

MEETING OF THE BOARD FORUM OF
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 50
Board of Education Office
1105 N. Hunt Club Road
Gurnee, IL 60031
Thursday, January 29, 2009

Call to Order

President, Bruce Bohren, called the Board forum to order at 7:05 PM.

Roll Call

Members Present: Gail Bennett
 Bruce Bohren
 Larry Gregorash
 Carla Little
 Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: Michael Bond
 Terry Hall

School Board Forum

Bruce Bohren welcomed the audience and thanked them for attending.

School Recognition

The Primary and Intermediate Schools were recognized for placing in the top ten of all Lake County schools during the Regional Office of Education's annual attendance week. Students representing the two schools were present to accept a Certificate of Special Recognition from the School Board. The students representing the Primary School were Thomas Matheson and Victoria Lockett. The students representing the Intermediate School were Austin Clark, Kyle Malaker, Kayla Malaker and Jillian Hansen.

Community Input from the Community Regarding the Future of the District

Vice-President Larry Gregorash began the evening with a presentation about the district that included a general overview of current district stats ranging from class size and staff tenure to student achievement and Woodland's financial picture. Dr. Gregorash focused on dispelling various misconceptions about the district, one of which included the perception that the district is overwhelmed with revenues. Discussion ensued surrounding the recent report that the Consumer Price Index (CPI) is at its lowest rate of (.1 percent) in history and how this will negatively impact the district.

Following the presentation, those in attendance were given the opportunity to provide input on the following areas: finances, facilities, student clusters: the house concept and learning opportunities: curriculums and finances. Attendees were given the option of sitting in on four 10-minute sessions or two 20-minute sessions. Input provided will be reviewed over the next several months to assist the Board with long-range planning.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Approved by the Board of Education on February 25, 2009.

President, Bruce G. Bohren

Secretary, Gail Bennett