

**Minutes of the Board of Education  
Flossmoor School District 161, Cook County, Illinois  
Board of Education Meeting  
November 9, 2009**

President Dreyfuss called the meeting to order at 6:30 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**

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

**Absent**

Mr. Arnold Crater

**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, Karen Brown, Bruce Brozynski, Jennifer Camilleri, Bob Pinciak, Lynn Westerlund, (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**

Dr. Joy stated that the H1N1 vaccination program at Serena Hills School was conducted on Friday, November 6. The District had 12 staff members take advantage of the vaccination program. The program was completed by 11:00 a.m. with the exception of the afternoon early childhood students. Dr. Joy commended Lynn Westerlund, principal of Serena Hills, Kathy Knawa, District Nurse, Kimberley Lindsey, Serena Hills Health Coordinator, and Mary Curtin, Health Secretary for their efforts. Each of these staff members did an outstanding job.

District 161 teachers are preparing for parent/teacher conferences, which are scheduled for November 23 and 24.

Dr. Joy shared Serena Hills' second grades will perform at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12 and Western Avenue's fourth and fifth grade choir will perform at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17. All are invited to attend.

Dr. Joy recognized the Board members for their work on behalf of the children and families of Flossmoor School District 161. School Board Members Day is Sunday, November 15, 2009. Dr. Joy shared what a crucial role an elected Board of Education assumes in a representative democracy.

Dr. Joy updated the Board members regarding the success of this year's Outdoor Education program. Because of the screening process implemented this year, only one student was unable to attend the program due to illness. All fifth grade students enjoyed this experience.

The following items were presented for approval:

#### **Board Minutes**

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – October 13, 2009
- Executive Session – October 13, 2009
- Committee of the Whole Meeting – October 26, 2009
- Executive Session – October 26, 2009

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Abstain: Odom – Executive Session 10/13, Committee of the Whole Meeting 10/26

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion Carried.

### **Business**

- Approval of Gift from Curtis Eskridge (\$100 towards CC! Program at Serena Hills)

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the consent Agenda regarding business. The Board members thanked Mr. Eskridge for his generous gift to the District.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion Carried.

### **Approval of Bills/Payroll**

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the bills for the month ending November 2009, in the amount of \$524,312.30. Mr. Moore said he had reviewed the bills and discussed his concerns with Dr. Pingitore prior to the Board of Education meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the payroll for the month ending October 2009, in the amount of \$1,330,773.22.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion Carried.

### **Approval of Public Hearing for the Tentative Levy FY 2009**

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Sifner to accept the tentative levy and establish a public hearing on the proposed tax levy for 7:35 p.m. on Monday, December 14, 2009 at Normandy Villa. The District's

proposed levy was reviewed by the Committee of the Whole at the October 26, 2009 meeting.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion Carried.

### **Safety Review – Information Item**

Joseph Martin, Director of Operations, reported to the Board the annual safety audit for the District. Mr. Martin reviewed each school's safety program as well as changes to the facility that enhances safety.

Parker Junior High's entrance was completed during the summer and it provides new and improved safety features. In addition, a security officer greets visitors to the school and photo identification badges are provided to all visitors to the school since the start of the 2009-2010 school year. Building safety meetings were held at the all of the school sites as well as the District office.

Heather Hill School received a new key fob entry security system eliminating the need for exterior keys. Western Avenue School will receive their key fob entry security system the summer of 2010. A phone blaster (SchoolReach) is in place to notify households in the District of an emergency situation. Regularly scheduled fire, tornado, and code yellow drills occur at the schools. All District schools have AEDs in place. District nurse Kathy Knawa is continuing training in the use of AED and CPR classes with all interested personnel.

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the report as presented.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion Carried.

### **New Business Items**

Dr. Dreyfuss mentioned that all cell phones and/or pagers should be turned off during the Board of Education meetings. Frequent use of these devices is not appropriate during meetings.

### **Executive Session**

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mrs. Marks to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to student residency 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(10) and student discipline 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(9).

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion Carried.

The Board of Education went into executive session at 7:42 p.m.

### **Return to Open Session**

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

The Board of Education returned to open session at 8:19 p.m.

### **Personnel**

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Moore to approve sending a notice of remedy to employee 3599.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion carried.

### **Student Residency**

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mrs. Marks to accept the hearing officer's report.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion Carried.

### **Student Discipline**

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Odom to defer judgment pending formal evaluation and monitor decision relating to classroom attendance until the December 14, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion Carried.

**Adjournment**

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crater

Motion carried.

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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Dr. David Dreyfuss, President

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Ronald E. Moore, Secretary