



**BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Minutes**

January 5, 2017

The Board of Education Committee of the Whole met on January 5, 2017, at 5:38 p.m. in the Library at Marie Murphy School, 2921 Illinois Road, Wilmette, Illinois. The President called the meeting to order and asked the Board Recorder to call the roll.

The following members were present:

William Bazianos
Louise Dechovitz
Jeffery Greengoss, President
Joel Raynes
Sheryl Swibel
Rosanne Ullman
Rick Zelinsky, Vice President

Also Present:

Debbie Cotter, Video Recorder
Beth Dever, Chief School Business Official
Suzanne Harris, Board Recorder
Jessica Hutchison, Principal, Avoca West
Dr. Kevin Jauch, Superintendent/Board Secretary
Matthew Palcer, Principal, Marie Murphy

Visitors:

Gil Gibori

DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Avoca Center Update

Superintendent, Kevin Jauch, gave the Board an update regarding Avoca Center. At this time, both Avoca Center tenants, Arlyn Day School and One Hope United, have been served with their respective notices of termination of the current lease agreements with an effective termination date of December 31, 2017. Dr. Jauch shared that information with the executive director of Wilmette Park District. At this time, Avoca and the Wilmette Park District are considering if there are any mutually beneficial options available for the Avoca Center land parcel. Dr. Jauch has requested that the Avoca 37 Administrative team brainstorm ideas that would align with curriculum or extracurricular activities that might also be beneficial for the park district. It is uncertain whether there will be an option that will work for both organizations at this time.



Dr. Jauch also informed the Board that he has been working on creating a new timeline for the future of the property. This timeline incorporates the three major options that are in discussion at this time; partnership discussions with the Wilmette Park District, razing the building and leaving the property as greenspace and the potential sale of the property for development of single family homes. Due to the importance of community input, the timeline will include community meetings and discussions. Dr. Jauch suggested holding these discussions after an environmental impact study has been completed as well as after the Board has determined the direction they will take with Avoca Center.

B. Board of Education Policy Update- 1st Reading

Superintendent, Kevin Jauch, shared the policy updates from the October 2016 PRESS release, which contained 38 policies that were applicable to Avoca. The following policies were reviewed: 1:20 District Organization, Operations and Cooperative Agreements; 2:120 Board Member Development; 2:125 Board Member Compensation; 2:220 School Board Meeting Procedure; 4:55 Use of Credit and Procurement Cards; 4:60 Purchases and Contracts; 4:110 Transportation; 4:175 Convicted Child Sex Offender; Notifications; 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria; 5:60 Expenses; 5:100 Staff Development Program; 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct; 5:185 Family and Medical Leave; 5:190 Teacher Qualifications; 5:250 Leaves of Absence; 5:260 Student Teachers; 5:280 Duties and Qualifications; 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves; 6:15 School Accountability; 6:50 School Wellness; 6:60 Curriculum Content; 6:140 Education of Homeless Children; 6:145 Migrant Students; 6:160 English Learners; 6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Programs; 7:15 Student and Family Privacy Rights; 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited; 7:30 Student Assignment; 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and From Non-District Schools; 7:60 Residence; 7:70 Attendance and Truancy; 7:250 Student Support Services; 7:260 Exemption for Physical Education; 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries; 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property; and 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities.

Dr. Jauch engaged the Board in further discussion regarding Board policy 2:125 and 5:60 regarding the Local Government Travel Expense Control Act. Dr. Jauch reviewed the mandated Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements that will be approved at the Board of Education Meeting on January 19, 2017. He also proposed a maximum allowable reimbursement amount per event, per person to be included in the Resolution. Dr. Jauch informed the Board of the amounts that have been discussed among the North Cook Superintendents, a hypothetical calculation of expense for a conference that would accrue a maximum expense and an actual figure from a workshop the District often sends teachers to attend in New York. Based on these figures, Dr. Jauch suggests a cap of \$3,500. The Board also suggesting rephrasing portions of the policy regarding types of reimbursements included in the resolution to include the registration fee for the event and rephrasing the definition of amounts of reimbursements for meals. The Board will be asked to approve the policy updates incorporating their recommendations from this meeting and further discussion at the Board of Education meeting on January 19, 2017.



C. Bus Lease

Chief School Business Official, Beth Dever, gave the Board an update regarding the bus leases held between Avoca and Santander Leasing, LLC. Avoca currently leases 9 buses. A five year lease expires on two of the 66 passenger buses in July of 2017. Ms. Dever recommends replacing these buses with two new 66 passenger buses with an annual lease cost of \$20,488. This cost represents a 3% increase over last year's cost. The increase is due to meeting new EPA greenhouse gas emission standards and a general increase in price of the buses. This is the first increase in cost since 2011. Ms. Dever also recommends that the District purchases the extended warranty for the chassis, engine, electrical and body. The cost for the warranty is \$1,600 per bus, which has not changed. The Board will be asked to approve the new bus leases at the January 19, 2017 Board of Education Meeting.

D. Glenview Park District Lease

Chief School Business Official Beth Dever gave an update regarding the scope and timing of the Lease of Space and Grounds around School Buildings and Use of School Buildings that the District holds with the Glenview Park District. The Lease needs to be reviewed and updated for a lease agreement for effective dates of February 1, 2016 to January 31, 2026. The new Lease incorporates updates regarding building use, the terms for amendment or termination of the lease agreement, the terms of infrastructure maintenance and installation by the Park District and the terms of maintenance of the grounds. The Board requested that Ms. Dever confirm with the Park District what they are agreeing to in terms of "tree pruning" as set forth in the new terms for Paragraph 2(d) of the original lease. The Board will be asked to approve this Lease at the January 19th Board of Education Meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Rick Zelinsky moved that the Board move into Closed Session for the purpose of:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); and

Mr. Raynes seconded the motion. Upon roll call, members voted as follows: Mr. Zelinsky, aye; and Ms. Swibel, aye; Ms. Dechovitz, aye; Mr. Raynes, aye; Mr. Greengoss, aye and Ms. Ullman, aye. Motion carried.

Following a short break, the Board moved into closed session at 7:00 p.m. and reconvened in open session at 9:22 p.m.

Mr. Zelinsky moved that the Board return into open session, and Mr. Raynes seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, with all members voting aye, the motion was carried.



MEETING ADJOURNS

Mr. Raynes moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mr. Bazianos seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, with all members voting aye, the motion was carried. The Board meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.



Board President
Jeffrey Greengoss



Secretary
Kevin Jauch