

**Minutes of Recognition Meeting and Regular
Business Meeting of the Board of Education
Flossmoor School District 161
May 10, 2010
Parker Junior High School**

The recognition ceremony was called to order at 7:05 p.m. in the gym at Parker Junior High School. Board President Dr. David Dreyfuss called the Recognition Ceremony in session.

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

Present

Mr. Arnold Crater, arrived at 7:20 p.m.
Mr. Ronald Moore
Mrs. Timijanel Odom
Mr. John Simmons
Mr. Thomas Sifner
Dr. David Dreyfuss

Absent

Mrs. Christine Marks

Staff members present:

Dr. Donna Joy, Superintendent
Dr. Susan Pingitore, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services
Dr. Rebecca Elish, Director of Learning and Instruction
Joseph Martin, Director of Operations
Deborah Pitts, Director of Instructional Technology
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, Venus Smith, Lynn Westerlund.

The Board of Education believes many excellent things happen in our School District. Students achieve many different things, teachers do outstanding things in the teaching-learning process, and citizens and parents support the schools in many different ways. The Board of Education is using the Recognition Ceremony as one of the ways to recognize our excellence.

District 161 sponsored its fourth annual CHARACTER COUNTS! essay contest. Students in grades three through eight were asked to write an essay imaging the mayor of their town asking them how the town they live in could be made better for kids. What would they say using at least one of the pillars of character, which are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. The 2010 CHARACTER COUNTS! Essay Contest Winners were: Jeremiah Cook, third grade winner will receive a gift certificate to Aurelio's, and Oriana Williams, third grade runner up will receive a gift certificate to Rico's Pizza. Nathan Lee, fourth grade winner will receive a gift certificate to Rico's Pizza, and Kellyn Gerenstein, fourth grade runner up will receive a gift certificate to the Rico's Pizza. Krystal Dureke, fifth grade

winner will receive a gift certificate to Rico's Pizza, and Karlyn Miller-Cool, fifth grade runner up will receive a gift certificate to the Flossmoor Caboose. Anisa Johnson, sixth grade winner will receive a gift certificate to the Flossmoor Station, and Nora Grasse, sixth grade runner up will receive a gift certificate to Rico's Pizza. Christin Salley, and Kelsie Wilkins, seventh grade winners will receive gift certificates to the Flossmoor Station, and Carl Schaeffer, seventh grade runner up will receive a gift certificate to Rico's Pizza. Mikayla Gear, eighth grade winner will receive a Gift Certificate to Aurelio's, and Jordan Culpepper, eighth grade runner up will receive a gift certificate to Family Video. All winning essay can be viewed on the District's website.

The following students made significant educational growth as measured by their fall 2008 to fall 2009 Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) MAP test. These students achieved outstanding RIT point growth at their grade level in the areas of reading and/or mathematics: Jordan Aardsma, Wesley Banks, Donavon Barnet, Jacob Behler, Malik Brown, Jacob Cabrera, Declan Cawley, Daniel Chambers, Demarion Chambers, Duvante Dean, Donya Dillard, David Ebom, Sebastian Estrada, Chase Falkner, Joshua Fonseca, Danna Gonzalez, Chase Gray, Holly Hughes, Tiara Jackson, Jevon Jefferson, Danielle Johnson, Loren Jones, Andrew Kaszubski, Giovante Kyle, Joshua Maicach, Richard Melone, Joshua Miller, Jeremy Nash, Jimmy Page III, Gaybriell Paredes, Howard Patterson, Josiah Purchase, Olivia Ryan, Jacob Schroeder, Eric Shaenboen, L. Wyatt Shipman, Cameron Smith, Aidan Stoffle, Christian Talley-German, Devon Toban Jr., Malika Toguem, Danielle Turner, Katis Varela, Juan Villarreal Jr., Sherrod Walker, Phyllis Washington, Marcus Watson, Rachel Welch, Chloe White, Damani White, Noah White, Kayla Whitlow, and Austin Wright.

The following students participated in the Special Olympics: Winston Langston, David Knot, Maeric Rodriguez, and Aubria Thornhill.

The following students were nominated for accomplishing their goals through the use of assistive technology: Maria Fritz, Darius Howard, and Sarah Thomas.

The following students participated at the 2009 Science Olympiad: Varsity: Ashley Berry, Emma Hanzelin, Kristina Hill, Kirsten Johnson, Marcus Mangel, Taylor Matl, Damen Miller, Jeremy Miller, Jonah Ongman, Leigh Reid, Victor Rounds, Evan Runburg, Tim Schwieterman, Nina Sweeney, and Louis Thompson; Junior Varsity: Jessica Barry, Mbella Beseka, Mae Carroll, Peter Cipriano, Jacob Fontana, Michael Gislason, Scott Ho, Morgan Hogan, Adonis Holmes, Cymone Muhammad, Rewdjety Redick, Julia Schwieterman, Marcia Schwieterman, and Asmera Smith.

The following students participated in the Math Bowl: Jessica Barry, Mbella Beseka, Kevin Cawley, Michael Gislason, Kristina Hill, Khari Hill, Perry Hoag, Ben Hoefle, Joey Humphrey, Sushane Kumar, Branden Levine, Greta List, Elijah List, Noah List, Lonnell Mackey, Allie Mangel, Marcus Mangel, Alexia Pugh, Abby Rosales, Jacob Rothchild, Evan Runburg, Daniel Stempel, Henry Thiros, Tyler VanKley, and Ben Wootton.

The following students participated in the District's Math Counts: Bernie Coderre, Victor Rounds, Sarah Armstrong, Nina Sweeney, and Kevin Anderson.

Lastly, the following faculty members received their advanced degrees: Lois Batinich, Jory Clough, Melissa Dunigan, Deborah Dunwoody, Adam Janotta, Jennifer Mancini, Patricia McCraven, Linda O'Dwyer, Elana Panner, Valerie Pasqua, and Kelly Urbanik.

The Board of Education meeting recessed at 7:35 p.m.

The regular business meeting was called back to order at 7:45 p.m. in the MUR at Parker Junior High School.

Audience to Visitors

Board President Dreyfuss asked if there was anyone wishing to address the Board on non-agenda items. None at this time.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Joy shared that the eighth grade graduation dance was Friday, May 7. She thanked the parents, PTO, faculty members and administration and added a special thanks to Gina Punda, and Joanna Spevacek who designed the decorations for the dance.

Dr. Joy announced that this week there will be two farewell concerts. Fred Kuester, who is retiring at the end of this school year will perform his final concert on Thursday, May 13, and Greg Day, who is also retiring, will perform his final concert on Friday, May 21. Both evenings will be very special and all are welcome to attend.

Dr. Joy shared that the District's annual Art EXPO is scheduled for May 19-21 at Normandy Villa. Everyone is invited to stop by on May 19 from 5:00 to 7:30, or during business hours on May 20 or May 21, and the annual District 161 Retirement Tea is Wednesday, May 26.

Dr. Joy reported on the current enrollment numbers for the District. In order to facilitate planning, she asked community members to encourage any new neighbors with children to register them as soon as possible. New Kindergarten students can register at the Summer School registration May 25, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Parker junior High School, or at New Student Registration June 15, from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Normandy Villa. .

Dr. Joy introduced Bruce Brozynski who updated the Board members regarding the 2nd Annual H-F Bike Rodeo on Saturday, May 22, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at Parker Jr. High parking lot. The event will feature interactive emergency vehicles, inflatable bouncer, a poster contest for Parker students, and bubbles from the Glenwood Fire Department. This free event is sponsored by the Flossmoor Police Department, Homewood Police Department, and the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

Dr. Joy congratulated the eighth grade boys track team at Parker Junior High School placed first in their conference, and the seventh grade boys track team came in second.

Finally, the District is preparing for graduation, which is Tuesday, June 1, 2010.

The following items were presented for approval:

Board Minutes:

- Special Board of Education Meeting – April 6, 2010
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 12, 2010
- Executive Session – April 12, 2010
- Committee of the Whole meeting – April 26, 2010
- Special Board of Education Meeting – April 26, 2010

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent; Marks

Abstain: Crater – 4/6/10; Odom – 4/26/10

Motion Carried.

Personnel:

- Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the consent Agenda regarding Personnel as amended.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Business:

- Approval of FEA/FEU Merger Memorandum of Agreement

Deferred until after executive session.

Business

- Approval of Gift from Larry Cooke - art paper – F.H.
- Approval of Gift from The O'Toole Family - Framed School Picture – S.H.
- Approval of Gift from Robert & Maureen O'Hearn – Banner for the District

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the consent Agenda regarding Business. The Board thanked Mr. Cooke, the O'Toole Family, and Robert & Maureen O'Hearn for their generous gifts to the District. Dr. Joy noted that the O'Hearn's donated the banner, which was used at the Special Olympics.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills/Payroll

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the bills for the month ending May 2010 in the amount of \$929,172.46. Mr. Moore discussed his concerns with Dr. Pingitore prior to the Board of Education meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the payroll for the month ending April 2010 in the amount of \$1,367,366.42.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Approval of Resolution Designating Interest Earnings

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Resolution designating interest earnings for fiscal year 2010-2011.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Race to the Top Phase 2

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mr. Simmons to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the Race to the Top Phase II with the Illinois State Board of Education.

Illinois will be submitting a new application for Phase II. Illinois placed fifth in Phase I in part due to the lack of participation. A discussion took place regarding the pay for performance piece of the grant.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – Insurance Rates

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Crater to execute a Memorandum of Understanding regarding a change from a two-tier rate structure to a three-tier structure beginning in the 2011 plan year for the HMO medical insurance plans.

The insurance committee will meet again in September and will continue to look at other options in order to save the District money.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Approval to Re-employ Second Year Probationary Teacher

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the Resolution to Re-employ the Second Year Probationary Teacher.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Sifner to go into executive session to discuss matters relating to personnel 5ILCS 120/2 (c)(1).

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

The Board goes into executive session at 8:10 p.m.

Return to Open Session

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

The Board returns to open session at 8:55 p.m.

Business:

- Approval of FEA/FEU Merger Memorandum of Agreement

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mrs. Odom to accept the FEA/FEU Merger Memorandum of Agreement.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Dr. David Dreyfuss, President

Ronald E. Moore, Secretary