

**Minutes of Regular Business Meeting
of the Board of Education
Flossmoor School District 161
May 9, 2011
Normandy Villa Administration Center**

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

Mrs. Leah Bailey Langston
Mr. Gregg M. Lunceford
Mrs. Christine Marks
Mr. Ronald E. Moore
Mrs. Timijanel Boyd Odom
Mr. John Simmons
Dr. David Dreyfuss

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, Bruce Brozynski, Bruce Nieminski, Pam Cernetic, Crystal Conley, John Fester, 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. None at this time.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Joy announced the 2011 Math Bowl was held on May 5 and May 6 at Prairie State College. District 161 students did a fantastic job. Dr. Joy gave special thanks and congratulations to the four Math Bowl coaches: Kate Raddatz, Lindsay Zilly, Kathy Fotopoulos, and Carolyn Scanlon. They provided superior instruction and guidance for our students. Michael Gislason, seventh

grade, and Evan Runburg, eighth grade, received first place individual awards. Eight District 161 students earned individual awards!

Dr. Joy shared that two fourth grade students from Western Avenue School, Sebastian Estrada, and Breanna Thomas, participated in Tech 2011 at the State Capitol in Springfield. The students gave a presentation entitled Making Math Mine: Using Technology to Increase Math Achievement. Dr. Joy thanked Jenifer Reichardt and Deb Pitts for their participation. Senator Maggie Crotty was also in attendance, and gave the students the opportunity to be on the floor of the Capitol.

Dr. Joy said the eighth grade annual dance was held on Friday, May 6. The eighth grade graduation dance is always a wonderful evening for our students, the parents chaperones, and the teachers who come to see their students. She thanked the art teachers, Gina Punda and JoAnna Spevacek, and the PTO who so generously helped to transform the gymnasium into a ballroom. Dr. Atkins and her entire staff were acknowledged for an excellent event.

Dr. Joy noted that our District was represented in the Spring Track and Field events at the Illinois Special Olympics. The event was held May 7 at Thornwood High School. The District had 11 participants and a fourth grade student received all gold medals in the field jump and running events.

Dr. Joy announced that the District's annual Art EXPO is scheduled for May 18-20 at Normandy Villa. Everyone is invited to stop by on May 18 from 5:00 to 7:30, or during business hours on May 19 or May 20.

Dr. Joy informed the Board the District would hold summer school and kindergarten registration from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 at Parker Junior High. She also shared the District is preparing for eighth grade graduation on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. Finally, the last day of school was changed to June 10 due to the use of snow days.

The following items were presented for approval:

Board Minutes:

- Committee of the Whole/Special Board of Education Meeting – April 27, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Marks to approve the consent Agenda regarding the Board minutes. All AYES. Abstain: Odom. 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. The Board of Education is pleased to announce Mrs. Patricia Fears as the new principal of Heather Hill School, effective July 1, 2011.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Dr. Joy shared Mrs. Fears lives in the District 161 community with her husband and daughter who attended Flossmoor Hills, Parker Junior High, and graduated from Homewood-Flossmoor High School. Mrs. Fears has been a principal for six years at Matteson Elementary School in Matteson School District 162. Matteson Elementary is a K-3 school of 500 students. Prior to being a principal, she served as the Assistant Principal for two years at Matteson School, and taught fifth grade for ten years.

Mrs. Fears was introduced and thanked the Board of Education. She is looking forward to serving the District.

Business:

- Approval of 2011-2012 Board of Education Meeting Dates
- Approval of Gift from Bruce Brozynski – Donation - Parker Junior High

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Lunceford to approve the consent Agenda regarding Business. The Board thanked Mr. Brozynski for his generous gift to the District. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills/Payroll

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Lunceford to approve the bills for the month ending May 2011 in the amount of \$712,270.42. Mrs. Odom discussed her concerns with Dr. Pingitore prior to the Board of Education meeting.

Mrs. Langston inquired of the bill approval process.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the payroll for the month ending April 2011 in the amount of \$1,262,000.01.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Resolution Designating Interest Earnings

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Lunceford to approve the Resolution designating interest earnings for fiscal year 2011-2012. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Mr. Lunceford asked for clarification on this item.

Approval of Resolution for Ascertaining Prevailing Wages

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Prevailing Wage Rate Resolution and instructing the South Suburban School Purchasing Cooperative to include Flossmoor School District 161 in the legal notice.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Odom, Moore, Lunceford, Langston

Nay: Marks, Simmons, Dreyfuss

Motion Carried.

Approval of Identity Protection Policy

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the Identity Protection Policy. This policy is designed to protect employee's social security information. The second reading was waived. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Approval of Summer Projects

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Marks to approve the projects at Flossmoor Hills, Heather Hill, Western Avenue, Normandy Villa, and Parker Junior High during the summer of 2011. This item was presented to the Committee of the Whole on April 27, 2011 for review and discussion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Scavenger Bid

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Marks to award the three-year scavenger bid for Flossmoor School District 161 to Homewood Disposal. This item was presented to the Committee of the Whole on April 27, 2011 for review and discussion. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mrs. Marks 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 8:01 p.m.

Return to Open Session

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

The Board returns to open session at 8:28 p.m.

A discussion took place regarding legislative and policy updates for Board of Education members.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mrs. Marks to adjourn the Board of Education meeting. All AYES. Motion Carried.

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Dr. David Dreyfuss, President

Gregg M. Lunceford, Secretary