

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

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
SPECIAL SESSION  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 21<sup>st</sup> Century Preparatory Center at 9:40 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Anthony Scariano, the District's attorney, said that during the break he talked with Mr. Mosby and told him he would be happy to donate his time to work with Mr. Mosby and Dr. Carmine to put the after school program into the proper form and address legal and other issues discussed this evening.

Mr. Mosby said he accepted the offer.

Mrs. Ford suggested to the Board that it could approve this program pending Mr. Mosby working with Mr. Scariano, free of charge to the District, and the superintendent to develop the program into something that will do great things for our children.

Mrs. Ford said that whomever makes the following motion should add "pending Mr. Mosby working with Mr. Scariano and the superintendent to reach agreement on a workable program for the students at Beacon Hill School."

**MOTION TO APPROVE APPLICATION FOR ROOM UTILIZATION**

The following motion was made by Mr. Jasinevicius and seconded by Member Franklin:

**BE IT HEREBY MOVED** that the Board of Education approve the Application for Room Utilization submitted by the South Suburban Area Project for an After-School Program at Beacon Hill Primary Center pending Mr. Mosby working with Mr. Scariano and the superintendent to reach agreement on a workable program for the students at Beacon Hill School.

Upon the call of roll the vote was:

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

**NAY:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Mr. Mosby

Motion carried, 6-0-1

(07-174)

Mrs. Ford said the next item is a motion to Closed Session and she hoped it would not be more than 10 minutes. She said the Board has to meet with its attorney before it takes its next action so that it is clear on the direction it is going.

### **MOTION TO CLOSED SESSION**

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

**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, pending, threatened, or imminent litigation, Superintendent's evaluation, or Board/Superintendent goals/concerns.

Mrs. Ford said the purpose of this Closed Session is for employment or dismissal of employees. She asked if Mrs. McDannel and Mr. Pumphrey would amend the motion. They agreed:

**BE IT HEREBY MOVED** that the Board of Education go into Closed Session to discuss information regarding employment or dismissal of an employee or officer.

In response to a question from Mr. Jasinevicius, Mrs. Ford said the Board was not going to discuss the alleged comments during the Closed Session, but would discuss the Board's options in the matter. Mr. Jasinevicius asked if public statements could be made afterward and Mr. Scariano said statements could be made.

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 Board entered Closed Session at 9:45 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 9:57 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Mrs. Ford said the motion was to accept the resignation of a tenured staff member and she asked the superintendent for her recommendation. Dr. Carmine said she recommended the termination of the staff member; however, prior to the meeting, he elected to submit his letter of resignation and resign from School District 163. She therefore asked that the Board take action to accept or reject the resignation.

### **MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF TENURED STAFF MEMBER**

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

**BE IT HEREBY MOVED** that the Board of Education accept the resignation of Richard Herz per the superintendent's recommendation.

Mr. Jasinevicius said that although the attorney recommended that members not comment on this, he remarked that if the allegations were true, as an individual board member he cannot prevent someone from saying things that might be divisive to the community, but it doesn't mean that he approves of these things.

Upon the call of roll the vote was:

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

**NAY:** Mrs. Ford (she said she was not in favor of accepting this resignation and was in favor of moving to terminate.)

Motion carried, 6-1

(07-175)

#### **MOTION TO TAKE DISCIPLINARY ACTION REGARDING STAFF**

Dr. Carmine recommended that the employment of Ms. Christina Freeman be terminated.

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

**BE IT HEREBY MOVED** that the Board of Education approve the termination of Christina Freeman.

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

(07-176)

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nothing at this time.

#### **MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SPECIAL SESSION**

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

**BE IT HEREBY MOVED** that the Board of Education adjourn the Special 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 10:06 p.m.

