

**TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 11, 2010
New Trier High School - Winnetka Campus
385 Winnetka Avenue, Winnetka, IL
Room 210
Open Session – 7:00 a.m.**

A **Special Meeting** of the Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District 203, Cook County, Illinois was held at New Trier High School – Winnetka Campus, 385 Winnetka Avenue, Winnetka, Illinois, Room 210, on Monday, January 11, 2010 at 7:00 a.m.

Members Present

Mr. James B. Koch, President
Ms. Wendy Serrino, Vice President
Mr. Alan R. Dolinko
Ms. Carol Ducommun
Mr. F. Malcolm Harris
Mr. Robert Merrick

Administrators Present at Table

Dr. Linda L. Yonke, Superintendent
Mr. Donald R. Goers, Associate Superintendent
Mr. Timothy Hayes, Assistant Superintendent
for Student Services
Mr. Paul Sally – Assistant Superintendent for
Curriculum and Instruction

Members Absent

John Myefski

Also Present

Mr. Jay Rosenberg, Department of English and NTEA President

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Koch called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 a.m.

I. H1N1 Vaccination Clinic Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)

Mr. Timothy Hayes explained that a special clinic for New Trier students and staff is being scheduled for January 22, 2010. Immunizations will be free for all students and staff, and will be available on both campuses. The Cook County Department of Public Health has emphasized the importance of all teenagers getting the vaccine and they feel it is important to hold the clinic at New Trier High School, even though the vaccine is more widely available now. Mr. Hayes asked that the Board authorize the Superintendent to sign a Memorandum of Agreement with the CCDPH so that the clinic can go forward. Mr. Dolinko moved and Ms. Serrino seconded a motion to authorize the Superintendent to sign the MOA. Upon voice vote, the Board of Education members unanimously approved the motion.

II. Race to the Top Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The State of Illinois is applying for a competitive grant from the U.S. Department of Education for funding for school improvement. Illinois is seeking over \$500 million in funding through the Race to the Top program, half of which would be distributed to participating school districts. As part of that application process, ISBE is asking local districts to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) indicating their willingness to participate in the program being developed by the State. Dr. Yonke and Mr. Sally presented information about the state's application and the benefits and possible pitfalls of signing the MOU. Jay Rosenberg spoke on behalf of the Faculty Association, sharing their reluctance to participate in the program due to the uncertainty of many elements of the program. Discussion ensued in which Board members expressed their desire to support the State's application for additional funding, but sharing concerns about the actual requirements of participation. The "opt-out" clause in the MOU indicates that districts who later decide not to participate in the program can simply fail to submit a plan within the timelines required, after which they will no longer be subject to the program requirements.

Mr. Dolinko moved to table the recommendation to authorize the Superintendent and Board President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding; Ms. Ducommun seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Dolinko

NAY: Ms. Serrino, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Harris, Mr. Koch

The motion failed.

Mr. Merrick moved and Ms. Serrino seconded the motion to authorize the Superintendent and Board of Education President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the State of Illinois' application for Race to the Top funding. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Serrino, Mr. Dolinko, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Koch

NAY: Mr. Harris, Ms. Ducommun

The motion passed.

Adjournment

Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

Mr. Koch adjourned the meeting at 7:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

James B. Koch, President