent: Odom

Motion Carried.

The Board goes into executive session at 8:16 p.m.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Moore to return to open session.

Voice Vote:

Aye: Crater, Marks, Simmons, Sifner, Moore, Dreyfuss

Nay: None

Absent: Odom

Motion Carried.

The Board returns to open session at 8:50 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Sifner to adjourn the Board of Education meeting.

Voice Vote:

Aye: Marks, Moore, Crater, Sifner, Simmons, Dreyfuss

Nay: None

Absent: Odom

Motion Carried.

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Dr. David Dreyfuss, President

Ronald E. Moore, Secretary