

**Minutes of Recognition Meeting and Regular
Business Meeting of the Board of Education
Flossmoor School District 161
May 11, 2009
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
Mrs. Christine Marks, via telephone at 8:00 p.m.
Mr. Ronald Moore
Mrs. Timijanel Odom
Mr. John Simmons
Mr. Thomas Sifner
Dr. David Dreyfuss

The following Parker Junior High eighth grade students participated in the school board meeting as part of student government day:

Maklen Beattie
Jordan Dingle
Natassia Dunlap
Ima Eno
Arkea Ross
Wendolyn Sims-Rucker
Niaja Smith

Staff members present:

Dr. Donna Joy, Superintendent
Dr. Susan Pingitore, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services
Dr. Rebecca Elish, Director of Learning and Instruction
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, Linda Cheney, Crystal Conley, FEA President, and community members.

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.

A student's framed art project was presented to commemorate the two years of service for Anne Aboushousha who retired from the Board of Education after the May 4 meeting. The artwork will be hung at Normandy Villa for all to view.

District 161 sponsored its third annual CHARACTER COUNTS! essay contest. Students in grades three through eight were asked to write an essay describing how they could help the earth using the six pillars of character, which are Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. The 2009 Character Counts! Essay Contest Winners were: Joy Woods, Third grade winner will receive a ride to school in a firetruck & gift certificate to Aurelio's, third grade runners up Meghan Dwyer and Brooke Sowell will receive gift certificates to the Flossmoor Caboose. Kamayah Carter, fourth grade winner will be the Parade Marshall at the Fourth of July Parade & receive a gift certificate to Aurelio's. Analiese Hettiger, and Samantha Klupchak, fourth grade runners up will receive gift certificates to the Flossmoor Caboose. Percy Walters, fifth grade winner will receive a Best Buy gift card. Isabel Weber, and Tia Baldwin, fifth grade runners up will receive a gift certificate to the Flossmoor Caboose. Christin Salley, and Autumn, sixth grade winners will receive Coldstone gift cards and Panera Bread gift cards, and Tad Fifer, sixth grade winner will receive a Coldstone gift card & gift certificates to the Flossmoor Station. Joshua Lewis, seventh grade winner will receive a Best Buy gift card. Jamael Gayles, and Lonnell Mackey, seventh grade runners up will receive gift certificates to the Flossmoor Caboose. All essay participants were presented with a participation ribbon.

The following CHARACTER COUNTS! Supporters were acknowledged for their commitment to this year's essay contest: Best Buy, Dairy Queen, Village of Flossmoor, Homewood-Flossmoor Park District, Flossmoor Station, Panera Bread, Culver's, Aurelio's, Chili's, and Coldstone.

The CHARACTER COUNTS! Scoring Committee was introduced and acknowledged for their time commitment: Kimberly Richardson, Assistant to the Village Manager; Jim Crum, Village Trustee; Bill Miller, Police Chief; Mike Pulec, Deputy Police Chief; Melissa Rimdzius, Recreation Supervisor, Jody Gosse, Facility Manager at Irwin Center, Leeann Fisk, Recreation Supervisor, Keith Jones, Recreation Supervisor, 161 teachers ~ Bethann Kolesar, Joelle Mulhearn, Jeanne Ryan, Jen Reichardt, Jana Eagan, Suzanne Hayden, Debbie Fitzgerald, Sandra Sawczak, Keely Moriarty, Social Worker, Joy Bacino, School Psychologist, Paraprofessionals Linda Cheney, and Latanya Johnson, and Jennifer Camilleri, Principal of Western Avenue School.

Part of bringing good character to our community is creating partnerships within our schools. Students from Homewood-Flossmoor High School again worked with the students from Flossmoor School District 161. The mentors are: Abraham Adrianzen, Yavonda Brown, Austin Cooke, Kuris Duggan, David Elfman, Christina Elion, Brandie Ellis, Raleigh Fatoki, Raven Fischer, Jackie Fleming, Tiffany Ford, Danielle Freund, Danny Gallagher, Justice Golembeck, Raymond Gosha, Marycke Gramilliano, Maia Griffith, Bryne Hadnott, Brianna Hansbrough, Chantel Hilliard, Calvin Howard II, Kayla Jackson, Hailey Lofton, Alex Lutz, Allison McGee, Dwayne Stanford, Emily Tozer, Yvonne Tran, and Skarlet Walls. A special thanks to Jana Eagan, Keely

Moriarty, Jim Czerwonka, Layne Duggan, Rachel Hansen, Tammy Howard, Gayle Dickerson, Lauren Brinkley, Tanya Davis, Christie Bowker.

The following students made significant educational growth as measured by their fall 2007 to fall 2008 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: Naomi Adams, Timothy Allen, Quadrea Allen, Christina Anastasiou, Kiyonna Anderson, Brittani Andrews, Shabari Bailey, Zion Banks, Johnathan Banks, Eric Bey, *Seth Bos-Watson, Joshua Brown, Tina Butler-Shannon, Dylan Carter, Corey Causey, Yakobe Childs, Nickolas Clark, Cameron Collier, Susan Conlon, Erin Davis, Enji Dexter, Montee Ellis, Sydney Falls, Daniel Gaspar, Raven Geer, Shante Gordon, Matthew Hawkins, Faith Huckabee, Antoinette Ivy, Aryanna Jackson, Daniel Johnson, Madeline Kane, Kaylee Kessler, Zachary Larks, Jacob Majda, Emanuel Mayfield, Amina Mayfield, Alexander Mendoza, Yessin Muhammad, Dominic Mulhearn, Grace Neely, Anna Novak, Noah Odom, Kendall Paris, Avery Portis, Adaria Proctor, *Stephon Robertson, Faith Rogers, Grecia Rojo, Edwin Schaeffer, Zachary Schroeder, Kaylah Sosa, Zachary Spuhler, Guy Stevenson, Keri Turek, Esther Valverde, Derik Van Dyke, Ashley Watson, Cole Weber, Anastasia Weeks, and Ali Wilson-Muhammad.

* growth in both areas (reading and math)

The District recognized the following students who participated Math Bowl, Math Counts, Science Fest, Science Olympiad, Midwest Talent Search, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, and IMEA Band, Choir, Orchestra, and Jazz.

The following students participated in the District's Math Bowl: Kevin Anderson, Sean Badessa, Chitra Balakrishnan, Jessica Barry, Emma Brown, Erin Bruggeman, Kendall Byrd, Michael Gislason, D'Amante Gray, Kristina Hill, Mark Lawlor, Elijah List, Noah List, Nicholas Lundstrom, Allie Mangel, Michael Morrow, Evan Runberg, Daniel Stempel, Henry Thiros, Nicholas Thompson, Alexis Tyndall, Lerone Weathersby, Kellen Williams, and Ben Wootton. A special thanks to the coaches: Kate Raddatz, Kathy Belinsky, and Carolyn Scanlon.

These students participated in the District's Math Counts: Alex Bergeron, Erin Bruggeman, Amira Collison, and Lerone Weathersby. A special thanks to the coach, Kathy Fotopoulos.

The following students participated in the District's Science Fest: Nicholas Adams, Sarah Albers, Sydney Armand, Josie Bachus, LeRoy Barron, Mason Bellor, Louie Berman, Melinda Berman, Lorien Bradley-Cotter, Barbara Burns, Kendall Byrd, Justin Caldwell, Lily Callen, Griffin Carter, Robert Coats, Lauren Copeland, Erykah Dixon, Brianna Dunlap, Rebecca Falb, Sydney Falls, Claire Fortman, Devin Gorton, Ryan Gorton, Devohn Hall, Conner Hansen, Troy Harbin, James Harbin, Paige Harbin, Maya Harrell, Yazna Harvey, Matthew Hawkins, Christian Haywood, Hayden Henry, Alannah Hill, Khari Hill, Caleb Hoereth, Ashley Hunter, Aesha Jackson, Shannon Jordan, Ryan Kenton, Sydney Kenton, Emily Komorowski, Teddy Komorowski, Jack Koyn, Sushane Kumar, Cade Labriola, Kyre Laster, William Lawton, Alex Lawton, Sam Lee, Nathan Lee, Jillian Lessner, Allison Lessner, Caroline Madden, Allie Mangel, Marcus Mangel, Daniel McGhee, Audrey McKillip, Patrick McLean, Maya Monroe, Margaret Moore, Stephen Morrow, Joe O'Brien, Lola Ogunlade, Nana Osei, Kiwane

Perry, Gianmarco Petrelli, Gabrielle Pizza, LeNeal Powell, Jacob Rothchild, Erica Siliezar, Anna Simmons, Ayanna Smith, Khadijat Sokoya, Kyla Stinson, Luca Strohmeier, Madeleine Swanagan, Miranda Swanagan, Kyla Thomas, Anna Thompson, Nicholas Thompson, Malika Toguem, Alexis Tyndall, Tyler Van Kley, Alexandra VanVoorhees, Clarissa Wallace, John Weeks, and Ben Wootton.

The following Parker Junior High students participated at the 2008 Science Olympiad Regional Competition: Zachary Armstrong, Sam Dreyfuss, Kevin Gislason, Emma Hanzelin, Grace Hanzelin, Kristina Hill, Aesha Jackson, Kirsten Johnson, Jenna Ladner, Taylor Matl, Jonah Ongman, Victor Rounds, Elliott Runburg, Thomas Ramey, Nina Sweeney, Isaac Arsenaault, Kendell Byrd, Peter Cipriano, Amira Collison, Marcus Mangel, Carly Mayer, Damen Miller, Gaybriell Paredes, Leigh Reid, Evan Runburg, Tim Schwieterman, Jordan Stefani, Bobby Swetz, Charlie VanDenburgh, and Jarrett Whiting. A special thanks to the 2009 Science Olympiad Coaches: Melissa Dunigan, Mariann Mangun, Darryl Thompson, Kara Sitton, Karen Roorda, Eric Youngquist, Tim Germeraad, and Phil DiCicco.

Eighteen eighth grade students were chosen to represent and perform the role of an official board member for one of the following community government boards: Flossmoor School District 161 Board of Education, the Homewood Village Board, or the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District Board. Students were chosen based on their performance and efforts in Social Studies class or Student Council. In addition to the seven students who shadowed Flossmoor School District 161 Board of Education members this evening the remaining students are: Zachary Armstrong, Cameron Bell, Douglas Blakely, Thomas Dobrez, Idara Eno, Courtney Hughes, Jenna Ladner, Brittany Morris, Belainesh Nigeda, Raja'nee Redmond, and Eva Santucci.

Flossmoor District 161 is once again proud of the academic achievements of our students. Participants of the 2009 Midwest Academic Talent Search are as follows: Naomi Adams, Sobechukwu Anidobu, Samuel Applebaum, Zachary Armstrong, Christopher Austin, Chitra Balakrishnan, Danielle Banks, Johnathan Banks, Alexander Bergeron, Donovan Brooks, Cedric Brumley, Kendell Byrd, Valeria Carrillo, Kelsey Chandler, Sierra Clemetson, Joshua Cohn, Amira Collison, Gabriella Cooke, Jabari Copeland, Lauren Copeland, Melissa Daniels, William Daniels, Thomas Dobrez, Jared Douglas, Rachel Elfman, Lauren Emrick, Nicholas Emrick, Ryan Evans, Belgee Falkner, Richard Fordon, Camille Frazier, Blake Golliday, Aaron Gooch, Tyler Griffith, Chloe Gropper, Mia Guzynski, Jalen Harris, Tierra Haskins, Dwayne Hayden, Lauren Henly, Kristina Hill, Adonis Holmes, Nicholas Husmann, Paul Hutchinson, Chukwuemeka Isewede, Cynthia Izzo, Aesha Jackson, Matthew Jelinek, Sydni Johnson, Kirsten Johnson, Jerome Jones, Sydney Kenton, Jordan Koyn, Zachary Larks, Samantha Larocca, Mark Lawlor, Sara Lichtenberg, Kristina Lively-Dykas, Maya Lucas, Lonnell Mackey II, Danielle Markus, Janet Martin, Carly Mayer, Colin McCracken, Tori McCracken, Austin McGlashan-Leintz, Damen Miller, Lauren Minga, Michael Minga, Daniel Mitchell, Brittany Morris, Madeline Morris, Cymone Muhammad, Elona Neal, Jessica Norman, Anna Novak, Austin O'Donoghue, Jonah Ongman, Stefen Papiez, Austin Paschal, Angela Patterson, Wyatt Patterson, Darien Pearson, Delaney Perl, Fallon Perl, Marcus Perry, Leigh Reid, Jeremy Rhodes, Myah Rhodes, Alan Robertson, Noah Robinson, Jacob Rohde, Victor Rounds, Jillian Schumann, Timothy Schwieterman, Jared Sharp, Stephanie Sigale, Benjamin Slowey, Derrick Small, Kaylah Sosa, Avery Sykes, Savannah Taylor, Benjamin Testroet,

Madison Thiros, Louis Thompson, Myles Toliver, Kevin Toolan, Ryan Turner, Aaron Vail, Jordan Wallace, Elijah Watson, Lerone Weathersby, Jonathan Wheeler, Nicholas Wheeler, Morgan White, Kaleigh Wilkins, Kelsie Wilkins, Kellen Williams, Hassaan Wilson, Matthew Winkler, Danielle Wordlaw, and Stephanie Yohay.

The following students participating in the District's Spelling Bee: Rachael Brooks, Jessica Barry, Kenneth Bivens, **Michael Gislason, *Chukwuemeka Isewede, Sushane Kumar, Natalia Martinez, Jazmine Mazique, Breanna Mishoe, Cymone Muhammad, Stefen Papiez, Tiffani Riley, Wendolyn Sims-Rucker, Chelsea Tayui, Teyah Wheat, Shaleahk Wilson, and Darius Woods. A special thanks to the coaches: Sarah Collins, Christina Rosean, Sandy Thompson, Kathryn McAlarney, and Kate Raddatz
*Spelling Bee Champion; **Second Place winner

Jordan Dingle is this year's Parker Junior High School Geography Bee winner.

Eugene Mason participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) for Band. A special thanks to Elana Panner.

These students participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) for Choir: Maleak Cooper, Philip Glover, Grace Hanzelin, Joi Karamoko, Madeline Morris, Kayla Robertson, Ethan Supler, and Evan Williams. A special thanks to Lori Evenhouse.

Morgan Hogan participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) for Orchestra. A special thanks to Fred Kuester.

Zachary Larks participated in the Illinois Music Educators Association (IMEA) for the Jazz Festival. A special thanks to Elana Panner.

The Board of Education meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m.

The regular business meeting was called back to order at 8:05 p.m. in the MUR at Parker Junior High School.

Mrs. Christine Marks joined the meeting via telephone conference.

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 annual District 161 Retirement Tea is Wednesday, May 13, at Olympia Fields Country Club from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Joy shared the Village of Homewood sponsors a student Government Day, which is Tuesday, May 12. A luncheon is scheduled at noon at the Irwin Center. Board members interested in attending are asked to contact the Superintendent's office. Dr. Joy acknowledged those students who helped out with the recognition meeting. Tara Peacock, Karen Cramer, and Dr. Rebecca Elish were acknowledged for coordinating this lovely event.

Dr. Joy shared the District's annual Art EXPO is scheduled for May 20 through May 22 at Normandy Villa. All are invited to stop by on May 20 from 5:30 to 7:30, or during business hours on May 21 or May 22. It really is a terrific show! Dr. Joy thanked the District art teachers as well as Karen Cramer and Dr. Rebecca Elish.

Dr. Joy thanked the PTO for all that they have done for the District throughout the school year.

Finally, the District is getting ready for graduation, which is Wednesday, June 3, 2009.

The following items were presented for approval:

Board Minutes:

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – April 13, 2009
- Executive Session – April 13, 2009
- Committee of the Whole meeting – April 29, 2009
- Executive Session – April 29, 2009

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Odom

Motion Carried.

Personnel:

- Personnel Report

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the consent Agenda regarding Personnel.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Business:

- Approval of Resolution Designating Interest Earnings

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mr. Crater to approve the consent Agenda regarding Business.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Business:

- Approval of Resolution for Ascertaining Prevailing Wage

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Crater to approve the consent Agenda regarding Business.

Roll call Vote:

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

Nay: Marks

Motion Carried.

Business:

- Approval of Gift from W.A PTO (Little Tikes Playground)

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the consent Agenda regarding Business. Mr. Sifner added this is part of the District's long-range playground plan. The Board thanked the Western Avenue PTO for their generous gift to the District.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Business:

- Approval of the 2009-2010 School Calendar

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the consent Agenda regarding Business.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Business:

- Approval of Lawn Care Bid

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Business:

- Approval of Snow Removal Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the consent Agenda regarding Business.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills/Payroll

A motion was made by Mr. Crater seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the bills for the month ending May 2009 in the amount of \$995,443.68. Mr. Crater discussed his concerns with Dr. Pingitore prior to the Board of Education meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the payroll for the month ending April 2009 in the amount of \$1,322,464.04.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Parker Junior High Locker Painting and Retrofit

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve retrofitting and painting the remaining 256 lockers at Parker Junior High. This project will be coordinated with the custodial staff at Parker and completed during the summer of 2009. The matter was discussed at the April 29, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval in Concept of Five-Year Technology Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve in concept the five-year technology plan. This plan is designed to improve the infrastructure, and replace end-of-life equipment. The five-year plan proposes hardware replacements that begin in the summer of 2009, and continue through the 2012-2013 school year. This plan was discussed at the April 29, 2009 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Odom

Motion Carried.

New Business Items

Mr. Sifner attended the SPEED Annual Fun Fair, which was held on Saturday, May 2nd at the SPEED Coop Campus in Chicago Heights. He also shared SPEED will be hosting the First Annual Student Technology Achievement luncheon on May 13 at 11:00 a.m. Three students from District 161 will be recognized, and Mr. Sifner plans on attending the luncheon.

Mr. Crater suggested placing the technology plan on future agendas so the Board is updated on improvements.

A Committee of the Whole Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, May 26.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Crater seconded by Mr. Sifner 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: Marks, Moore, Simmons, Odom, Crater, Sifner, Dreyfuss

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Board goes into executive session at 8:30 p.m.

Return to Open Session

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Board returns to open session at 9:10 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Moore 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 9:10 p.m.

Dr. David Dreyfuss, President

Ronald E. Moore, Secretary