

MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF  
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 50  
Board of Education Office  
1105 N. Hunt Club Road  
Gurnee, IL 60031  
Thursday, March 5, 2009

**Call to Order**

President, Bruce Bohren, called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

**Roll Call**

Members Present:                   Gail Bennett  
  Bruce Bohren  
  Larry Gregorash  
  Terry Hall  
  Carla Little (arrived 7:30 PM)  
  Mark Vondracek

Members Absent:                   Michael Bond

Administrators Present:           Dr. Joy Swoboda                   Bob Leonard

**Citizen Statements**

Mark Vondracek wanted to share his congratulations to the PTA on the fun fair, the Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade music concerts and the Middle School science fair winners and teachers on a job well done.

**School Calendar**

The Board discussed and reviewed the tentative FY10 school calendar. The Superintendent's Calendar Committee and the administration review the makeup of the calendar each year to align winter and spring breaks with the two high schools when possible. The placement of emergency days is also reviewed. The Board will approve the final FY 10 district calendar at the March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Community Survey**

Dr. Anne Swanson and Steve Thomas presented the qualitative data from the community survey conducted in February. Dr. Swoboda thanked both for their hard work, time and accurate limitations and assumptions on analyzing the data. The response rate was relatively low (200+ responses) but of those responses, the individuals are generally pleased with the district.

The Board members discussed how to further share district information, including the budget, with the community. The annual report is not timely information for families. The district will shift to a quarterly report, which will include financial and student achievement data highlighting the economy and the effects upon the district. Three community presentations have been scheduled.

**Board Forum**

The next forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event will now be changed to accurately reflect the evening: community input night – board forum. After discussion, the Board will review the survey results, give a presentation on the budget and engage the public in further topics to gain feedback.

**Fee Collection**

The Board discussed various positive incentives to assist in fee collection in the district. This was a follow up from the February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting on fee collection. Because the registration process is a large endeavor in the district, the administration will focus on ways during registration to encourage families to pay fees. During the annual proof of residency, parents are able to pay fees, pick up a fee waiver including a free

and reduced lunch application. The district will also be encouraging current families to register online to save on paper. Fees will remain the same for FY10.

Joint Board Meeting

Dr. Gregorash and Bob Leonard reported on the February 18<sup>th</sup> meeting with Millburn #24, Gurnee #56 and Warren #121. The Superintendents, Board Presidents and Board Vice Presidents of the districts meet to discuss ways to work together to save money. Dr. Gregorash stated the districts will look into wind energy. The districts will meet together at a joint dinner on May 7<sup>th</sup> and will discuss a possible joint resolution to allow school districts to own no contiguous property to have wind power with net metering to gain maximum financial benefit.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Larry Gregorash and seconded by Mark Vondracek to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

On Roll Call, the votes 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 March 25, 2009.

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President, Bruce G. Bohren

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Secretary, Gail Bennett