

**Minutes of the Board of Education
Flossmoor School District 161, Cook County, Illinois
Board of Education Meeting
August 10, 2009**

President Dreyfuss called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. in the Normandy Villa School conference room, 41 East 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
Mrs. Christine Marks
Mr. Ronald Moore
Mrs. Timijanel Odom
Mr. John Simmons
Mr. Thomas Sifner
Dr. David Dreyfuss

Staff members present:

Dr. Donna C. Joy, Superintendent
Dr. Rebecca Elish, Director of Learning and Instruction
Ms. Nancy Wilson, Director of Special Education
Mr. Joseph Martin, Director of Operations
Dr. Susan Pingitore, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services
Mrs. Cathy Perino, Secretary to Superintendent and Board of Education

Others present:

Dr. Vanessa Atkins, Karen Brown, Jennifer Camilleri, Bob Pinciak, Venus Smith, Lynn Westerlund, Crystal Conley, FEA President, Pam Cernetic, FEU President, Val Gardner, IEA Uni-Serv Director, John Fester, community members, and staff members (see attached list).

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 the America Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant application has been approved.

The District has registered 648 new students to date. This figure does include kindergarten students. The kindergarten sections at Serena Hills School have been filled and are closed.

All full time teaching positions are filled in the District for the 2009-2010 school year.

Dr. Joy stated new teacher induction week begins on Monday, August 17. The week provides our new faculty members with sessions on the District's curriculum, opportunities to meet with their principals and mentors as well as prepare their classrooms. On Friday, August 21, the District hosts the annual new teacher breakfast. Members of the Board are invited. Please RSVP to Cathy Perino.

Dr. Joy shared she has begun her annual walk through at each of the schools to ensure their readiness. Many of our teachers have their classrooms set-up and ready to go. On Monday, August 24, school begins for staff.

Dr. Joy reported the construction project at Flossmoor Hills is now complete and looks great. All Board of Education were encouraged to stop by and check out the newly paved/landscaped school.

Fee payment day is Wednesday, August 12 at all the buildings and an additional day for Parker on Thursday, August 13.

Board Minutes:

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Personnel:

- Personnel Report

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

SPEED Report

Mr. Sifner briefed the Board on the July 16, 2009 SPEED Governing Board meeting.

Approval of Bills/Payroll

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mrs. Marks to approve the bills received for the month of August 2009 in the amount of \$1,058,636.03. Mr. Sifner reviewed the bills with Dr. Pingitore prior to the meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Odom seconded by Mr. Moore to approve the payroll for the month of July 2009 in the amount of \$1,178,011.93.

Roll Call Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

Approval of Resolution Regarding Hazardous Bus Routes

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mrs. Marks to approve the Resolution regarding Hazardous Bus Routes.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

New Business

Dr. Dreyfuss appreciated the teachers attending tonight's Board of Education meeting.

He stated negotiations have been ongoing since August 2008. Negotiations are moving forward with a meeting scheduled for August 11. Dr. Dreyfuss shared the FEA negotiations representatives will convey the meeting results to their union members. It is certainly the Board of Education's hope to make significant progress with the remaining issues and reach a settlement on the contract.

Executive Session

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Board of Education went into executive session at 8:05 p.m.

Return to Open Session

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

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Board returns to open session at 8:45 p.m.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Mr. Sifner seconded by Mrs. Marks to adjourn the Board of Education meeting.

Voice Vote:

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

Nay: None

Motion Carried.

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Dr. David Dreyfuss, President

Ronald E. Moore, Secretary