

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FIELD SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER  
3131 Techny, Northbrook, Illinois 60062  
7:00 PM, August 18, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Vice President Robert Spector at 7:04 PM.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members:**

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| Present: | Laura Greenberg   | Arrived at 7:37 PM                           |
|          | Shel Leshner      | Moved into leading of the meeting at 8:00 PM |
|          | Robert Resis      |  |
|          | Jeffrey Silver    | Absent                                       |
|          | Kosta Skoulikaris |  |
|          | Robert Spector    | Dismissed at 8:00 PM                         |
|          | Peter Stamatias   |  |

**District Administration**

Present: Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, Superintendent of Schools  
Cathy Lauria, Chief School Business Official

Recording Secretary: Tina Nielsen

A quorum of the Board was confirmed by Vice President Spector.

**ADDITIONS OF CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

None

**READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

None

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

None

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Member Leshner made a motion to approve items VII a through k of the consent agenda which were read by Vice President Spector. Member Resis seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call 5:0.

**ACTION ITEMS**

Chief School Business Official Cathy Lauria shared an informational document that was produced for the purpose of assisting the Board of Education and the administration in understanding the tentative budget for West Northfield School District 31. This document included summaries of the revenues and expenditures. The revenues were broken down by fund and then into local, State and Federal funding categories. The expenses were broken down

by function which include salaries, benefits, supplies, and purchased services in order to facilitate the understanding behind how the numbers are entered into the legal budget. The legal budget format is required by the Illinois State Board of Education. After Mrs. Lauria's review of the informational document, she recommended that the Board of Education adopt the 2014/2015 tentative budget, publish notice of it, make it available for public inspection for a period of not less than 30 days and hold a public hearing prior to adoption. As noted in the recommendation, a public hearing is scheduled for September 18th followed by the adoption of the final budget. Mrs. Lauria further explained that the tentative budget summarizes anticipated revenues and expenses for the 2014/2015 school year, which includes salaries for teacher per the Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mrs. Lauria further explained that, in general, the breakdown is relatively the same as last year. For example, property tax receipts account for approximately 90% of the budget, State, Federal, and other local funding combined account for approximately 10%. After further discussion, Member Leshner made a motion to approve the fiscal year 2015 tentative budget. Member Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call 6:0.

Chief School Business Official Cathy Lauria summarized the intergovernmental agreement between the Northbrook Park District and West Northfield School District 31 for turf and gym floor maintenance and repair services in exchange for use of school property, and she recommended the Board of Education approve the agreement. After further discussion, Member Stamatis made a motion to approve the intergovernmental 5-year agreement with the Northbrook Park District. Member Skoulikaris seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call 6:0.

## **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

Superintendent Nicholson requested to change the October 16th Board meeting due to a personnel commitment. After further discussion, the Board rescheduled the Board meeting to Thursday, October 23, 2014.

Chief School Business Official Cathy Lauria reported that the July Monthly Budget information will be provided at the September Board meeting since the investment information was not yet received in order to properly reconcile the accounts and the budget has not yet been approved.

## **BOARD REPORTS**

Member Leshner reported that NSED has a new opportunity involving Wagner Farms and they will be additional funding from the State, \$6,119.00, for this program. Mrs. Lauria added that the the \$6,119.00 is the foundation level from the General State Aid. Superintendent Nicholson stated that she had received some information on this possible program and would share it with the Board after reviewing it.

Member Stamatis reported that the Northbrook Economic Development Committee met on July 9th during which property development projects were discussed. Jasper Court on the north side of Willow between Landwehr and Pfingsten is proposed as single family homes. Mrs. Lauria added that this proposal has been adjusted to include 18 single family homes, and it is currently under staff review prior to its public hearing. Member Stamatis further shared that the proposed

Red Seal development in Mission Hills is still in process.

Mrs. Lauria added there is another zoning board of appeals hearing on September 3, 2014 for the Red Seal proposal and then the county is scheduled to take up the matter on October 8, 2014. Member Stamatis further shared that the Glenview Plan Commission approved the Axley Place Apartments on 3235 Milwaukee.

Member Greenberg asked the Board members to please save the date of October 12, 2014 for the Education Foundation 5K fundraiser located at Wood Oaks.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

None

**STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the current August student enrollment for 2014-2015.

**RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE**

None.

**ACTION ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Member Stamatis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Resis seconded the motion. The motion was passed 6:0. The Board adjourned at 8:39 PM.

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Board President

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Board Secretary

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