



**MOUNT PROSPECT SCHOOL DISTRICT 57
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Minutes

December 19, 2019 7:00 PM

**Fairview School (Multipurpose Room)
300 North Fairview Avenue**

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Eileen Kowalczyk called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of Dec. 19, 2019, to order at 7 p.m. Board members present: Eileen Kowalczyk, Vicki Chung, Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Gerald McCluskey, Brian Maye and Rachael Rothrauff.

Student Recognition

Lions Park Peer Mediators: Principal Katie Kelly recognized this group of students and their leaders, Gail Valentini and Julie Gayle. The peer mediators are selected from many applicants, using a rigorous application process. They attend a two-day training session in the summer, along with the Fairview peer mediators. These students serve as leaders and role models and mediate playground conflicts. Dr. Aumiller and Board president Eileen Kowalczyk presented the students with certificates of recognition.

Communications

1. Board of Education

- NSSEO Report: None
- Education Foundation: Member Kowalczyk reported that the Foundation had many grant requests in the fall and approved as many as possible. Members encourage people to re-submit any requests were not accepted. The Foundation is now working on planning the Gala.
- PTO Reports: Member McCluskey reported on the Lincoln PTO meeting.
- Illinois Joint Annual Conference: Member Fay reported on being a delegate at this statewide conference in November and the results of voting on several school safety resolutions.

Community Comments

Lincoln teacher Loretta Rose spoke on behalf of the MPEA and expressed thanks for the support the current administration and Board have given. She said this has enabled the teachers to provide a high-quality education to the children of the community.

Public Hearing on 2019 Tax Levy

Mr. Parisi led a public hearing that is intended to give community members a chance to comment on the levy, which is the amount the district will request to be raised from property taxes.

- Notice of the hearing was published in the Mount Prospect Journal on Dec. 11.
- There was no public or Board comment.
- Mr. Parisi will file the levy on Dec. 20.

Mount Prospect School District 57 is subject to the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as well as Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Individuals with disabilities who plan to attend this meeting and who require certain accommodations in order to allow them to attend and/or participate, or who have questions regarding the accessibility of the meeting or the facilities, are requested to promptly contact Dr. Elaine Aumiller at (847) 394-7300.

Staff Reports

- Presentation of the 2019 Satisfaction Survey Results (Goal 5a)

Bill Foster from School Perceptions reported on results of the community survey that was given this fall. Here are some highlights:

- Participation: 1,257 respondents, which is a very good rate from a statistical standpoint (111 staff members, 656 parents participated)
 - Budget priorities: respondents indicated that these are the top priorities where the District should focus its efforts: maintaining co-curricular and extra-curricular programs, maintaining elementary/middle school class sizes, recruiting and retaining high-quality staff, and maintaining support services for student who have difficulty learning
 - District communications: 84% of parents say the frequency of communication is just right, 86% of parents rate the content of communication as very effective or somewhat effective
 - Lincoln Middle School: 41% of parents support the District exploring the option of building a new middle school, 16% support addressing maintenance and renovating the existing school, 21% do not support either option, and 22% are not sure/need more information
 - Overall satisfaction: when asked whether they would recommend the District to a friend moving into the area, staff agreement was at 4.33, parent agreement was at 4.44 and non-parent/non-staff agreement was at 4.26 (with ratings ranging from 5 for strongly agree to 1 for strongly disagree)
 - 67% of parents rate District 57 much better or a little better than neighboring districts
 - Overall, 91% of parents are very satisfied or satisfied with District 57
 - The report also includes feedback on staff performance and on each school
- 2020-21 Student Fees Presentation (Goal 6b)

Mr. Parisi presented a proposed schedule for student fees for the next school year. This includes curriculum, supplies and other fees, transportation, extracurricular, lunch program, summer school, preschool and childcare. This is the Board's first discussion of fees for next school year; no vote was taken.

- Curriculum fees and Kids corner have remained the same since 2011-12, transportation fees have remained the same since 2012-13.
- Mr. Parisi reviewed Kids Corner enrollment, which has risen this past year and had to be capped for the first time.
- The District is recommending that fees stay the same for the 2020-21 school year.

- Board members discussed whether additional TIF funds could be used to reduce fees, which would result in a discount of approximately \$10 per student. They also discussed the possibility of reducing Kids Corner fees, perhaps by implementing a discount for multiple kids. They discussed the challenges of finding staff for Kids' Corner.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Aumiller reported on one Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA).

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting November 21, 2019 – Open and Closed
 - President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Chung moved and Member Fay seconded. Roll call vote resulted as follows:
 - Yes: Chung, Kowalczyk, Fay, Kobus, McCluskey, Maye, Rothrauff
 - No: None
 - Abstain: None
 - Motion carried

New Business

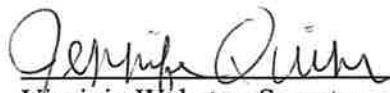
1. Approved Resolution 191219 Authorizing Levy and Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2019 Levy Year (Goal 6)
 - Member Rothrauff motioned to approve, member Faye seconded. Roll call vote resulted as follows:
 - Yes: Chung, Kowalczyk, Fay, Kobus, McCluskey, Maye, Rothrauff
 - No: None
 - Abstain: None
 - Motion carried

Board Discussion

The Board decided to have the next Community Forum at 7 p.m. on March 5 at Lincoln. The topic will be exploring the results of the Satisfaction Survey, including questions related to the aging Lincoln Middle School.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Fay made the motion and Member Chung seconded. All members voted yes and the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Virginia Webster, Secretary
Jenny Quinn, Substitute Secretary



Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: January 23, 2020