

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Flossmoor School District 161, Cook County, Illinois
Board of Education Meeting
July 12, 2010**

President Dreyfuss called the meeting to order at 7:31 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

Mr. Arnold Crater
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. 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:

Bruce Brozynski, and Jennifer Camilleri

Audience to Visitors

None.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Joy acknowledged the District continues to make preparations for the opening of the 2010-2011 school year. Cleaning and maintenance activities are occurring throughout the District.

The newly painted and refurbished lockers at Serena Hills School look terrific. Western Avenue School's office should be complete by the end of next week. This project is on schedule for completion by August 1.

Dr. Joy shared construction work at Serena Hills School has been halted because the Machine Operators' Union 150 is on strike. Negotiations are scheduled for today, July 12. Dr. Joy is in contact with Dan Bergen, Chicago Heights Construction Company, and has discussed a tentative work plan in the

event the strike continues, which include 1) not removing the entrance sidewalk until the status of the strike is known; and 2) will reconfiguring the construction fence to allow fire exit at the school on the south side of the school. The construction area will continue to be surrounded by fencing. The projected completion date for the Serena Hills project is August 9.

Dr. Joy shared the last day of summer school is Thursday, July 22. Dr. Joy thanked Janet Witt, for helping out as summer school principal, and the summer school faculty and staff for the excellent job they did.

New student registration will be held at Normandy Villa from 1:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on August 4.

Dr. Joy stated she would keep the Board members updated regarding the status of the construction project at Serena Hills School.

The following items were presented for approval:

Board Minutes:

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – June 14, 2010
- Executive Session – June 14, 2010
- Committee of the Whole Meeting – June 28, 2010
- Executive Session – June 28, 2010

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the consent Agenda regarding the Board minutes as amended. All AYES. Abstain: Odom – 6/28/10 Minutes. Motion Carried.

Personnel:

- **Personnel Report**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Business:

- **Approval of Lifetouch Contract**

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Approval of Bills/Payroll

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the bills for the month ending July 2010 in the amount of \$997,920.78. Mr. Sifner shared his concerns with Dr. Susan Pingitore prior to the board meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Simmons, Odom, Crater, Sifner, Moore, 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 June 2010 in the amount of \$1,389,647.06.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Approval of Tentative FY 2011 Budget for Public Display

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve placing the tentative FY 2011 budget on public display and to establish the public hearing prior to adoption of the budget on September 13, 2010. The budget was reviewed at the June 28 Committee of the Whole meeting. The Board discussed placing an announcement on the District website notifying the community that the budget is placed on public display. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Approval of School Handbooks

A motion was made by Mr. Crater seconded by Mr. Simmons to approve the Elementary Student Handbook and the Parker Junior High School Student Handbook as amended. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Approval of Waiving Second Reading of Late Pick Up Policy 7:190 – Student Discipline

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Moore to waive the second reading of the Late Pick Up policy. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Approval of Late Pick-Up Policy

A motion was made by Mr. Simmons seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the Late Pick up policy as amended. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Approval of Administrative Salaries and Non-Scheduled Support Staff

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Crater to approve the increases for administrators and staff members who are not covered by a salary schedule.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Approval of Retirement Benefit for Administrator

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the same retirement benefit for the Director of Special Education that has been provided for faculty members who have been in the District for 15 or more years per the teachers' contract.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Approval of Timeline for Strategic Plan

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Sifner to approve the Strategic Plan timeline. This timeline was reviewed at the June 28, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting. Mr. Sifner suggested the timeline be moved up a month, so the Strategic Plan would be completed prior to the April school board election. All AYES. Motion Carried.

New Business

The parking lot on the west side of Normandy Villa has become a serious safety hazard. Two individuals have fallen because of the uneven pavement and potholes. Dr. Dreyfuss inspected the conditions of this lot prior to tonight's Board meeting. Dr. Joy shared it is scheduled for repair next year; however, the administration would like to move this project forward to the fall and repair the lot. Mrs. Odom believes the safest way to solve this problem is to rope off the area and look into reviewing this matter as a Board from a fiduciary standpoint.

Add Agenda Item

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mr. Moore to add an item to the meeting agenda. All AYES. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mr. Moore to direct the administration to begin discussions with the City of Chicago Heights and move forward with a formal bid process to deal with the south parking lot at Normandy Villa. The administration will take temporary measures to secure the safety of the building.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Absent: Marks

Motion Carried.

Executive Session

A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mrs. Odom 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 8:15 p.m.

Return to Open Session

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

The Board of Education returned to open session at 8:55 p.m. All AYES. Motion Carried.

Adjournment

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

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Dr. David Dreyfuss, President

Ronald E. Moore, Secretary