

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Avoca Schools

June 7, 2010

The Board of Education held a Committee of the Whole meeting on June 7, 2010, at 5:35 p.m. in the Marie Murphy School ITC, 2921 Illinois Road, Wilmette, Illinois. President Greengoss called the meeting to order and asked the Board Recorder to call the roll. The following members were present:

Jeffrey Greengoss, President
Henry Kingwill
Michael Knippen
Rosanne Ullman, V.P. (Entered the meeting at 5:36 p.m.)
Sherry Wallingford
Rick Zelinsky

Absent: William Bazianos

Also Present: Kat Cetrone, Video Operator
Beth Dever, Business Manager
Cindy Devin, Pupil Services Director
Madeleine McCloskey, Board Recorder
Dr. Deanna Reed, Asst. Supt./Principal, Marie Murphy

Visitors: Christopher Brown, Technology Facilitator, Marie Murphy
Gail Soriano, Technology Facilitator, Avoca West

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Annual Technology Report

Technology facilitators Gail Soriano from Avoca West Elementary School and Christopher Brown from Marie Murphy School gave a long-range technology plan update for the 2009-2010 school year. The Board was provided with a document containing objectives, status, and 2010-2011 goals of the various aspects of the technology plan that pertained to access, practice, proficiency, equity and community, and systems and leadership. The PowerPoint presentation covered the following: 2007-2010 long-range technology plan mission, key beliefs and goals; various aspects of the April NSBA technology site visit; community classes; Avoca Web site; student blogging and connectedness; new teacher Tech Bytes; and one-day Collabocon event held for all teachers from the New Trier High School feeder districts. As Mr. Brown was leaving the District, Mrs. Soriano indicated she would be assuming his Marie Murphy technology facilitator position and District technology coordinator responsibilities starting this summer.

District's Extra-Curricular Study Committee Recommendations

At the May 3 Committee of the Whole meeting, the District's Extra-Curricular Study Committee had presented specific recommendations on various ways to expand and improve extra-curricular offerings at both schools in a budget-neutral manner for next school year and beyond. Three different fee options were being considered that would be needed to cover the additional \$15,000 to \$18,000 cost connected with the new initiative, including: An activity fee per student assessed at the beginning of the year; a user fee for each activity chosen; and an interscholastic fee structure. Following an in-depth discussion on the three options and the pros and cons of a higher fee versus a lower fee, there appeared to be a consensus of the Board to assess a more equitable flat, extra-curricular fee of \$25 per student at the beginning of the year. The Board will vote on the matter at the June 17 meeting.

Review of Roof Repair Bids

Business Manager Beth Dever provided the Board with a breakdown of four contractors' bids and related unit costs for the Marie Murphy School and Avoca West Elementary School re-roofing projects. A copy of the roof replacement project specifications was also made available for Board review. The four contractors included L. Marshall, M. Cannon, Knickerbocker, and DCG. DCG came in with the lowest combined bid for the re-roofing projects to be completed over a 35-day timeframe. Mrs. Dever indicated that Tremco, the firm hired to oversee the re-roofing projects, considered all four contractors to be reliable. The Board will vote on the matter at the June 17 meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

Mr. Knippen moved that

THE BOARD APPROVE THE REVISED JUNE 7, 2010, PERSONNEL REPORT, EXCEPT FOR TABLING VICTOR GONZALEZ'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO HIS MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNTIL THE JUNE 17, 2010, BOARD MEETING.

Mr. Zelinsky seconded the motion. Upon roll call, members voted as follows: Ms. Ullman, aye; Mr. Zelinsky, aye; Ms. Wallingford, aye; Mr. Kingwill, aye; Mr. Knippen, aye; and Mr. Greengoss, aye. The motion was carried.

Ms. Wallingford moved that the meeting adjourn, and Mr. Kingwill seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, with all members voting aye, the motion was carried. The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

President

Secretary