



**Forest Park District 91 Board of Education  
May 12, 2011, 7:00 pm**

*Johan Walsh, Observer*

In attendance: President Frank Mott, Vice President Sean Blaylock, Secretary Mary Turek; Board Members Lois Bogajsky, Mary Win Connor, John Tricoci and Joan White. Also attending were Superintendent Dr. Louis Cavallo, and Assistant Superintendent of Operations Edward Brophy.

Audience members included Karen Bukowski, Forest Park Middle School Principal; Erin Dwyer, Assistant Principal, Field-Stevenson Elementary School; Zack Frangidakis, Network Coordinator; Middle School parents Jennifer Tondo and Bonnie Doolin; and Johan Walsh, League of Women Voters Observer.

The meeting began with roll call and the pledge of allegiance. The District's mission statement and vision statement were read aloud.

Regular minutes and executive session minutes for April 14, 2011 were approved, as well as payrolls for May 13 and May 27. Financial data supplied by the Township Treasurer's Office was approved. Destruction of recorded executive session minutes for October 2009 was authorized.

The Secretary read one item of correspondence into the record.

The Assistant Superintendent of Operations provided a year-end financial projection through the display of several charts. Little revenue is expected after April 30. Expenditures have been higher than normal. However, all operating funds are healthy and should remain that way for another six months. Revenue was conservatively budgeted because of the State's financial condition. An updated report will be furnished in June.

A proposal from Zealtron, Inc. was approved by the Board for wireless connectivity at Field-Stevenson and Forest Park Middle School for the sum of \$37,426. Work will begin immediately and classroom disruption is not anticipated. The policy committee will update the school handbook to incorporate regulations for approved portable electronic devices. Web filtering and encryption codes will prevent unauthorized student usage. This contract does not obligate the district or the vendor to additional work at other school buildings.

Mrs. Dwyer presented end-of-year data on Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PSIB) through a series of diagrams. The reduction of infractions has resulted in significant gains in instructional days for students/teachers and administrators alike. Many parents like the results of the PBIS program and wish to use it at home. Additional training for parents and staff is planned. PBIS data will be presented at the all-school picnic May 26.

The Superintendent reported that 2011-2012 certificates of resolution have been received for all schools within the District as issued by the Illinois State Board of Education.

Board Committee Membership for May 2011 to April 2013 was established as follows:

Policy Committee	Frank Mott and John Tricoci
Teacher Salary Committee	Sean Blaylock and Joan White
Gaining/Concerns	Lois Bogajsky; Mary Win Connor, Alternate
Community Advisory Council	Mary Turek; Sean Blaylock, Alternate
IASB/West Cook	Frank Mott, Liaison
Middle School Graduation	Mary Win Connor and Sean Blaylock
Next Year 2012-2013	John Tricoci and Joan White
Board Orientation	Sean Blaylock and Joan White
Special Ad-Hoc Committees	As needed
IASB Conference Delegate	Mary Win Connor
ED-RED	Frank Mott

The purchase of Pitsco Education industrial technology curriculum, materials and training were approved on a 6-1 vote (Blaylock nay) in the amount of \$117,100. Parents helped evaluate Pitsco by visiting Lisle Junior High School and West Chicago Middle School. Middle School students will work independently with two students per module, with an average 12 weeks per class. Payment will be made in August as part of the next school year. A total of 23 applications were received in response to the posting for Industrial Technology teacher.

Details for summer school were reviewed as proposed by the Superintendent. Enrollment is up over previous years. Discussion followed on the provision of breakfast. A motion was made by President Mott, seconded by Director White, to eliminate breakfast (failed 6-1, Mott aye). The summer school program was then approved on a 6-1 vote (Mott nay) as proposed.

Funding for the Middle School Leadership Program was approved. It began 10 years ago and is a three-day, two-night camp to foster student participation in such activities as student council, yearbook preparation, and National Honor Society.

Salaries and benefits were then discussed for five categories of employees as reviewed in executive session. Administration was approved 6-1 (nay Turek); custodial 4-3 (nay Blaylock, Tricoli and Turek); direct support services 6-1 (nay Tricoli); and instructional assistance and secretary/support services was approved unanimously. Also as reviewed in executive session, Erin Dwyer was appointed Temporary Assistant Principal of Middle School (6-1 nay Blaylock).

The President then read a joint resolution prepared by the Illinois Association of School Administrators/Illinois Association of School Boards in opposition to forced school district consolidation. It was approved 6-1 (nay Blaylock) for presentation to Forest Park's legislators.

The Superintendent updated the Board on a meeting set to organize north side parents; two teacher farewell parties; and 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, set for June 1 at Proviso High School. Summer sessions for the Board will be calendared at the next meeting.

The Advisory Council met April 20. Discussion items included food tasting, selection and naming. The final meeting for the school year is May 25. A steering committee will meet with the Village Administrator and Village Engineer to review safety and bicycle transportation. The Gaining/Concerns Committee will meet May 18. The Superintendent reminded the Board that the Board Orientation Committee will present its orientation process at the Illinois Association of School Boards conference in 2012.

Illinois Association of School Boards/West Cook: Two at-large positions are available on the executive committee. One vacancy was created with the nomination of President Mott to the position of IASB Vice President. Mary Win Connor will attend the June meeting for the President.

Reports are available from the National Association of School Boards annual meeting conducted in April as prepared by Board members Connor and Blaylock who attended.

The President summarized discussion at a recent meeting of ED-RED, the advocacy organization that monitors education policies for its member school districts. A new, favorable bill has been proposed to revise tenure, termination, and performance ratings, and add a no-strike clause, the most controversial aspect of the legislation. There is a questionable section in the bill requiring the forced education of school board members.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

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