

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Flossmoor School District 161, Cook County, Illinois
Board of Education Meeting
July 11, 2011**

President Dreyfuss called the meeting to order at 7:33 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:

Mr. Craig M. Doster, Superintendent
Mrs. Amy Warke, Director of Learning and Instruction
Ms. Deborah Pitts, Director of Instructional Technology
Ms. Nancy Wilson, Director of Special Education
Mrs. Cathy Perino, Secretary to Superintendent and Board of Education

Others present:

Dr. Vanessa Atkins, Karen Brown, Jennifer Camilleri, Patricia S. Fears, and Bruce Nieminski,

Audience to Visitors

Bob Carroll, a 1984 Homewood-Flossmoor High School graduate invited the Board members to a meeting at 7:00 p.m. on July 27. The purpose of the meeting is to form a Homewood-Flossmoor Alumni Association. Flyers were given to Mrs. Perino for distribution.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Doster shared the school district was recognized by the ISBE for school district excellence in finance. This is the eighth consecutive year of recognition. The recognition was based on 2010 school year and a certification will be displayed for this achievement.

Mr. Doster mentioned that the District has started the interview process for a new Business Director. Due to the lateness of the posting, the District may have to hire an interim for this school year and post the position in the fall.

Mr. Doster stated Mrs. Perino is scheduling appointments this week with Board members.

Mr. Doster noted the District has a few remaining teaching vacancies. The administrators have been interviewing and will be recommending candidates to him within the next few weeks.

Mr. Doster mentioned he is reviewing the benefits of the Consortium for Education Change (CEC). The consortium will assist the District in meeting the needs of our students, staff, and schools. In addition, this organization was chosen to provide inservice on the Danielson model. The District has tentatively set up training dates.

Mr. Doster updated the Board members on the summer construction projects: the new painted and refurbished lockers at Flossmoor Hills have been completed; Heather Hill School's office should be complete by the end of next week; the parking lot at Heather Hill is still in progress, gravel has been poured and compacted. Asphalt will arrive and be poured once all integrity tests have been completed; lastly, the District continues to make preparations for the opening of the 2011-2012 school year. Cleaning and maintenance activities are occurring throughout the District.

Mr. Doster announced the last day of summer school is Thursday, July 21. He thanked Bruce Nieminski and the summer school faculty and staff for their efforts and dedication to the children this summer.

Mr. Doster reminded the community new student registration would be held at Normandy Villa from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. on August 3.

Mr. Doster announced that the first day institute, August 22, is in the planning stages. He would like to bring the entire staff together in the morning for a continental breakfast, introductions, and Board and Superintendent address. He has a great speaker scheduled to start the year off. The institute day will be held at Prairie State College. Staff development will take place during the afternoon. All Board members are invited to attend.

Mr. Doster asked the Board members for their thoughts on changing the procedures for reviewing the monthly board bills.

Lastly, Mr. Doster shared he would like to invite all Board members to the Triple I conference in November.

The following items were presented for approval:

Board Minutes:

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 13, 2011
- Executive Session – June 13, 2011
- Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 27, 2011

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the consent Agenda regarding the Board minutes as amended. All AYES. Abstain: Odom – 6/27/11 Minutes. Motion Carried.

Business

- Approval of Gift from the District PTO – retiring teachers/administrators gifts
- Approval of Gift from Serena Hills PTO - landscaping

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the consent Agenda regarding business. All AYES. Motion Carried. The Board thanked the District PTO, and Serena Hills’ PTO for their generous gifts to the District.

Approval of Bills/Payroll

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the bills for the month ending July 2011 in the amount of \$1,105,921.64.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Marks to approve the payroll for the month ending June 2011 in the amount of \$1,288,108.86.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Personnel

This matter was tabled until further discussion in closed session.

Approval of Tentative FY 2012 Budget and Place on Public Display

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Moore to approve placing the tentative FY 2012 budget on public display and to establish the public hearing prior to adoption of the budget on September 12, 2011. The budget

was reviewed at the June 27 Committee of the Whole meeting. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Approval of School Handbooks

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Odom to approve the Elementary Student Handbook and the Parker Junior High School Student Handbook. All AYES. Motion Carried.

New Business

Mrs. Odom shared she attended an IASB meeting and was elected executive at large. She shared an overview of the meeting.

Add Agenda Item

A motion was made by Mrs. Marks seconded by Mr. Simmons to add an executive session item to the meeting agenda. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Executive Session

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

The Board of Education went into executive session at 8:25 p.m.

Return to Open Session

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

The Board of Education returned to open session at 8:50 p.m. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Personnel:

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Lunceford to approve the consent Agenda regarding Personnel. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Mr. Doster introduced Amy Warke, the new Director of Learning and Instruction. Mr. Doster believes Mrs. Warke will be an excellent addition and asset to Flossmoor School District 161. Mrs. Warke thanked the Board of Education and stated she is excited to begin

A discussion took place regarding the fact the Board is a Board of seven individuals and correspondence to the Superintendent needs to be shared with all members of the Board.

Adjournment

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

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Dr. David Dreyfuss, President

Gregg M. Lunceford, Secretary