

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FIELD SCHOOL LEARNING CENTER
3131 Techny, Northbrook, Illinois 60062
7:00 PM, June 20, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Silver at 7:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

Board Members:

Present: Laura Greenberg
 Shel Leshner
 Robert Resis
 Jeffrey Silver
 Kosta Skoulikaris arrived at 7:06 PM
 Robert Spector
 Peter Stamtis arrived at 7:40 PM

District Administration

Present: Dr. Alexandra Nicholson, Superintendent of Schools
 Cathy Lauria, Director of Business Services

Recording Secretary: Tina Nielsen

A quorum of the Board was confirmed by President Silver.

ADDITIONS OF CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Superintendent Nicholson added one new personnel matter to discuss in closed session.

READING OF COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

President Silver read a thank you card from Stuart Pinnock who retired the end of this school year.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

2012-2013 STRATEGIC PLAN STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Nicholson briefly summarized the 2012-2013 Strategic Plan Status Report. Member Greenberg commented that the report is very thorough. Superintendent Nicholson stated that it will be posted on the WEB site. Member Silver stated that it shows a great deal of work and dedication to the District.

CONSENT AGENDA

Member Leshner made a motion to approve items a through m of the consent agenda. Member Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call 6:0.

ACTION ITEMS

Director of Business Services, Cathy Lauria summarized the recommendation that the Board of Education approve the one-year extension to the District's service agreement with Waste Management. Mrs. Lauria gave a brief history wherein she explained that during fiscal year 2012, the costs for the District's waste disposal and recycling were reviewed. It was determined that both the number of times per week waste was collected and the number of bins and recycling containers on site were excessive. After reviewing this with the sales representative from Waste Management, the review led to the reduction of number of bins and containers on site and the number of collection days per week. Waste pick-up was reduced from six days per week to three days and recycling was reduced to two days per week. These and other results produced a significant savings in managing this service. Mrs. Lauria provided a spread sheet that showed the savings throughout the past years. The two-year agreement ends on July 31, 2013 but includes an option to renew for an additional year at no rate increase. The recommendation is to extend the agreement for one year.

Member Leshner questioned if we had other vendors that may possibly give us lower rates. Mrs. Lauria explained that, in the past, she has investigated other vendors and none could match or beat the Waste Management rates. She also stated that Waste Management has worked well with District 31. Member Silver questioned if we can get the service cheaper if we went with a multi-year contract. Mrs. Lauria stated that she did not think so and would like to take advantage of maintaining our current rate for this coming year. She stated that we will need to go out for bid next year. Member Resis questioned what other vendors surrounding districts uses. Mrs. Lauria stated she does not recall at this time but will review that information.

Member Leshner made a motion to Approve One Year Extension Agreement with Waste Management Company. Member Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion passed 6:0.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Director of Business Services, Cathy Lauria summarized the monthly budget and general ledger for April. Member Skoulikaris had requested a more extensive report that shows trends and historical information. Mrs. Lauria is in the process of developing a report to fit the request. Mrs. Lauria stated that she will go back and report on the last three years due to the fact that the budget had to be changed and account numbers needed to be changed and she knows how they have been allocated. Superintendent Nicholson explained that this type of extended report may not provide any new information in regards to comparing budget details from one year to the next due to dealing with a school budget. She explained that a school district budget is different because revenues do not come in the same time each year as well as the way it takes time for bills to be approved for payment. She explained that when an upcoming budget is being prepared, the Board sees how the proposed revenues and expenses compare with the actual revenues and expenses from the previous year.

BOARD REPORTS

Member Leshner reported on the NSSSED meeting wherein their budget was approved and NSSSED is able to do all of the safety changes on their list. NSSSED has set it's working cash at

15-18%. Superintendent Nicholson clarified that NSSD can have a lower working cash balance because they can fall back on their member districts for needed funds.

Member Spector reported on Ed-Red wherein he stated that the Governor has requested all the representatives to come back to Springfield to try to adjust the most recent pension plan proposal. Member Skoulikaris questioned if we should be doing some outreach to the community on what this means for us. Superintendent Nicholson stated that the Superintendents have been working with Chris Koch who is the Superintendent of the State of Illinois (ISBE). The ISBE is developing a plan on working with communities in our various school districts so that we can try to get the state to allow us to decide which mandates we are going to follow and which mandates we are not going to follow. Chris Koch stated recently to hold off on developing a plan because it is not good timing. This will be an item for discussion in the Stakeholders' Financial Advisory Committee meeting.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

None.

2012-2013 BAND PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS STATUS REPORT

Director of Business Services Cathy Lauria summarized Band Director Mike Miller's report regarding the implementation of the band improvements the Board approved last spring.

COMING TO ORDER – Chapter One

Superintendent Nicholson stated that she will provide the Board each month with cliff notes of the *Coming To Order* book for their quick review. Superintendent Nicholson summarized chapter one of the review.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Superintendent Nicholson summarized the 2012-2013 Student Enrollment by Grade Level, 2012-2013 Student Transfer-In/Out, as well as the 2013-2014 Student Enrollment Projections. Superintendent Nicholson stated that in the 2013-2014 enrollment projections, it shows 33 students not returning. The concern that Superintendent Nicholson shared with the Board is that some of the students are moving to neighboring districts. Superintendent Nicholson contributes this to families realizing that the referendum that was successful is to maintain, not add, programs, as well as the fact that Winkelman's leadership is changing after 19 years of the same principal. She explained that the new property development will allow us to initiate new programs such as foreign language in the elementary school and full-day kindergarten.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

ACTION ITEMS

Member Leshner made a motion to dismiss Marty Matan, Field Secretary, effective June 21, 2013. Member Skoulikaris second the motion. The motion passed 7:0.

Member Greenberg made a motion to dismiss Christina Dusilo, Field Teacher, effective June 30, 2013. Member Leshner seconded the motion. The motion passed 7:0.

ADJOURN MEETING

Member Leshner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Greenberg seconded the motion. The motion was passed 7:0. The Board adjourned at 9:04 PM.

Board President

Board Secretary

Date