Board of Education

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President Joe Sonnefeldt called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of January 19, 2017, to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Dennis Composto, Jennifer Kobus, Joseph Leane, Gerald McCluskey, Karen Nejdl, and Joe Sonnefeldt. Absent: Eileen Kowalczyk.

Communications

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NSSEO Report: Member Composto reported a visually impaired student from Salt Creek Elementary School who showed so such positive motivation was featured at the meeting. He said January 23 is Institute Day and all are invited.

Education Foundation: Member Leane said he was unable to attend but Member Kowalczyk attended for him. He said he assumed the Foundation's energy was focused on the February 25 Spring Gala, Dare to Dream. The Board will be making a donation to the Foundation.

PTO/PTA Reports: There were reports from Member Kobus for Member Nejdl (Westbrook), Member Kobus (Lincoln), President Sonnefeldt for Member McCluskey (Lions Park). They reported on activities at the buildings.

Board President's Report: President Sonnefeldt

- Mentioned several items on the calendar
  1. January 26 at 7:15 a.m. is the Mount Prospect Public Library Sunrise Connection. Member Leane said he was planning on attending.
  2. January 30 is the ED-RED Legislative Dinner/Meeting and Governor Rauner might be there.
  3. February 4 is the Village of Mount Prospect Centennial Celebration.
  4. February 18 is the Scariano, Himes, and Petrarca Annual School Law Seminar from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Oakbrook.
- Responded to Member Leane's inquiry about candidate forums. President Sonnefeldt said in the past there were two forums – one at the Village Hall that was sponsored by *The Journal* and the other sponsored by the League of Women Voters and held at Lincoln Middle School. President Sonnefeldt said he has been in contact with the League of Women Voters.

Community Comments

President Sonnefeldt explained that this was the first of two opportunities for community to address the Board. A member of the audience spoke about the cost of Kids' Corner.

Staff Reports

Technology Strategic Plan Update

Mr. Trevor Hope, Director of Technology, started his staff report with a video of teachers and students that focused on coding. He said all K-5 students participated in Hour of Code last month. The video showed the enthusiasm of the students regarding coding. Mr. Hope also did a presentation of the District 57 Technology Plan. He started the presentation with pictures of the old server area and the new server room. He thanked the Board for approving the funds for the computer room. He said the district would need to continue to invest in technology upgrades, personnel, and professional development. He reviewed the areas of infrastructure, devices, and personnel. The district's Wide Area Network (WAN) and Broadband contracts are up for renewal on July 1, 2017, and would be voted on later in the meeting under the Consent Agenda. The intercom system at Lincoln needs to be replaced. The new system will work with the existing Voice over Internet

Protocal (VOIP) that would save the district $86,000 over the initial plan of replacing the entire system. The VOIP will also work when the intercoms are replaced at the other schools. The replacement of the Lincoln intercom system will take place this summer. The need for computers in every classroom continues and he stated that the Chromebook initiative at Lincoln has been positive. He mentioned that he is looking at the possibility of Chromebooks for staff because of Apple's planned phase out of the MacBook Air. In addition, he explained that with more computers and technology in the classroom there is more need for support. Currently, there is a .5 FTE certified position shared between the three elementary schools. He would like an additional 1.0 FTE to allow a .5 FTE at each elementary school. He shared a 5-year technology budget with the Board that included student and staff computers, networking equipment, copiers and projectors. Lengthy Board discussion followed with Mr. Hope answering many questions.

Report of Classroom Space for 2017-2018

Superintendent Aumiller spoke about the spike in enrollment that has caused the district to have to find space in the elementary schools. The 2016-17 kindergarten enrollment of 232 students is more than 30 students higher than the enrollment projection of 200. Typically, we have nine sections of first grade but we will need two additional sections of first grade for the 2017-18 school year for a total of eleven. We are at or near capacity at each school. Based on enrollment projections, we will need an additional classroom at Fairview and two additional classrooms at Lions Park. Fairview is at capacity and Lions Park has four classrooms that can be recaptured that are being used for other programs. Two of the four classrooms at Lions Park will be needed for their increasing enrollment. The SOAR program that is currently housed at Fairview can be moved to Lions Park freeing up the additional classroom needed at Fairview. Even with moving SOAR to Lions Park, it is highly likely that Fairview will need a mobile in 2018-19. Dr. Aumiller said administration has looked into several options. Administration is recommending a mobile unit with two classrooms be installed at Westbrook this summer. The mobile unit would house music classes and the staff workroom/lunchroom for next year.

Extensive Board discussion followed with Superintendent Aumiller and Mr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, answering many questions. Mr. Parisi also shared slides of the mobile, the location, and the connecting corridor. Mobile classrooms are available on a first come, first serve basis. Therefore, administration is recommending the Board take action on leasing the mobile at the February 2 meeting.

Superintendent's Report

- Environmental Scan Part 1

  Superintendent Aumiller presented information from a report she did for the Board on District 57's Financial and Facilities Outlook. She said District 57 has a rich history of preparing students for success. She further stated that the district has been dealing with financial challenges out of the district's control. District 57 has been deficit spending in the Education Fund for more than a decade and reserves will go below the target of 40% by the end of next school year. She said we need to preserve current valued programs, provide innovative programs for the next generation, and reduce class sizes. Enrollment has spiked resulting in space and staffing challenges as well as facility needs. She presented three options to the Board to fund all of these priorities.

  Option 1. Continue as we have using the same cost containment and program reduction approaches in which case we have approximately three to five years before the district cannot sustain its fund balances.

  Option 2. Pursue an Education Fund Tax Rate increase in March 2018. This would provide a higher level of local property tax support to fund the district's salaries, programs, and services.

  Option 3. Pass an Education Fund referendum and then in the following five to seven years work to pass a Building Fund referendum. If passed, this money could be used to either rebuild or renovate Lincoln into a grades five to eight middle school. This would fix the issues at Lincoln and

alleviate overcrowding at Fairview and Lions Park. The Building Fund referendum could also be used to expand kindergarten to a full-day program and add classroom and gym space to Westbrook. This option would position the district well for the next two decades.

President Sonnefeldt thanked Dr. Aumiller for the substantial research she did in preparing the report and other Board members commented on the depth of the report. Extensive discussion followed with Dr. Aumiller answering many questions from the Board. They talked about the large class sizes and lack of space, the TIF money, and if the state will transfer more financial burden to the district. In the report, Superintendent Aumiller included the referendum history of the district. The Board discussed the ramifications that would take place if a referendum does not pass. There was even discussion about possibly consolidating with another district. The Board thoroughly discussed the options. They were divided in their opinions of whether or not the district should go for both the Education Fund and Building Fund referendums at the same time or pass the Education Fund referendum and follow up in the next five to seven years with a Building Fund referendum.

- Strategic Plan Scorecard Update
  Superintendent Aumiller said the Updated Strategic Plan was in their packets. She asked if anyone had any questions but no one did.

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Report
  Superintendent Aumiller had one FOIA to report. The district received a request from Gabriella Lauricella of SmartProcure on December 26. She requested for purchase orders dated September 14, 2016 to current, the order number; purchase date; line item details; line item quantity; line item price; vendor ID number, name, address, contact person and email address. She also requested the beginning of our fiscal year. We responded on January 6 and sent her the Requisition/PO Listing and Vendor Report from Skyward that included the purchase order information she requested. We also informed her that the beginning of our fiscal year is July 1.

President Sonnefeldt presented the Consent Agenda. He said all members attended the December 15 meeting. He asked if anyone had any item they wanted removed from the Consent Agenda. Member Nejdl asked that Item 5, Student Fees, be removed and Vice President Kobus asked that Item 7, Broadband Contract, be removed. Member Nejdl reviewed the bills and said all were in order. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve Items 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 of the Consent Agenda. Member Nejdl moved, seconded by Vice President Kobus, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda

Item 1. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of December 15, 2016 – Open Session

Item 2. Personnel Transactions

Approve the employment of the following ESP individual:

Name	Position	Location	Hire Date
Catherine Bauer	Nurse	Lions Park	1/3/17

Approve the change in status of the following ESP employee:

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Debra Gosch	From .5 FTE to 1.0 FTE Clerical Assistant	Lincoln	1/3/17

Accept the retirement of the following ESP employee:

Name	Position	Location	Effective Date
Dawn Bays	Custodian	Westbrook	6/30/17

Item 3. Financial Report – December 2016

Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills

Item 6. Approve Review of the Closed Session Minutes for the Period of January 2014 through June 2014 and Closed Session Audio Tapes prior to July 2014

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Composto, Kobus, Leane, McCluskey, Nejdl, Sonnefeldt
No: None
Absent: Kowalczyk Motion carried.

President Sonnefeldt asked Vice President Kobus about Consent Agenda Item 7 that she pulled. Vice President Kobus had questions regarding the fiber and dark fiber equipment. She also said she did not recognize the vendor and asked Mr. Hope if he felt the service would be good. Mr. Hope said this vendor provides service for District 214 and they gave him a strong recommendation. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion. Member Leane moved, seconded by Vice President Kobus, to approve Consent Agenda Item 7, Broadband Contract. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kobus, Leane, McCluskey, Nejdl, Composto, Sonnefeldt
No: None
Absent: Kowalczyk Motion carried.

President Sonnefeldt asked Member Nejdl about Consent Agenda Item 5. Member Nejdl asked if there were any changes to the student fees since the last meeting. Mr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, answered no and said the only addition was Exhibit B. He said he spoke with the Kids' Corner staff and they said there is some flexibility. He also mentioned that there has not been an increase in fees in the last five years. Member Nejdl asked about out-sourcing and Superintendent Aumiller said she would put it on the Strategic Plan but Kids' Corner employees are in the MPESPA union. President Sonnefeldt asked if the district was making money from Kids' Corner. Mr. Parisi said some costs were hard to quantify but the district does make a profit. He said it was the intention of the Board in the 2010-11 school year when they cut 24 certified positions to make a profit for child-care. President Sonnefeldt said he would like to cut fees, including Kids' Corner fees, but just cannot do it when the district is looking at referendum. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion. Member Nejdl moved, seconded by Member McCluskey, to approve Consent Agenda Item 5, 2017-2018 Student Fees. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Leane, McCluskey, Nejdl, Composto, Sonnefeldt
No: Kobus
Absent: Kowalczyk Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

1. Approve the Following Board of Education Policies
   President Sonnefeldt said the policies were First Read at the December 15 meeting. He asked if anyone had any questions or comments but no one did. Member Leane moved, seconded by Member Nejdl, to approve the following policies

   - 2:30 – School District Elections
   - 2:120 – Board Member Development
   - 2:125 – Board Member Compensation; Expenses
   - 2:200 – Types of School Board Meetings
   - 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure
   - 2:250 – Access to District Public Records
   - 2:260 – Uniform Grievance Procedure
   - 3:40 – Superintendent
   - 3:50 – Administrative Personnel Other Than the Superintendent
   - 4:10 – Fiscal and Business Management
   - 4:30 – Revenue and Investments
   - 4:55 – Use of Credit and Procurement Cards

- 4:60 – Purchases and Contracts
- 4:80 – Accounting and Audits
- 4:110 – Transportation
- 4:130 – Free and Reduced-Priced Food Services
- 4:150 – Facility Management and Building Programs
- 4:170 – Safety
- 4:175 – Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications
- 5:10 – Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:60 – Expenses
- 5:100 – Staff Development Program
- 5:125 – Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- 5:190 – Teacher Qualifications
- 5:260 – Student Teachers
- 5:280 – Duties and Qualifications

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: McCluskey, Nejdl, Composto, Kobus, Leane, Sonnefeldt
No: None
Absent: Kowalczyk Motion carried.

Community Comments

President Sonnefeldt said this was the second opportunity if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board. Three people addressed the Board.

1. The first person said the Park District would not provide care for District 57 students when the district is closed or on half days. She urged the Board to consider outsourcing before and after school care.
2. The second person commented about the TIF and if there would still be need for construction at Lions Park and Fairview if Lincoln were rebuilt for grades 5-8. She also mentioned maybe collaborating with the park district for before and after school care. The third item she questioned was the air quality of the mobile.
3. The third person said she worked on the referendum in 2004 and said she supported only going for an educational referendum at this time and later on seeking a building referendum.

New Business

None

Board Discussion

None

Closed Session

President Sonnefeldt said there was need for closed session for the purpose of discussing

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; and
- Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

He said Board action may or may not take place following Closed Session and entertained a motion to move into closed session. Member Nejdl moved, seconded by Member Composto, to move into closed session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes:	Nejdl, Composto, Kobus, Leane, McCluskey, Sonnefeldt	
No:	None	
Absent:	Kowalczyk	Motion carried and the Board convened into Closed Session at 10:06 p.m.

Regular Session

Member Leane made a motion, seconded by Member Composto, to return to open session. All members present voted yes and the Board reconvened into open session at 11:03 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Leane made a motion, seconded by Member Composto, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted yes and the meeting adjourned at 11:04 p.m.

Virginia Webster

Virginia Webster, Secretary

Jennifer Kobus, Vice President

Date of approval: February 16, 2017