

**Minutes of the Levy Hearing/Board of Education
Flossmoor School District 161
Board of Education Meeting
December 12, 2011**

Vice President Moore called the hearing for the 2011 Levy to order at 7:30 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. Leah Bailey Langston
Mr. Gregg M. Lunceford
Mrs. Christine Marks
Mr. Ronald E. Moore
Mrs. Timijanel Boyd Odom
Mr. John Simmons

Absent

Dr. David Dreyfuss

Staff members present:

Mr. Craig Doster, Superintendent
Mr. Ed O'Malley, Interim Director of Business Services
Mrs. Amy Warke, Director of Learning and Instruction
Ms. Nancy Wilson, Director of Special Education
Ms. Deborah Pitts, Director of Instructional Technology
Mrs. Cathy Perino, Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Others present:

Anita Arthur, Dr. Vanessa Atkins, Bruce Brozynski, Patricia Fears, Karen Johnson, Jennifer Camilleri, Pam Majewski, Bruce Nieminski, Lynn Westerlund, staff, and community members (*See attached sign-in sheet*).

2011 Levy Public Hearing

Ed O'Malley gave a brief overview of the 2011 tax levy.

Comments From the Public

A brief question and answer period followed the overview of the tax levy.

Mr. Moore closed the levy hearing at 7:40 p.m.

Audience Comments

Board Vice President Moore asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items. No one responded.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Doster distributed an enrollment dashboard report to the Board members. This report is useful in determining the enrollment per school as well as reviewing comparisons. He noted that the District's current enrollment is 2384.

Mr. Doster shared on December 5th, a group from the District including Board members visited Berwyn School District 100. The school district is in the process of becoming a 21st Century Learning District. The tour was interesting and assisted the District with their technology plan. Additionally, a visit to a Chicago Apple briefing is scheduled for later this week to learn more about 21st Century learning.

Mr. Doster mentioned that he received a draft systems analysis from the CEC. The official analysis should be sent to the District this week. The CEC will present the information to the DLC committee on January 18th as well as the Board and community. The community meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. at Parker Junior High. The last presentation will be made to staff on January 27th, which is a teacher institute day.

Mr. Doster stated that the Golden Apple is a prestigious award in education. A letter was distributed to the Board members that Shannon Zozaski, teacher from Flossmoor Hills, was nominated.

Mr. Doster shared that the District has instituted a community outreach program. This holiday season an email was sent out requesting gift cards to distribute to families in need within the District. The families are identified through our District's homeless Coordinator and the school social workers. Please contact the District office if you would like to support our families.

Finally, Mr. Doster thanked the Board, audience members, students, families, and community for all their support they have shown Mr. Doster. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

The following items were presented for approval:

Board Minutes

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – November 14, 2011
- Executive Session – November 14, 2011
- Committee of the Whole Meeting – November 28, 2011
- Special Board of Education Meeting – November 28, 2011

Business

- Approval of Gift from Ann Piros of O'Neill & Gaspardo – 11 x 17 reams of paper

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Lunceford to approve the consent Agenda. All AYES. Abstain: Odom - 11/28. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Mrs. Langston briefed the Board on the SPEED Governing Board meeting held November 9, 2011. She shared that general business items were handled. SPEED's after school program was started. Negotiations are underway with their union; however, negotiations will not include SPEED's attorney or the Uni-Serv Director. Mrs. Langston acknowledged Mr. Brian O'Keeffe, Director of Finance, who is in attendance at tonight's meeting. Mr. Moore thanked Mrs. Langston for serving on the SPEED Governing Board.

Approval of Bills/Payroll

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the bills for the month ending December 2011, in the amount of \$845,939.24. Mrs. Marks shared her

questions with Mr. O'Malley prior to the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Lunceford, Odom, Simmons, Langston, Moore, Marks

Nay: None

Absent: Dreyfuss

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mrs. Langston to approve the payroll for the month ending November 2011, in the amount of \$1,276,212.21.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Marks, Moore, Simmons, Odom, Lunceford, Langston

Nay: None

Absent: Dreyfuss

Motion Carried.

Approval of 2011 Tax Levy Resolutions

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Lunceford to approve the tax levy for Tax Year 2011 (payable in calendar year 2012) in the amount of \$21,175,000 and accompanying resolutions. This information was reviewed at the November 28, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Simmons, Odom, Marks, Lunceford, Langston, Moore

Nay: None

Absent: Dreyfuss

Motion Carried.

Annual Building Safety Audit

Pam Majewski, reported to the Board the annual safety audit for the District. Ms. Majewski reviewed each school's safety program as well as changes to the facilities that enhance safety.

The Board thanked Ms. Majewski for her presentation.

Acceptance of District Audit

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mrs. Marks to accept the District Audit. The audit was presented at the November 28, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mrs. Langston to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to personnel 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1). All AYES. Motion Carried.

The Board goes into executive session at 8:02 p.m.

Return to Open Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mrs. Langston to return to open session. All AYES. Motion Carried.

The Board returns to open session at 8:44 p.m.

Personnel

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mrs. Marks to approve the personnel report. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Langston seconded by Mr. Lunceford to adjourn the Board of Education meeting. All AYES. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Ronald Moore, Vice-President

Gregg Lunceford, Secretary