

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Avoca Schools

August 2, 2010

The Board of Education held a Committee of the Whole meeting on August 2, 2010, at 5:30 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.
Sherry Wallingford
Rick Zelinsky

Absent:

William Bazianos

Also Present:

Kat Cetrone, Video Operator
Beth Dever, Business Manager
Cindy Devin, Pupil Services Director
Dr. Kevin Jauch, Principal, Avoca West
Madeleine McCloskey, Board Recorder
Dr. Joseph M. Porto, Superintendent

Visitors:

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review and Prioritize Recommendations from Community Outreach and Diversity Committees

Superintendent Dr. Porto asked members from the two committees to review their recommended goals with the Board and Administrative Team and to clarify any questions they may have. For the recommended goals from the Community Outreach Committee, Dr. Porto suggested that three of the main headings could be considered as single system goals: Volunteerism in the schools, service projects and service learning, and business partnerships. He also suggested that goals listed under communication vehicles and school finance education could be considered independent initiatives. It was concluded that the eleven recommendations from the Diversity Committee could each be considered as independent goals. Following the discussion, each person was asked to prioritize the goals in order of importance by visually marking their preferences on posters containing the two sets of committee recommendations. Goals noted as most important as a result of the activity would be prioritized for early implementation, while others would then be targeted for completion in year two or three. After the prioritization activity was completed, Dr. Porto said that the Administrative Team would analyze the results and present the Board with a draft of a three-year timeline implementation plan for review and input. Once the Board reviewed the timeline at its August meeting, a set of action plans would be prepared for the goals targeted for implementation in 2010-2011.

Set 2010-2011 District Goals

Superintendent Dr. Porto suggested the Board consider implementing two more District goals for the 2010-2011 strategic plan: Student perception of preparedness in English; and creating a new three-year technology plan. The first goal would involve holding focus groups with freshmen students. This goal would involve 4th through 8th grade teachers. Since the last technology plan ended this year, Dr. Porto recommended implementing a new three-year plan so as not to lose momentum in this area. This

goal would require the creation of another all-inclusive technology committee. Fortunately, the committee would not have to overcome any major deficiencies this time. Two technology areas requiring immediate investigation would include the District's outdated telephone system and open source textbooks.

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 6:58 p.m.

President

Secretary