

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

The meeting was called to order in the **Media Center** at 8:19 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cheryl Franklin, Kim Elmore-Perkins, Walter Mosby, Melvin Pumphrey, Virginia Ford

Dr. Joyce Carmine.....Superintendent
Jeanette Kreuz.....Business Manager
Anthony Scariano.....Attorney

Absent: Paul Jasinevicius, Margaret McDannel

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Dieringer, 150 Grace Lane, Chicago Heights, said he was a former school business official and has a doctorate in education from Northern Illinois University. He said he has been involved in the reorganization of forming a unit district. He said he was contacted by a Board member regarding home rule authority and making communities more efficient. Mr. Dieringer discussed the home rule issue and the fact that there was the opportunity to propose this in a referendum.

Mrs. Ford asked that Mr. Dieringer send this information to the Board in writing. She said she was certain the Board would be willing to review it. Mrs. Ford said the District has never had a problem passing referenda, but the District can not go for a referendum any more. She said the District tries very hard to have an amicable relationship with the Village. Mrs. Ford said she did not know that the Board as a whole would want to move forward with this proposal. She said certain individuals might want to move forward looking at this as an individual.

Deone James Franklin, a resident of Chicago Heights, said that Friday night there was a Canteen at Forest Trail and after it was concluded, there was no adult supervision. She said she arrived at 10 p.m. and waited until 11 p.m. with the children who were waiting for rides because there was no supervision.

Mrs. Ford responded that the Village of Park Forest sponsors Canteen and this matter should be brought to the Village's attention.

Dr. Carmine thanked Ms. Franklin for caring about the children and sharing this information with the Board.

Mrs. Ford said that the Board's attorney was present and a brief Closed Session was necessary.

MOTION TO CLOSED SESSION

The following motion was made by Member Mosby and seconded by Member Elmore-Perkins:

BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Board of Education go into Closed Session to discuss information regarding appointment, employment or dismissal of an employee or officer, contracts, grievances, negotiations, the sale of real estate, student concerns, Superintendent's evaluation, or Board/Superintendent goals/concerns.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

AYE: Ms. Elmore-Perkins, Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Mosby, Mr. Pumphrey, Mrs. Ford

NAY: None

Motion carried, 5-0

The Board entered Closed Session at 8:25 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cheryl Franklin, Kim Elmore-Perkins, Walter Mosby, Melvin Pumphrey, Virginia Ford

Dr. Joyce Carmine.....Superintendent

Jeanette Kreuz.....Business Manager

Absent: Paul Jasinevicius, Margaret McDannel

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Carmine reviewed that she had presented the End of Year Report at the Education Committee. The Report detailed the accomplishments of the District as they related to the nine District goals of the 2006-07 school year. Dr. Carmine said the District is proud of its accomplishments. All of the schools met AYP, there are wonderful new programs, and a wonderful staff that is providing best practices on a daily basis. She said that an attribute of effective leaders is that they surround themselves with highly qualified staff members. Dr. Carmine said that the students are doing wonderful things and they have a willingness and eagerness to learn. She said she visited the schools with Mr. Scariano and he commented on the positive environment and calm atmosphere.

Dr. Carmine said that October 23 has been designated as a day to celebrate the District's success. It begins at 8:30 a.m. at Forest Trail and includes a full breakfast, presentation that highlights the accomplishments, and tours of Forest Trail and other schools.

Mrs. Kreuz introduced Tom Amann, the interim director of buildings and grounds.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ford noted the chairperson of this Committee was not present. She related that the budget had been approved, but she was sure there would be an amended budget in December because the new allocations included in the state budget will have to be included in the District's budget. Mrs. Kreuz said the next Finance Committee meeting was October 1.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Franklin thanked Forest Trail Principal Karon Nolen for the presentation tonight in Liz Pigusch's classroom. She said the next meeting would be October 15 at 21st Century Preparatory Center.

POLICY COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ford said the next meeting would be at 7:00 p.m., October 29.

LEGAL ACTION WATCH COMMITTEE

Nothing at this time.

SCOPE

Nothing at this time.

SPEED

Nothing at this time.

IASB

Ms. Elmore-Perkins reminded members of the fall dinner on October 3 at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Dieringer asked if the Board had addressed the charter school issue and the fact that there is not one in the south suburbs. He also called the Board's attention to SB599 that was vetoed by the governor. It provides for a tax on Park Forest and Chicago Heights' storm water.

Mrs. Ford said that some of these issues are best addressed by the Village. She encouraged Mr. Dieringer to visit the District's schools and report to the Village the good job the District is doing.

ADJOURNMENT

The following motion was made by Member Mosby and seconded by Member Elmore-Perkins:

BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Board of Education adjourn the Committee-of-the-Whole.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

AYE: Ms. Elmore-Perkins, Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Mosby, Mr. Pumphrey, Mrs. Ford

NAY: None

Motion carried, 5-0

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

President

Secretary