

**TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**March 15, 2010**

**New Trier High School - Northfield Campus**

**Northfield Campus, Multipurpose Room C234, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, Illinois**

**Closed Session – 6:00 p.m. Open Session – 7:00 p.m.**

A **Regular Meeting** of the Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District 203, Cook County, Illinois was held at New Trier High School – Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, Illinois, Room C234, on Monday, March 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mr. James B. Koch, President  
Mr. Alan R. Dolinko  
Ms. Carol Ducommun  
Mr. F. Malcolm Harris  
Mr. Robert Merrick  
Mr. John Myefski

**Administrators Present at Table**

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

**Members Absent**

Ms. Wendy Serrino, Vice President

**Also Present**

Mr. Chris Johnson, Director of Technology; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Laurel Burman, Director of Special Education; Ms. Athena Petmezas, Director of Student Life; Ms. Michele Slav, Director of Business Services; Mr. Matt Ottaviano, Assistant Principal, Winnetka Campus; Mr. John Neiweem, Director of Physical Plant Services; Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications; Mr. Jay Rosenberg, Department of English and NTEA President; Ms. Debbie Stacey, Director of Academic Services; Mr. Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director; Mr. Mark Onstott, Department of Kinetic Wellness and Boys' Swimming & Diving Coach; Mr. Jeremy Boscaccy, Department of Technology; Ms. Kay Pothast, Department of Kinetic Wellness; Ms. Colleen Sheridan, Health Services Coordinator; Ms. Joan Liess, School Nurse; Ms. Onnie Scheyer; Mr. Wes Baumann; Ms. Dee Baumann; Mr. Herbert Sorock; Mr. Daniel Fox; Ms. Vanessa Rachmaninoff; Ms. Cheryl Smith; Ms. Debbie Kerr; Mr. William Specht; Ms. Julie Hayes; Ms. Katie Okon and numerous members of the Community.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Koch called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and asked for a motion to call the meeting to Open Session. Mr. Merrick moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion that the Board move from Closed Session to Open Session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Harris, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Myefski,  
Mr. Koch

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

*Agenda Item III.A. Student/Staff Recognition was presented at this time.*

**I. Minutes**

Mr. Koch requested a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Merrick moved and Mr. Dolinko seconded the motion that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2010 (open and closed session). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Harris, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Myefski, Mr. Dolinko, Mr. Koch

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

*Dr. Yonke took the opportunity to note that Mr. Paul Waechter was sitting in for Ms. Jan Borja. Mr. Waechter is the Assistant Principal of the Northfield Campus. Ms. Borja is presently battling an illness and the Administration wishes her well and welcomes Mr. Waechter to the table. Also of note, Ms. Katherine Schindler, Assistant Principal for Student Services, delivered her firstborn, Owen Schindler, earlier this morning. Congratulations and good wishes go out to them.*

## **II. Communications**

Mr. Koch invited public comment at this time. Mr. Daniel Fox and Mr. Herbert Sorock voiced concerns regarding the district survey and payment sources for the Facilities work that has been done. Ms. Debbie Kerr and Ms. Julie Hayes shared their support of the Board and Administration and for the Facilities Project and February 2, 2010 Referendum. Mr. William Specht spoke regarding a letter written to Association members by the Association President. Mr. Koch thanked all the members for their statements and comments.

## **III. Special Orders of Business**

### **A. Student/Staff Recognition**

Dr. Tim Dohrer, Principal at the Winnetka Campus welcomed the Community, students and staff to the second recognition program of this school year. Fifty certificates were presented for Boys' Swimming and Diving – IHSA 3<sup>rd</sup> Place State Champions; the New Trier Fencing Team – Midwest Champions; and Kay Pothast for her trip to Washington, D. C. on behalf of the Special Olympics.

### **B. Report from Campus Principals and Assistant Superintendents**

Mr. Paul Waechter, Assistant Principal for the Northfield Campus reported on the various activities happening at the freshman campus. Course registrations for next year are being processed for both the freshmen moving to the Winnetka Campus and incoming freshmen. Mr. Waechter mentioned there were 1058 registration forms for next year's freshman class, and noted this to be consistent with the expectation that the class would be larger than this year's class. Also, there has been much planning for the Freshman Institute Day which is next Monday, March 22. The theme of the day is "Journeys Beyond Ourselves, Our Walls, and Our Borders". Mr. Waechter reviewed the different speakers and outlined the day's schedule.

Dr. Tim Dohrer reported on the many activities at the Winnetka Campus which included the successful Turnabout Dance and Winter Carnival. The seniors present the carnival to the community with proceeds benefitting Habitat for Humanity. This year they raised \$26,000 in ticket sales and \$11,000 in the silent auction. The Winnetka Campus also celebrated the "Roots of New Trier." This event had been called International Day or Week in the past; it now brings groups and clubs related to various parts of the world together to set up food booths and dancing for two days in the student lounge. "Thoroughly Modern Millie" was performed this week by two casts of Choir Opera. Musical events coming up are for the Percussion and Wind Ensemble and the spring Choral Concert next week and after spring break, the Spring Jazz Ensemble. The Symphony Orchestra will have an opportunity to perform a free concert in Orchestra Hall on April 16, 2010. New Trier was one of three schools invited to do this and it will be recorded. And lastly, the third quarter ends March 19, fourth quarter begins March 22, and Spring Break extends from March 27 through April 4.

Mr. Paul Sally noted the continued work on staffing and sectioning for next year. There are approximately 200 -250 more student registrations over last year. In spite of the increase, there are efforts to try to maintain the staffing at the same level as last year. Mr. Sally also reported on research taking place related to the Bookstore, and the possibility of students being able to rent rather than purchase their books. Research has included a visit to Stevenson High School to look at their program and discussion with Follet on their options. Mr. Sally will present a more thorough Bookstore report to the Board at April's regular meeting.

Mr. Tim Hayes requested moving to the *Health Services Presentation which is Agenda Item III.F*. Mr. Hayes introduced Joan Liess, Northfield School Nurse and Colleen Sheridan, Health Services Coordinator.

### **C. Day Care Report**

Dr. Yonke reviewed the recent history of the Day Care proposal which first began in the 1990's. A location for such a facility finally became viable and available with the return of the B Building from Stepan Chemical to the Northfield Campus. A staff survey showed significant interest for the Day Care which would provide service for infants through five years of age. Onsite day care facilities enhance the District's ability to attract top tier candidates and retain staff. Dr. Yonke and Mr. Goers responded to questions and comments of the Board. Ms. Ducommun inquired about the space size and the breakdown of classes for the age groups. Mr. Dolinko noted that the District is not at risk for operational expenses for the Day Care Center. Dr. Yonke confirmed that the provider assumes all risk for the profitability and operations of the Center, including whether there is sufficient enrollment to offset expenses.

### **D. Internal Controls Report**

Mr. Don Goers presented a report on Internal Controls which were recommended by the District's auditors, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. The suggested list of potential controls would create a higher level of reliability so that errors or irregularities would be more easily discovered by our staff. It was noted however, that some of these controls may be impractical for the District to implement due to staff size or cost effectiveness. These recommendations come as a result of the School Auditing Standards that went into effect in 2007. The six areas of possible risk included: journal entries – accruals; segregation of duties; invoice approval; vendor approval; segregation of duties; and deficiencies in general information technology controls. Mr. Goers reviewed each area with responses and recommendations for changes in systems or reporting. Mr. Goers then responded to Board members' comments and questions.

### **E. Public Hearing: Fire Prevention & Safety Bonds**

Mr. Goers reviewed the Life Safety Amendments 6 and 17 which were approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) in 2007 for Health Life Safety work at both campuses totaling \$7.82 million. In 2008, the Board approved the sale of Health Life Safety Bonds in the amount of \$3.84 million for the beginning of the work. Several of the projects of both these Amendments have been completed. The balance of the projects would require issuing the balance amount of \$3.98 million in Health Life Safety Bonds for completion in the summer of 2010 and 2011. Work on the existing exterior masonry repairs to the Gates Gym and the boiler plant will be temporarily postponed dependent upon future decisions regarding the Winnetka facilities project. Additional bonds will also be needed for the Life Safety Amendment 7 for work at the Northfield Campus, in the amount of \$4.45 million, which was approved by the Board at the February 2010 Regular meeting and subsequently approved by the ISBE. The total amount of School Fire Prevention and Safety Bonds to be issued is approximately \$8.43 million. This Public Hearing is scheduled to provide the public opportunity to comment on the proposal to sell the bonds. The Bond sale will be presented for approval at the April 19, 2010 Regular Board meeting. Mr. Goers responded to questions and comments by the Board. Mr. Koch asked if any member of the public would like to comment. Ms. Vanessa Rachmaninoff sought clarification on the amount of the total bond issuance and the scope of the work for Life Health Safety. Ms. Rachmaninoff then inquired of the possibility of using painting proceeds (from the sale of the Stuart Davis painting) to fund these repairs and reduce the need for more bonds. Mr. Goers responded by detailing the work to be done and that some of the painting proceeds would be used for non- Life Safety renovations at the Northfield Campus. Mr. Herbert Sorock inquired as to what effect might there be in terms of safety regarding the deferred work at Winnetka on the Gates Gym and boiler plant if the deferred time is two to three years away. Mr. John Neiweem responded that an exact evaluation of the cost effectiveness for work on those areas will be presented at the April meeting. Mr. Goers responded that safety was of paramount importance for students and staff and all appropriate work will be done to ensure that. There being no one else wishing to comment, Mr. Myefski moved and Mr. Merrick seconded the motion that the Board move to close the Public Hearing for the Health Life Safety Bonds. Upon a roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Harris, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Myefski, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Koch

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Health Services Presentation**

Ms. Joan Liess, School Nurse, and Ms. Colleen Sheridan, Health Services Coordinator, provided an overview report of their role in the school. Last year over 26,000 students visited the Health Office and over 700 staff members also used their services.

Ms. Liess reviewed the history of school nursing which began in 1902 in New York through today with over 50,000 school nurses nationwide. New Trier's Health Services assists with issues of self care as well as major health challenges, coping with personal loss or a mental illness. Our state certified Health Services staff works in collaboration with administrators, teachers, advisors and social workers with the belief that optimum health is an essential part of a good education. Ms. Sheridan reflected on a typical day in the Health Services office and the wide variety of support and assistance that is dispensed by the nurses. Dr. Yonke noted the exceptional way in which the department handles outbreaks of disease such as the Pertussis, Noro Virus and H1N1. All three examples necessitated working with the Cook County Department of Public Health as well as parents and administrators in an informational and professional way. Ms. Liess and Ms. Sheridan responded to Board members' questions and comments. Mr. Dolinko noted possible connections of the increase in student visits with stress and behavior difficulties and any connection this may have in relation to the Strategic Planning Initiative for Healthy Balanced Life. Dr. Yonke and Mr. Hayes agreed further investigation of these connections and questions needs to follow. Dr. Dohrer commended both Ms. Liess and Ms. Sheridan for their important roles on the leadership teams of both campuses and their invaluable input to staff development.

**G. Facilities Project Report – Official Results/Next Steps**

Dr. Yonke reviewed the Official Results of the February 2, 2010 Referendum noting the Cook County Clerk's office completed its canvass of all votes and certified 8,068 "Yes" votes and 13,713 "No" votes. Dr. Yonke noted the Facilities Steering Committee recommends that the Board not pursue a referendum in November 2010. It was obvious that the favorable financing options, including Build America Bonds, were not enough incentive to outweigh the cost of the project. Plans need to be made to address the immediate needs of the Winnetka Campus facility, specifically in terms of tuck pointing the North and Tower Buildings, the Bickert Gyms and the Auditorium, but also further out that a specific plan be developed to address the deficiencies cited in the Gates Gym, Boiler Plant, Tech Arts Building, Cafeteria and Music Building. Additionally, analysis of the referendum results should occur with considerations for an entire community survey, time to develop a plan and answer more clearly and completely remaining questions about space utilization on both campuses. Facility planning and strategic planning need to merge more explicitly and this can be addressed as the evaluation time for the current Strategic Plan (2005-2010) draws near.

Mr. Harris agreed with Dr. Yonke that November 2010 would not be a viable time for another referendum. Time is needed to thoroughly analyze community support. Mr. Harris would like to see the Board work more closely with the community to identify their vision for New Trier. He feels that there are issues still present and that it is going to take time to address those issues and engage the community in the process.

Mr. Dolinko concurred with Mr. Harris about the need for time and discernment. Noting the wide and various reasons for voting yes or no, it will be important to identify the themes within the "NO" vote - to determine if the results were a reaction to the economy or to the cost of the project, whether residents did not like the specific plan or were concerned about the use of space on both campuses, for example. The Northfield campus continues to surface as an issue in planning and Mr. Dolinko welcomed the idea of tying the facilities discussion in with the Strategic Plan. He recommends taking the time to involve as many Community members as possible and to not rush the process, which could take possibly a year or longer.

Mr. John Myefski thanked all who voted in the referendum on both sides, showing a working model of democracy. The Board brought the question before the public and the community answered clearly. Mr. Myefski noted the positives of the outcome, stating

that many aspects of the plan can be reused. The opportunity now is to take the time to move forward, looking at all the issues and to get the majority of the Community involved in the process, including students.

Ms. Ducommun reiterated earlier comments by stating “not this plan, not November”. The referendum was a resounding vote and the Board needs to listen to that and thank both sides for the effort. Ms. Ducommun feels the need to take time now to reflect on the premises and criteria, including the 1-3 enrollment model, the value of green spaces and the use of field space. Our research should then be shared with the community at large and use these reports as building blocks to enter into a new plan.

Mr. Merrick continued to speak for the involvement of the community. He perceived in the referendum vote a sense of frustration on the community’s part that they were not involved or given the opportunity for involvement in the Facilities Project. He feels it is very important to involve the community, and that it is essential in going forward to include them in the planning process and the development of recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Koch agreed that November 2010 is too early for another referendum. However, he noted that the curriculum needs and special education needs still exist and it was his hope that progress would continue in a timely way to meet these needs.

Ms. Ducommun responded that while time is needed, the effort is one of pragmatism to reach a successful outcome. Mr. Dolinko agreed that it would be a consensus building effort.

Dr. Yonke was appreciative of the Board’s thoughts. She noted that there will be more community involvement with parents, community members and students in the upcoming review of the Strategic Plan and the Facility Plans.

**IV. Routine/Recurrent Items (consent agenda)**

*- Bill List for the Period, February 1 – 28, 2010*

Mr. Goers presented the Bill List for the period February 1-28, 2010 with a few notes on the payment to Pepper Construction for the approved bids and the real estate taxes that are paid for 2009 for Stepan and applied to their credit balance. Mr. Harris moved and Mr. Dolinko seconded the motion that the Board approve the Bill List for the period February 1-28, 2010 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Merrick, Mr. Myefski, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Koch

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

**V. Board Member Reports**

- 1) Ms. Ducommun reported for the Parents Association that the Graduation party plans for June are coming along well. The theme will be announced soon. Donations to the Parents Association have so far totaled \$18,700 of their \$20,000 budgeted goal.

Mr. Harris noted that tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. is the quarterly meeting of the New Trier Education Foundation Board, and will include a reception at Cappricio’s. Mr. Harris invited anyone interested in the Foundation’s work to join them at the reception and stay for the meeting.

**VI. Administrative Items**

**A. Personnel Report**

Dr. Yonke presented the Personnel Report which included appointments of support staff, resignations, change of status and tenure recommendations. Dr. Yonke also noted the Addendum which included a resignation. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Merrick seconded the motion to approve the Personnel Report as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Myefski, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Harris, Mr. Merrick,  
Mr. Koch

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **B. Public Hearing: Holiday Waivers**

Dr. Yonke noted that the Public Hearing for Holiday Waivers will occur next month at the April Board meeting. Mr. Paul Sally instead reviewed the new requirements by the Illinois State Board of Education as of August 24, 2009 for school holiday waiver requests. The waiver allows school districts to hold school on certain Illinois school holidays. The state no longer requires the district to submit documentation for approval; however, the school must hold a Public Hearing to hear comment from interested constituencies. The school must also continue to honor the person/persons that the holiday recognizes through instructional activities. The holidays in question are:

- The birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (third Monday in January)
- The birthday of President Abraham Lincoln (February 12)
- The birthday of Casimir Pulaski (first Monday in March)
- Columbus Day (second Monday in October); and
- Veteran's Day (November 11).

Mr. Sally pointed out that no action is required now, and that public notice will go in the newspapers about the Public Hearing next month. Addressing these five holidays with the waiver allows for more flexibility in preparing the school calendar. Board discussion followed on community input, instructional activities and Lincoln's Birthday, February 12 versus Presidents' Day later in February. It was noted that we already hold school on Lincoln's Birthday, Pulaski Day, and Veteran's Day. Approving a waiver for all five holidays does not require us to hold school on those days, but does allow the flexibility to build a schedule with or without observing those holidays.

#### **C. Approval of Auditors**

Mr. Don Goers reported that the District has concluded a three year contract with our present auditors, Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP (formerly William F. Gurrie & Co.). While the District has been pleased with their services of the past eight years, the Administration felt it was a good time to request proposals from other firms as well, to maintain appropriate pricing and fees. Proposals were requested of eight firms; four were submitted. Mr. Goers reviewed the District's history with Virchow Krause and the positive progress in our financial reporting which included the first Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). While the District has made significant enhancements to our financial reporting, there has been some disappointment in fee structure with Virchow Krause for developing the Internal Controls Report and auditing the Scholarship Trust Fund. Mr. Goers reviewed the interview process and reference checks of two of the firms, Mathieson, Moyski, Celer & Co. LLP. and McGladrey & Pullen, LLP. Upon further study and consideration, McGladrey & Pullen was chosen for their extensive experience and services. Mr. Goers responded to Board members' comments. Mr. Myefski moved and Mr. Dolinko seconded the motion that the Board accept the McGladry & Pullen, LLP proposal to perform auditing services for the years ending June 2010, 2011 and 2012 at the revised maximum fee proposed. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Harris, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Myefski,  
Mr. Koch

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **D. Bid Approval – Roof Top Unit**

Mr. Goers reviewed the recommendation from Pepper Construction Company for the purchase of two new Roof Top Units for the upgrade to the mechanical system associated with the B Building Renovation. This portion of the project was separated

to ensure delivery on the long lead time item to maintain the construction schedule. Four firms responded to the call for bids and three submitted bid proposals. While Pepper had budgeted \$120,000 for the units, the recommended firm of Johnson Controls/York submitted their bid of \$115,950. Mr. Dolinko and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion that the Board approve the award of the Northfield Renovation Project's B Building Roof Top Units to Johnson Controls/York at a total cost of \$115,950.00. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Harris, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Myefski, Mr. Dolinko,  
Mr. Koch

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **E. Tentative Amended Budget FY 2009-2010**

Mr. Goers reported on the expected necessity to amend the 2009-2010 Budget, based on the Board's action to complete the Northfield Campus Renovation Project and the related sale of Health Life Safety Bonds. He reviewed the process to amend the Budget, explaining the similarities with adopting the Budget. The Board will approve the Tentative Amended Budget 2009-10 and set a Public Hearing for April 19 for the Tentative Amended Budget 2009-10 and that this Amended Budget will be on display for a minimum of 30 days. The Final Amended Budget 2009-10 will be presented for approval after the Public Hearing at the April 19, 2010, Regular Board meeting. In addition to these modifications, Mr. Goers also recommended several transfers between accounts and funds to reflect accounting changes required by the Illinois Program Accounting Manual (IPAM) and the reclassification of the Federal 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Funds received for general state aid and the IDEA flow-through funds. Also recommended is closing out the Building Capital Improvement Fund, and moving the beginning balances as well as the projected revenues and expenditures over to the Capital Projects Fund, which is the new fund added as part of the IPAM changes. While there are increases in the revenues and expenditures of various funds primarily due to the new IPAM requirements, the net result of these budget changes on the District's projected ending cash balance is slightly more than \$1 million. Mr. Goers responded to Board members' comments and questions. Ms Ducommun noted for clarity that the funding for the Northfield Renovation Project is from three sources: the sale of the Health Life Safety Bonds for \$4.45 million; \$2.9 million from Reserves; and \$1.4 million from the Stuart Davis Painting Proceeds. The total amount for the Northfield Project is \$8.75 million. Mr. Merrick moved and Mr. Dolinko seconded the motion that the Board approve the 2009-10 Tentative Amended Budget and that a Public Hearing date be set for April 19, 2010 for the Tentative Amended Budget and that this Amended Budget be placed on public display from March 18 through the Public Hearing. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Harris, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Myefski, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun,  
Mr. Koch

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **F. FY 2010-2011 Budget Update**

Mr. Goers reviewed the Budget Calendar and the Assumptions and Parameters that were presented in January in preparation of the annual budget document. The Summary of Historical and Projected Revenues and Expenditures indicates a projected deficit for the Fiscal Year 2010-11 of \$721,000. While the 2009 CPI increased to 2.7%, its impact will reflect on the FY 2012 Budget. Also at this time, due to the state's financial health, we anticipate a total loss of General State Aid of approximately \$900,000. This will increase our FY 2011 deficit to over \$1.6 million. Mr. Goers noted while this news is not good, our situation is not as dire as many schools around the state. To address this projected budget deficit, the Cost Containment Committee and the Administrative team have met to solidify a list of potential budget reduction measures and revenue enhancements to total \$1.7 million. A decision will have to be made this month with regard to staffing and any reduction in force needed to be taken up in the Personnel

Report of the Special Board Meeting on March 25. While preparing the budget, the Committee's guidelines indicate the paramount emphasis on the health and safety of students and staff; the avoidance of cost containment measures that might have a negative impact on student performance; and the provision of an excellent educational program by striving to attract, retain and develop highly qualified staff members. Mr. Goers offered to answer any questions. Mr. Koch commented that the District was fortunate in many ways, and he specifically commended Mr. Goers for his attentive work in the current economic climate.

**G. Amended School Calendar 2010-2011**

Dr. Yonke reviewed the adjustments to the School Year Calendar 2010-2011 which included corrections to the PSAE tests to April 27 & 28 and one addition of one student attendance day in June.

The Board of Education Calendar of Regular Meetings for 2010-2011 moved the April 18<sup>th</sup> meeting to April 27<sup>th</sup> to accommodate seating of new Board members within the allotted time set by the County Clerk's office. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion that the Board approve the amended 2010-2011 School Calendar and the amended 2010-2011 Board of Education Regular Meeting Calendar as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Merrick, Mr. Myefski, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Harris,  
Mr. Koch

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

**VII. Business Reports**

- *Financial Reports for February 2010*

Mr. Goers reviewed the financial reports for the month of February 2010. He noted there will be a more detailed quarterly report next month and invited questions from the Board. No questions were asked.

**VIII. Board of Education**

- **Calendar of Events**

Dr. Yonke reminded the Board and audience that there will be a Special Board Meeting on March 25 at 7:15 a.m. at the Winnetka Campus for approval of bids for the Northfield project and to make any necessary Reductions in Force by the mandated deadline.

Dr. Yonke also noted that the third quarter is ending and that Spring Break begins on March 27.

Board policy requires that the Superintendent appoint a committee to research nominations for naming of facilities at New Trier when they are received, and she asked that a Board member be included on the Naming Committee. Mr. Koch volunteered to serve.

- **Board Members' Requests for Information and Staff Research and Suggested Agenda Items**

There were no requests for information or suggested agenda items.

**IX. Communications – Citizens' Comments**

Mr. Koch invited any additional citizen comments at this time. Mr. Herbert Sorock took note to verify that the balance of the painting proceeds would be used for the Northfield Renovation Project. He also requested that the minutes and other documents be available online. Dr. Yonke pointed out that the previous month's minutes are posted after the Board has approved them and the other documents are on the linked BoardDocs site. Mr. Sorock requested the official results of the referendum as he missed them earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Ottaviano shared with the Board and Public his participation in the annual St. Patrick's Day fundraiser for children's cancer research. Participants will shave their head for donations to St. Baldrick's Foundation. Donations may be made in Mr. Ottaviano's name at

[www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mottaviano](http://www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mottaviano). He is seeking to raise \$2,000.00 for cancer research.

**Adjournment**

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

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Koch adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

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James B. Koch, President