

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, October 23, 2008

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
 Terry Hall
 Carla Little
 Mark Vondracek

Members Absent: Michael Bond

School Board Forum

Bruce Bohren welcomed the audience and thanked them for attending. Members of the Board of Education gave presentations on the following items:

- Emergency Preparedness Planning- Presented by Bob Grum, Lake County Public Health Department
- Board Training And Recruitment – presented by Dr. Larry Gregorash
- Community Input On Future School Structure- Presented by Gail Bennett and Terry Hall

Emergency Preparedness Planning

Bob Grum from the Lake County Public Health Department provided an overview of the County's plan to distribute medicine to residents in the event of an emergency (bio terrorism, pandemic flu, etc.). He stated that all Lake County agencies (police, fire, county clerk, etc.) are working together to ensure the plan is complete. He stated that the medicine will be received from the Strategic National Stockpile and distributed by local staff through polling places. He said that families should have enough supplies for 72 hours if an emergency situation occurs. Mr. Grum stated that interested individuals should contact either the Public Health Department or the Medical Reserve Corps to sign up as a volunteer. A copy of the powerpoint presentation is available on the district's website.

Mr. Grum informed the audience that there have been two practice emergencies including one at the College of Lake County. Both have been well orchestrated and the communication among the various county agencies went well.

A question was asked by the district administration how the district should handle this type of emergency occurred during the school day? Are there guidelines? What would the expectation is there of the school if the students would need to stay longer than normal, possibly overnight? Mr. Grum stated that this scenario is worth exploring by the Public Health Department.

Board Training and Recruitment

Dr. Gregorash provided a presentation on Board duties including the main goals of policy and fiscal responsibilities. He stated that according to the Illinois Association of School Boards and Board practices, Board members do not get involved in daily operations of the school district. He reviewed the time commitment involved in being a Board member and discussed various meeting responsibilities. The district will have four seats up for election at the April 7, 2009. Interested individuals can obtain petitions packets at the Educational Support Center. Qualifications and filing requirements can also be found on the district's website.

Community Feedback on Future School Structure

Members Gail Bennett and Terry Hall stated the Board is seeking input from the community regarding if the current structure will serve the needs of future students. The Board will focus on discussing and receiving feedback on this topic at the January 29, 2009 forum. Information will be sent to the community in December and January. A community member asked how one could submit feedback. Parents and community members may submit their comments to the district prior to the meeting via regular mail, email, fax, or through their student.

Questions from the Community

Community members asked the following question:

- What are the responsibilities of the Board officers? The duties of the offices of President, Vice President, and Secretary were explained.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Approved by the Board of Education on November 19, 2008.

President, Bruce G. Bohren

Secretary, Gail Bennett