

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF
 THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
 WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
 Board of Education Office
 1105 N. Hunt Club Road
 Gurnee, IL 60031
 Thursday, July 10, 2008

Call to Order

President, Bruce Bohren, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:04 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Gail Bennett
 Bruce Bohren
 Larry Gregorash
 Terry Hall
 Carla Little (arrived at 7:11 PM)
 Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: Michael Bond

Staff Present: Dr. Joy Swoboda Bob Leonard

First Reading of Revised Board Policies

The Board discussed a number of new and revised policies as well as exhibits. Exhibits are either forms or letters from the Illinois Association of School Boards to be used as a template for districts or to be included with Board policies. After discussion, Board members reviewed each exhibit individually and determined which would be added to the Board policy manual (2:220 E2, 2:220-E3) or to be used as a template/guide for the administration (2:220 E4, 5:190 E1, 5:190 E2, 7:280 E1) or be removed from consideration (2:220 E6). The following policies without changes will be on the July 31st Board agenda for approval:

2:220-E2	Motion to Adjourn Closed Meeting
2:220-E3	Closed Meeting Minutes
2:220-E4	Open Meeting Minutes
2:220-E5	Semi-Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes
4:150	Facility Management and Building Programs
5:190	Teacher Qualifications
6:50	School Wellness
6:240	Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips
7:10	Equal Educational Opportunities
7:15	Student and Family Privacy Rights
7:100	Health, Eye and Dental Examinations, Immunizations, and Exclusion of Students
8:25	Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities
8:40	Spectator Conduct at School Events

Report on Gifted and Challenge Programs

Dr. Anne Swanson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, and Steve Thomas, Director of Continuous Improvement and Accountability provided a written report to the Board on the district’s gifted and challenge programs. This was a follow up report to a request from the Board of Education members. Members asked for additional information on a chart in the report to include the number of students served in the program as well as the percentage of the district’s total population. Follow up questions from the Board can be discussed at the July 31st meeting.

District Strategic Plan Goals

Mid Course Corrections

Dr. Swoboda presented the district leadership team’s recommendations to goal 1A, 2 and 4. The changes are minor word changes. Approval of the revised goal statements will be on a future agenda.

The administration and some Board members recommended to reinstate the Finance Committee as part of goal 2. The Board discussed the possibility of an Ad Hoc committee. After much Board deliberation, the Board determined to keep the district’s finances as a permanent topic on the Committee of the Whole agendas and to limit the Committee of the Whole meetings to two topics. Policy revisions will be discussed four times a year (July, October, February and April).

Priority List from Board Members

At the April 23rd meeting, during a discussion on the Challenge Program, Board members stated they would submit a list of other topics or issues it wishes to discuss. The compiled list included 25 items divided into the four strategic planning sections. Dr. Swoboda had questions regarding some items on the list and asked for clarification. She stated that the majority of the items were already being researched or is in the plans for future review.

The Board will discuss the list at a future meeting and will discuss if the items should be kept or deleted and how they would fit into the strategic plan action plans.

School Structure Optimization Study

A question was asked by a Board member for the details of this study as well as the direction of the request. Due to the lateness of the meeting, the Board moved this discussion to one of the meetings in August where more time can be devoted to the discussion.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Gail Bennett to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 PM.

On Roll Call, there were:

Ayes: Gail Bennett, Bruce Bohren, Larry Gregorash, Terry Hall, Carla Little, Mark Vondracek

Nays: None

Absent: Michael Bond

The motion carried.

Approved by the Board of Education on July 31, 2008.

President, Bruce G. Bohren

Secretary, Gail Bennett