

Park Forest - Chicago Heights
School District 163
Park Forest, Illinois

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR SESSION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Kim Elmore-Perkins, Cheryl Franklin, Paul Jasinevicius, Margaret McDannel,
Walter Mosby, Melvin Pumphrey, Virginia Ford

Dr. Mary K Molfese.....Director of Special Programs
Jeanette Kreuz.....Business Manager

Absent: Superintendent Joyce Carmine

PLEDGE

Susie Brown of the League of Women Voters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Ford said the Superintendent sends her regrets that she is unable to attend tonight's meeting. When she planned a procedure for Tuesday morning, she was unaware that it would not allow her to attend the meeting on the previous night. Mrs. Ford said that Dr. Molfese was at the meeting in Dr. Carmine's absence.

Mrs. Ford also noted that Jon Mickle has given his two weeks notice to Aramark and will be leaving the District. She said he was an asset. Mrs. Ford said the District wished him well and he will be missed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Maryann Matyasec, director of instructional services, said that in keeping with its reputation as a Lighthouse District, District 163 has been invited to share its Reading First plans with colleagues throughout the Southwest Suburbs. Mrs. Matyasec reported at Monday's Board meeting that District representatives would share its plans and intervention strategies for the reading program during a conference sponsored by ISC-4 with reading coaches and principals of Southwest Suburban school districts that are Reading First schools. Additionally, the District has been invited by the Reading First state liaison to give a presentation sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education to colleagues at a conference on November 29 outlining the professional learning communities the District has in place.

Mr. Pumphrey commended the League of Women Voters for reaching out to high school aged students for voter registration.

Bonnie Barilow, music teacher, thanked the Board and the administration for the opening day picnic.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Molfese reported that the sixth day enrollment figure was 1,971. Last year at this time it was 1,912.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education Committee-Mrs. Franklin said the next meeting would be September 24 at Forest Trail and Karon Nolen would be the host.

Finance Committee-Mrs. McDannel said the Committee discussed the change orders for the re-roofing projects at Mohawk and Blackhawk, application for use of temporary facilities at Blackhawk and Forest Trail, and the budget preparation.

Legal Action Watch Committee-Nothing to report at this time.

SCOPE-Nothing to report at this time.

SPEED-Mrs. Franklin said she hoped to have an update on the status of the new director at the Board's next meeting.

Policy Committee-Mrs. Ford said a meeting would be scheduled in October.

Village of Park Forest-Ms. Elmore-Perkins thanked Village of Park Forest President John Ostenberg for noting in a recent publication the accomplishments the District has achieved. She reported that Windy City Produce would operate a store in half of the former Sterk's grocery store. The other half of the site might house a hardware store.

City of Chicago Heights-Nothing at this time.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

The following motion was made by Member McDannel and seconded by Member Pumphrey:

BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda dated Monday, September 10, 2007 as indicated:

A. PERSONNEL

EMPLOYMENT

1. Maura Flanigan As a Math Explore Teacher at Forest Trail School, effective August 21, 2007.
2. Kelly Grigus As a Writing Explore Teacher at Forest Trail School, effective August 21, 2007.
3. Lo Dean Stutzriem As a part-time secretary at Beacon Hill Primary Center, effective August 14, 2007.
4. Lynn Fisher As a Media/Technology Assistant at 21st Century Preparatory Center, effective August 21, 2007.
5. Kathleen Garcia As a Playground Supervisor at Algonquin Primary Center,

effective August 24, 2007.

- 6. Jessie Knox As a Playground Supervisor at Beacon Hill Primary Center, effective August 29, 2007.
- 7. Anthony Muhammad As a Playground Supervisor at Blackhawk Intermediate Center, effective August 29, 2007.
- 8. Diana Shaver As a Playground Supervisor at 21st Century Preparatory Center, effective August 29, 2007.
- 9. Kimberly Brodanex As a Playground Supervisor at Beacon Hill Primary Center, effective August 30, 2007.

RESIGNATION

- 1. Caryne Faulker As a PRP Teacher Assistant at Beacon Hill Primary Center, effective October 12, 2007.

B. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

AUGUST

Education Fund.....	\$ 283,658.45
Tort.....	\$ 215,162.75
Maintenance.....	\$ 643,249.17
Transportation.....	\$ <u>36,981.59</u>
	\$1,179,051.96

C. PAYROLL

Classified.....	\$ 259,190.83
Certified.....	\$ <u>1,193,295.00</u>
	\$1,452,485.83

D. MINUTES

Regular Session..... August 6, 2007

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried, 7-0
(07-158)

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RE-ROOFING AT MOHAWK SCHOOL

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

BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Board of Education approve a change order for a reduction of \$3,000 from the original price of \$136,838 for the re-roofing project at Mohawk School.

Mr. Jasinevicius asked about the reason for the discount and Mrs. Ford responded that the District always budgets for contingencies and they were not all used.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried, 7-0
(07-159)

MOTION TO APPROVE CHANGE ORDER FOR RE-ROOFING AT BLACKHAWK SCHOOL

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

BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Board of Education approve a change order for a reduction of \$3,745 from the original price of \$319,850 for the re-roofing project at Blackhawk School.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried, 7-0
(07-160)

MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR ROOM UTILIZATION

The following motion was made by Member Mosby and seconded by Member Franklin:

BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Board of Education approve the Application for Room Utilization submitted by the Park Forest Baseball League for indoor practice drills at Forest Trail Middle School in the small gym or an alternate site pending Village uses on Saturdays from January 5, 2008, through April 19, 2008.

Mrs. Ford said that small gym should be inserted because the Village normally uses the large gym on Saturdays. She asked if the District checked to see that the Village would not have need of the small gym on Saturdays and Mrs. Kreuz replied that the principal had done that. Mrs. Ford suggested that to ensure that boys' baseball has a place to practice and that the District does not impact any recreation activities that would be offered to students through the Village that small gym or an alternate site pending Village uses be inserted. This was agreeable.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried, 7-0

(07-161)

MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY FACILITIES

The following motion was made by Member Pumphrey and seconded by Member Mosby:

BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Board of Education approve the application for approval for use of temporary facilities for two units at Blackhawk School and one unit at Forest Trail Middle School for the 2007-2008 school year.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried, 7-0

(07-162)

MOTION TO APPROVE RISK MANAGEMENT PLAN

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

BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Board of Education approve the revisions to the Risk Management Plan as discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting on August 6, 2007 and Committee-of-the-Whole Meeting on August 20, 2007.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

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

NAY: None

Motion carried, 7-0

(07-163)

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Ford said she had spoken with the Superintendent and Mr. Mickle regarding the swings that had been taken down for replacement of new hooks after the young lady fell off the swings. She said that Mohawk's swings had not been put back up and they should be available to the children. In a consensus vote, Mrs. Ford asked the members if they agreed to direct Mrs. Kreuz to put the swings up ASAP. Mr. Pumphrey noted that Beacon Hill's swings also were not put back up. Members agreed to give Mrs. Kreuz this direction.

NEW BUSINESS

Member Paul Jasinevicius announced that members of the Ministers Conference of South Cook County would host a forum on September 17 at South Suburban College that is designed to draw attention to the educational needs of students and to encourage more parental and community involvement in schools.

Mrs. Ford asked the Board for consensus to allow the attorney to look into the TIF at Norwood. She said that last Monday Mr. Jasinevicius called her because he had seen on the Village Web site the discussion that would be conducted regarding the Norwood TIF. The property was originally being sold for \$400,000, but it was being reduced to \$150,000 and putting \$250,000 in escrow. She said that she was aware that the original amount for this TIF was \$400,000. Her concern is that if the sale price is reduced, she wonders if the taxes that are collected are based on \$150,000. Also, they would do a Class 8 incentive, which would reduce the tax rate to 16%. She noted the Village has home rule and can do this, but she thought the school district could indicate how this would affect it. Discussion ensued regarding this matter. Mr. Jasinevicius said he spoke with someone in the assessor's office who indicated that just because a parcel is sold at a particular dollar amount, it does not mean that the assessor would agree to assess it at that amount. Mr. Jasinevicius said he understands that it has been past practice to assess property based on its sale price and he asked Mrs. Ford to look into some parcels.

Mrs. Ford said the Board has to attempt to protect the tax dollars that would come into the District. Mrs. Ford said the attorney agrees with the concern. She said she did not think it would take much work. Regarding the consensus to direct the attorney to look into the TIF, all members agreed except Mr. Jasinevicius who said he did not want this direction left open-ended because he did not want the District to receive a large bill. He said he believed there are experts in the field that might not be the current attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Jasinevicius said he believed there are law firms that specialize in these types of tax issues, including a lot of the attorneys that used to work for the District's current law firm that have split off and opened their own practice. He said there were attorneys that specialize in certain areas and people hire firms for specific purposes. Mr. Jasinevicius discussed the tax rate and he said the Board should be looking at a proactive policy that includes the Village of Park Forest and being part of the discussion so that if there is a master plan that the Village is considering, the District would be involved from the beginning. Mrs. Ford said there is no adversarial relationship between the District and the Village, which was indicated tonight in the motion regarding the use of the gym at Forest Trail. She said there are times when the Board asks the attorney to gather more information for it. She noted the Board wants to get the facts straight and have a discussion. Further discussion ensued about the history of the tax rate in the Village and the lack of businesses.

MOTION TO ADJOURN THE REGULAR SESSION

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

BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Session.

Upon the call of roll, the vote was:

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

NAY: None
Motion carried, 7-0

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

President

Secretary