

**TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**March 25, 2010**  
**New Trier High School - Winnetka Campus**  
**Room 210, 385 Winnetka Ave., Winnetka, Illinois**  
**Open Session – 7:15 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 Thursday, March 25, 2010 at 7:20 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  
Mr. John Myefski

**Administrators Present at Table**

Dr. Linda L. Yonke, Superintendent  
Mr. Donald R. Goers, Associate Superintendent  
Mr. Paul Sally, Assistant Superintendent for  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Timothy Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for  
Student Services  
Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources

**Also Present**

Mr. John Neiweem, Director of Physical Plant Services, Mr. Dave Conway, Physical Plant Services Coordinator, Northfield Campus; Mr. Bill Bennett, Pepper Construction; Mr. Robert Martinelli, Pepper Construction; Mr. Mark Jolicoeur, Perkins + Will.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Koch called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:20 a.m. Mr. Merrick moved the meeting to open session. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Upon a roll call being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

**I. Personnel Report**

Dr. Linda Yonke reviewed the Personnel report which included a Leave of Absence, Non-Renewal and Honorable Dismissal, two Faculty resignations, one Administration retirement, and two Educational Support Staff terminations. Questions and discussion followed with Dr. Yonke and Mr. Goers responding. Discussion included the difference in leaves of absence and sabbatical leaves, and the impact of sabbaticals on the Budget. Mr. Merrick moved and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion that the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

**II. Bid Approval - Northfield Campus**

Mr. Don Goers reviewed the recommendations from Pepper Construction Co. for awarding the contracts for the remaining prime trades associated with the Northfield Campus Renovation Project. Bid proposals were received for masonry, drywall, millwork, glass & glazing, ceramic tile, carpet and resilient flooring, painting, science lab casework, lockers, toilet partitions, operable partitions, fire protection, plumbing, HVAC, and electrical. Previous Board approval covered demolition, asbestos abatement, doors, frames, hardware, and roof top units. Excluding the asbestos abatement, the other previous bids came in at approximately \$29,800.00 under budget. Today's bid recommendations total bid package of \$4,702,097 is \$56,036 (1%) under

Pepper Construction's budget. Multiple bids were received for many of the areas and all the recommended contractors have previously worked with Pepper. Board discussion followed with Mr. Goers, Mr. Neiweem, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Martinelli responding to Board members' questions and comments. Discussion included the low number of bids received in certain areas and the amount of savings in relation to the budgeted totals. Mr. Martinelli noted that while there was greater interest in submitting bids, a number of firms dropped out at the last minute. Mr. Bennett responded with regards to the savings margin, saying that it is Pepper's goal to be within 2-3% of budget. Lastly there was discussion about scheduling agenda items related to bids for regular Board meetings, perhaps omitting the need for special Board meetings. Mr. Myefski reiterated his strong feeling that a bid package as significant as the one presented today should be made at a regular, evening Board of Education meeting. Dr. Yonke and Mr. Goers indicated that they would do so, and that they had taken his request into account for other bids, but that this particular set of bids needed attention before the regular April meeting in order to meet timelines for the Northfield project. After no further discussion, Mr. Koch requested a motion on the Bid Approval. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Merrick seconded the motion that the Board award prime trade contracts for the Northfield Campus Renovation Project to those contractors as recommended by Pepper Construction. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### **ADJOURN**

Mr. Koch called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion to adjourn. Upon a voice vote being taken, the members all voted in favor of the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

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James B. Koch, President