

**Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education
Flossmoor School District 161
June 13, 2011
Normandy Villa Administrative Offices**

President Dreyfuss called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Normandy Villa Administrative Offices 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 C. Joy, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Susan Pingitore, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services
Dr. Rebecca Elish, Director of Learning and Instruction
Mr. Joseph Martin, Director of Operations
Ms. Deborah Pitts, Director of Instructional Technology and Information
Ms. Nancy Wilson, Director of Special Education
Ms. Cathy Perino, Secretary to the Superintendent and Board of Education

Others present:

Dr. Vanessa Atkins, Karen Brown, Bruce Brozynski, Bruce Nieminski, Lynn Westerlund, staff and community members (see 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 the District has a crisis plan, which includes a building evacuation in the event of an emergency. On Thursday, June 9, due to loss of power at Flossmoor Hills School, the District enacted its crisis plan. The children and staff were moved from Flossmoor Hills to Parker Junior High School.

The Flossmoor students and staff were assigned to the sixth grade wing (the sixth grade students were on a field trip). Students participated in a variety of activities, which included reading, writing, story telling as well as some educational games. Lunch was provided to the Flossmoor Hills' staff and children who did not have a lunch or should have received a hot lunch. Dr. Joy commended all of the teachers at both schools on a job well done! Dr. Joy thanked everyone for all their hard work.

Dr. Joy reported the District's summer school program began today. Dr. Joy thanked Lynn Westerlund, Principal of Serena Hills, who had the job of closing school and getting Serena Hills School ready for the summer school program. Dr. Joy also thanked Bruce Nieminski, summer school principal, and the summer school faculty and staff for the excellent job they did.

Dr. Joy shared the summer construction work is underway in the District. Joe Martin indicated the Heather Hill paving project began today and the safety fence will be installed shortly. All of the furniture has been removed from Western Avenue 's media center in preparation for painting and the installation of the new carpeting. The company who will install the key fobs at Parker was on hand to survey that project.

The District will hold its new student registration on Tuesday, June 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and residency check is scheduled for Tuesday, June 21 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Normandy Villa. The District holds these registration dates in order to assist with its long range planning.

Lastly, Dr. Joy announced after attending Board of Education meetings for the last 25 years this would be her last. Dr. Joy thanked the parents of District 161 for their high expectations and entrusting the education of their children to District 161. She thanked the students for working so hard in school, the teachers and staff members who provide our students with an outstanding education, and all the administrators in the District who work tirelessly on behalf of children. Dr. Joy thanked the current and past Board of Education members for the great legacy of high quality schools and she was glad to be a part of the legacy of Flossmoor School District 161. It is through everyone's efforts that District 161 provides outstanding education to all of our children. Dr. Joy is proud and honored to have worked here.

Dr. Dreyfuss thanked Dr. Joy for her excellent service to the District and wishes her all the best in her future endeavors.

The following items were presented for approval:

Board Minutes

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – May 9, 2011
- Executive Session – May 9, 2011

- Committee of the Whole Meeting – May 23, 2011
- Executive Session – May 23, 2011

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Simmons to approve the consent Agenda regarding Board minutes as amended. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Business

- Approval of Annual Dues for the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB)
- Approval of Destroying Audio Recordings of Closed Meetings after 18 months
- Approval of Classroom Furniture Bid
- Approval of Treasurer’s Office Financial Software Upgrade
- Approval of Gift – WA PTO – Library Furniture
- Approval of Gifts – Flossmoor Hills PTO – Laminating Machine, Dry Erase Boards

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

The formula used for the ISAB dues was questioned.

Mrs. Langston asked how is the District’s portion determined regarding the new Township financial software. Dr. Pingitore responded each of the member districts pay a prorated amount. Hardware and training fees will also be prorated. Dr. Pingitore stated this is an estimate received from the Township Treasurer. It was also noted that a portion of this is being underwritten by the fact that West Aurora School District is joining the cooperative.

Mr. Lunceford clarified the closed meeting tapes are not used for anything other than their rightful intentions.

Mr. Simmons questions how many packages for the software update did the Treasurers office review. Dr. Pingitore stated she believed three packages were reviewed. STD’s package was less, but the entire group was not satisfied with their response time. The package chosen offers the cooperative better reporting and better tracking capabilities.

Western Avenue and Flossmoor Hills’ PTO were thanked for their generous gifts.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills/Payroll

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the bills for the month ending June 2011 in the amount of \$1,002,026.98. Mrs. Marks spoke with Dr. Susan Pingitore regarding any concerns prior to the board meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Lunceford to approve the payroll for the month ending May 2011 in the amount of \$1,304,879.93.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Personnel

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A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Lunceford to approve the consent Agenda regarding personnel.

Mrs. Langston shared a concern regarding staffing vacancies within the District.

A discussion took place regarding the special education and gifted programs. Dr. Joy shared she and Dr. Elish will review the gifted program criteria. A discussion took place regarding the changes in the math leveling.

Dr. Joy stated a report on special education will be given to the Board members at the June 27 Committee of the Whole meeting, and on the District's gifted program at the August Committee of the Whole meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of After School Activity Bus for Parker Junior High

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Moore to establish an activity bus beginning in the fall of 2011 at Parker Junior High to transport students home involved in after school activities such as orchestra, band,

clubs, and tutoring. This item was discussed at the May 23, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Mrs. Marks asked for clarification as to why student athletics cannot be included on the bus. Dr. Vanessa Atkins stated the students practice goes later than in the day. The administration was asked if they had an estimate as to the number of students involved. Since this is the first year for an after school activity, the administration does not have this information; however, the Board will receive an update regarding this program in December.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Long-term Substitute Teacher Salary Recommendation

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Moore to increase the daily rate for substitutes who are long-term in a single assignment. The substitutes who qualify for the proposed increase would be those who are covering extended leaves of absence due to illness or other factors. The daily rate would increase from \$110 to \$175 a day for these individuals. This item was discussed at the May 23, 2011 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: Lunceford

Motion Carried.

Executive Session

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

The Board of Education went into executive session at 8:21 p.m.

Return to Open Session

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

The Board returns to open session at 9:30 p.m.

Adjournment

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

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Dr. David Dreyfuss, President

Gregg M. Lunceford, Secretary