

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

May 17, 2010

New Trier High School - Northfield Campus

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

Closed Session – 6:30 p.m. Open Session – 7:30 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, May 17, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present

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

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

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; 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. Peter Tragos, NTEA Past President, Social Studies Department; Ms. Maureen Magee, NTESPA President; Mr. Jeremy Boscaccy; Mr. Dave Conway, Physical Plant Coordinator, Northfield Campus; Ms. Laura Murray, ECRA Group Inc.; Mr. Steve Cashman, Cashman-Stahler Group; Ms. Sharon Kristjanson; Mr. Herbert Sorock; Ms. Vanessa Rachmaninoff; Mr. Wes Bauman; Mr. Kevin Yost; Mr. Tim Sherman; Mr. Jack Silverstein; Ms. Katie Okon and numerous members of the Community.

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Serrino called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and called for a motion to approve the minutes of the April meeting.

I. Minutes

Mr. Merrick moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 19, 2010 (open and closed session). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Serrino took the opportunity at this time to address the tragic events of the past weekend. Sophomore student, Sarah Goone, was involved in a car accident on Friday after school at the intersection of Winnetka Avenue and Green Bay Road. She was taken to Evanston Hospital where she has undergone multiple surgeries and is listed in critical condition. Senior student Erin Hughes was driving the car and has been arrested for leaving the scene of an accident. Ms. Serrino expressed her sincere wishes for Sarah's recovery and noted the great concern and compassion both families held for each of the girls and each

other. Ms. Serrino thanked the New Trier students who came to Sarah's aid and the New Trier teacher who travelled with Sarah in the ambulance and waited for Sarah's parents to arrive at the hospital. Ms. Serrino also thanked the Social Work Department, the girl's teachers and advisers and specifically Drs. Yonke and Dohrer for the hours spent over the weekend meeting with the families and communicating with the school community. Ms. Serrino noted that updates of Sarah's condition will be posted on the internet at <http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/sarahgoone1>

II. Communications

Ms. Serrino invited public comment at this time. Ms. Sharon Kristjanson addressed the Board regarding traffic issues at the Winnetka campus and Mr. Herbert Sorock and Mr. Peter Tragos shared their views on the new Day Care program. Ms. Serrino thanked them for their statements and comments.

III. Special Orders of Business

A. Report from Campus Principals and Assistant Superintendents

Mr. Paul Waechter reviewed events and happenings at the Northfield Campus. He began by noting the recent good news regarding Jan Borja. She has completed the first half of her cancer therapy and her treatment is going well. The entire campus breathed a welcome sigh of relief. "After the Academics" was held last week, which is an event for incoming freshman where they are introduced to the various clubs, sports and activities they may join upon coming to New Trier. Spring Fest is later this week on Thursday. It is the final fund raiser for the Haiti Project. Other Haiti benefit events happened last week with a walk and pancake breakfast and this week there will be an assembly with Haitian music and dance on Friday. The English Department has their annual Shakespeare Day on May 26 in the Cornog Auditorium and C-234. And lastly, finals and Trevia Day are also scheduled in these last days of school.

Dr. Tim Dohrer noted the many activities and sports taking place at Winnetka. The newest sport at New Trier, Bass Fishing, competed in regionals and won to send them on to the state contest. The Badminton team won the State Championship, taking first and second place in singles and first and fourth in doubles. Dr. Dohrer detailed the list of final meetings for the various clubs and groups at the Winnetka Campus which included Spring Fest; the Spring Plays Festival; AP Art show; Jazz Concert; Senior Project Exhibition; Choir Opera Spring Revue; and a Benefit Concert for Haiti in the Gaffney on Saturday, May 22. The last day of school for seniors is Friday, May 21 and Trevia Day is Monday, May 24. Next week, Book Awards will be on Tuesday for Juniors and Thursday for Seniors. Commencement is at 5 pm on Sunday, May 30. Dr. Dohrer thanked the Parents' Association for the wonderful senior party at the Northfield Campus. Final exams will be held on Friday, May 29 through Wednesday, June 2. Summer School begins Monday, June 7.

Mr. Tim Hayes reported on a group of students who have worked with the Ethical Conduct and Global Citizenship of the Strategic Plan Initiative. The students volunteered for the day-long workshop and visit to the Holocaust Museum in Skokie. He said it was great to see the students becoming involved and engaged with Ethical Conduct issues.

Mr. Paul Sally commented on the benefit of the teacher collaborative time made available with the series of paired early dismissal and late start days. The faculty is able to work together within their departments as well as across departments. The time has been invaluable for them and will equally benefit the students.

Mr. Don Goers detailed the three Freedom of Information Act requests that were submitted in the past month.

The Agenda Item VI. D. Preliminary Budget was presented at this time.

B. New Textbook Adoptions

Mr. Paul Sally presented eleven new textbooks for adoptions for the 2010-2011 school year. The new textbooks for five departments reflect the efforts to foster effective curricular development while being mindful of book costs. The textbooks and supporting documents have been available for review in room A201A at the Northfield Campus. Mr. Sally responded to Board members' questions and comments. ISBN numbers will be posted on the school's website to facilitate book shopping for families. Mr. Dolinko expressed appreciation for the attention paid to the discussion on the cost of textbooks as exhibited by the smaller number of requests than last year. Mr. Koch inquired on the

process of screening for bias by publishers and teachers and also the impact of facilities on an innovative curriculum. Mr. Sally noted the importance of instruction as it works in tandem with curriculum. Facilities can have both a positive and a limiting impact. Mr. Koch moved and Mr. Merrick seconded the motion to approve the new textbook selections as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Traffic/Parking Committee Report

Dr. Yonke began the discussion with acknowledgement of students Sarah Goone and Erin Hughes who were involved in the traffic accident last week. Dr. Yonke, on behalf of the Administration and staff, extended good wishes, prayers and thoughts to the two girls and their families for the challenging days ahead and the road to recovery. She noted the irony of the Traffic and Parking Committee report for this evening as parent and committee members alike cite safety as the primary and utmost goal of the committee. Dr. Yonke also noted the danger of the particular five street intersection, with its crosswalks, pickup areas, bus stops and convenience store. She would like to work with the Village and the PACE bus company to make this a safer intersection, as well as exploring solutions with the committee.

Dr. Tim Dohrer reviewed the history of the Traffic and Parking Committee as it began in July 2008 out of the Long Range Planning goal to improve traffic. The safety of all pedestrians, 3500 students, staff, drivers, and residents in the school neighborhood is paramount. A request for research into this issue was made at the October 2009 Board of Education meeting and two new committees were formed. The Community Committee on Traffic and Parking was formed with membership of school administrators, Board of Education members, neighbors, and parents to look at the issues from a holistic community viewpoint. The committee meets regularly to generate multiple solutions in this area. The second committee is the Administrative Task Force on Traffic and Parking which is charged with implementation of the solutions put forth by the Community Committee.

Dr. Dohrer detailed the various recommendations of the plan thus far, some of which are procedural – costing no money - while others will need additional funding. Recommendations have addressed school day rush hour, drop off/pick up parking and traffic, special event traffic and parking, communications, regular research and planning and long range planning. Dr. Dohrer noted a number of recommendations that have been completed, including moving the taxi stand from Winnetka Avenue to the Metra Parking Lot; shifting Security staff hours to cover the afterschool rush; and creating and implementing a Special Event Traffic & Parking plan. Dr. Dohrer also reviewed areas to be addressed which include moving one security staff member from Northfield to the Winnetka Campus, the need to hire new security staff members for the Winnetka Campus, increase ridership of the shuttle buses, revise drop off and pick up zones, work with the Village for no standing/stopping/parking signs on the west side of Woodland Avenue, increase signage around campus, conduct an information campaign, and continue research and planning with a second transportation survey. The committee will continue to meet regularly. Dr. Dohrer invited and responded to questions and comments from the Board members. Ms. Serrino thanked Dr. Dohrer and asked if there was a sense of priority among the various recommendations and what costs might be included. Board discussion also included asking the Village to add street parking signs, and increase enforcement by the Police, adding special carpool parking, and encouraging more carpools and public transportation. It was noted that some proposed solutions can create other collateral problems and it is important to monitor the impact of all changes. There was also additional discussion about the need for additional security personnel. Dr. Yonke agreed to look into these before the end of school and bring back a follow-up report to the June Meeting.

The Agenda Item III.E. Steering Committee – Recommendations for Future Research was presented at this time.

D. Technology Projects: 2010-2011

Mr. Chris Johnson reviewed the various projects of this year, specifically highlighting the Technology Planning Committee's study of principles of effective technology integration with presentation on the use of tablets, Blackboard, multi-media learning hardware & software, and Anywhere - Anytime Learning. He also noted completed work on the data warehouse, replacement of the three MCL labs and the server virtualization project. Projects for next year include upgrading the wireless network, which has taken on more importance as the majority of work done at school is now on laptops and tablets.

There will also be a large computer replacement rotation this summer. Mr. Johnson responded to Board member questions and comments. Mr. Goers commended Mr. Johnson for his good work in creating a competitive bid situation for the school's technology needs in an area that normally uses established vendors.

E. Steering Committee – Recommendations for Future Research

Dr. Yonke began by noting the two documents of recommendations posted on BoardDocs. The first is a list of recommendations by the Facilities Steering Committee for further research and the second by Laura Murray of the ECRA Research Group. Ms. Murray addressed the Board about ECRA's services to the District in conducting a survey to ascertain the community's priorities. Preparations to produce this would include focus groups, telephone interviews, data analysis, survey design, survey administration, and a community night. Ms. Murray also included some possible focus group questions. Dr. Yonke and Ms. Murray responded to Board members' questions and comments.

Mr. Myefski reviewed the areas of research recommendations for of the Steering Committee which included: Enrollment Models; 21st Century Learning; Land Use; Status Quo; Comparisons to other High Schools; Sustainability/Green Buildings; and Private Funding. Much Board discussion followed on the significance of the enrollment model issue as well as land use. Dr. Yonke noted that the biennial demographic study is due this fall and will aid in these discussions. Ms. Serrino and Mr. Myefski encouraged all community members interested in participating in these areas of facilities discussions to contact them or Dr. Yonke. Ms. Serrino mentioned that those who have already contacted Dr. Yonke through email will be invited to participate in focus groups and/or committee work. Ms. Ducommun queried fellow Board members as to the potential need for funding to properly research these areas. Mr. Harris responded that all of these areas are very important and that he would support the need for outside research. He felt the Board has a duty to answer the questions that continue to be raised. Ms. Serrino agreed and requested that priority be given to the comparisons to other High Schools as she feels the information should be readily available and will impact all the other areas in discussion. Dr. Yonke noted there will be need for additional Board workshops and planning meetings over the summer, likely to be in June and July.

F. Alumni Hall of Fame

Dr. Yonke presented information about a new program being considered to honor New Trier alumni for their accomplishments. This program would highlight alumni achievement, but would also offer an opportunity for them to engage with students and involve them in learning and discovering career information as well as functioning as role models. Dr. Yonke suggested a committee be formed to work out the details of nomination and selection before a proposal is presented to the Board. After initial research with Niki Dizon, (Director of Alumni Relations) into alumni halls of fame, it seems appropriate to include many career areas when considering categories for honoring distinguished New Trier alumni. Dr. Yonke invited questions and comments by the Board members. She noted that further discussion will follow in the next few months.

IV. Routine/Recurrent Items (consent agenda)

- Bill List for the Period, April 1 – 30, 2010

Mr. Goers presented the Bill List for the period April 1-30, 2010. He noted there were some payments to the Northfield renovation project which is making great progress. Mr. Goers invited questions or comments from the Board. There were no comments. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Koch seconded the motion that the Board approve the Bill List for the period April 1-30, 2010 as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Board Member Reports

- Board Representative/Liaison Assignments 2010-11

Ms. Serrino reviewed the Representative Committee Assignments for the next school year, 2010-2011. It was the preference of the Board members to remain in their current Committee assignments.

**Board of Education
Representative/Liaison Assignments
2010 – 2011**

Representative Assignment	Member(s)
All-School Forum	Carol Ducommun
Booster Club	Mac Harris
Community Engagement Committee	Mac Harris, Wendy Serrino
Facilities	Al Dolinko, John Myefski
Facilities Steering Committee	Carol Ducommun, John Myefski
Finance	Al Dolinko, Wendy Serrino
New Trier Educational Foundation	Mac Harris
New Trier Fine Arts Association	John Myefski
New Trier Parents' Association	Carol Ducommun
Policy Committee	Al Dolinko
Strategic Planning Coordinating Committee	Jim Koch, Bob Merrick
Technology	Wendy Serrino, Bob Merrick
Naming Committee	Jim Koch
Liaison Assignment	Member(s)
NSSSED	Jim Koch
Special Education / New Trier Parent and Professional Association for Specialized Services (NT-PPASS)	

Ms. Ducommun highlighted the Haiti Benefit that will be held on Saturday, May 22 in the Gaffney Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The concert will include classical and jazz music as well as ballads from around the world.

Mr. Koch reported that NSSSED, in conjunction with Loyola and the Illinois State Board of Education, has filed a grant proposal for \$15 million to the Federal government. The grant is called Data to Enhance School and Student Outcomes, designed to develop a model to assess student outcomes. Also, NSSSED is using PMA financial network to develop a financial planning program to help them with financial decisions. The final budget for NSSSED is not due until July; however, budget cuts have been significant in the range of over \$900,000. Health care premiums will also increase by 6%.

Mr. Harris was out of town for the meetings of the Booster Club and the Educational Foundation; however, he shared his reflections on his day visiting classes at New Trier. He sat in on a variety of classes including math, drama, artistic design and some special needs classes. Mr. Harris is grateful for this opportunity and proud to be a part of the community and Board of New Trier.

VI. Administrative Items

A. Personnel Report

Dr. Yonke presented the Personnel Report which included the Scale Movement recommendations for Master Teacher (Scale III to IV) and Leader Teacher (Scale IV to V). Dr. Yonke expressed gratitude to the committee for the many long hours of work for this important process. The Personnel Report also included several new appointments and a couple of leaves of absence and retirements. New hiring for certified positions is to be completed by the June 7 Regular Board Meeting. Mr. Harris 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. Merrick, Mr. Myefski, Mr. Koch, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun,

Mr. Harris, Ms. Serrino

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Bids – Masonry, Winnetka Campus

C. Bids – Pumps & Louvers, Northfield Campus

Mr. John Neiweem presented a Power Point slide presentation of the work needing to be done at the two campuses. Tuck pointing and exterior masonry repairs are scheduled for completion at the Winnetka Campus for the summer of 2010. At the Northfield Campus, ventilator louver repairs and pumps, valves and controls needing replacement are also scheduled for the 2010 summer. Mr. Neiweem toured the buildings showing some of the obvious work needing to be done. Mr. Neiweem reviewed a summary of the bids for both projects. Out of fourteen masonry firms invited to submit bids, only two actually responded. The low response was attributed to a number of reasons; however, the final recommended bid from MBB Enterprises is \$500,000 under the projected budgeted amount. The Northfield work brought six bids, with AMS Mechanical Services submitting the recommended low bid of \$384,338. Mr. Neiweem responded to Board members' comments and questions. Mr. Myefski also noted the strange outcome of only two bids for the masonry work. He followed up with some of the firms, asking their reasons for not bidding. He agreed that their responses were varied but attributes the general reluctance to be their view of risk vs. reward. The work presented more risk in this economy and in this time frame than they were comfortable with. Mr. Myefski moved and Mr. Dolinko seconded the motion that the Board award MBB Enterprises, Inc., a contract for \$1,056,581.00 to complete tuck pointing and exterior masonry restoration repairs at the Winnetka Campus as detailed in the specifications and project manual. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Merrick moved and Mr. Dolinko seconded the motion that the Board award AMS Mechanical Services, Inc. a contract for \$384,338.00 to replace existing unit ventilation louvers and various pumps, valves and controls at the Northfield Campus as detailed in the specifications and project manual. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

D. Preliminary Budget

Mr. Don Goers reviewed the Preliminary Budget for 2010-11. There was little change from the April Board Meeting. Mr. Goers detailed a summary of modifications made to the April projections which included salaries, employee benefits, capital and other expenditures and revenues. This Preliminary Budget reflects the Capital Projects as presented in April less \$100,000 for new and replacement computers. The actual net reduction increased to \$125,000 after receiving final bids. Based on these modifications, projected revenues in FY 11 decreased by \$90,000 compared to the April 2010 projections. The overall projected deficit in the Operating Funds is \$53,000. The Administration will make appropriate budget modifications necessary for a balanced Tentative Budget in June. This 2010-11 Tentative Budget will be on display for one month prior to the Final Budget Public Hearing and recommendation to approve in July. Mr. Goers invited questions of the Board members.

Mr. Dolinko added comments about the discussions in the Finance Committee regarding possible ideas in which to address the \$53,000 deficit. Mr. Dolinko requested a study of the Student Fee Structure. Currently, student fees are a generic assessment and not tied

to usage or participation in extracurricular activities, though they are tied to some specific courses. Board discussion followed with a consensus for a Request for Research. The Finance Committee will conduct the study to be completed by next spring, in time for possible implementation in the 2011-2012 school year.

Ms. Ducommun requested clarification of staffing changes for the next year, including the fifth increase with the Strategic Planning Initiative, IGSS and the Support Staff decreases. Dr. Yonke and Mr. Sally responded regarding the IGSS program, noting the gradual increase in enrollment and the need for a senior program for next year. A review of the IGSS program and its first year will be presented in June or July this summer. Dr. Yonke addressed the reductions in support staff, noting that the cuts included 3 lab supervisors, a library support staff position and an audio/visual position. The lab supervisor reductions reflect a shift from technology lab usage to technology used in the classrooms. There will be additional decreases in staffing due to attrition as some of the Physical Plant Service retirements will not be replaced. Mr. Goers noted that John Neiweem will be analyzing positions and staffing before any further cuts will be made.

Ms Ducommun shared her concerns as they related to an editorial written by Mr. Wes Bauman in the Pioneer Press alleging that the Board was not forthcoming with facts and figures, that the Board had a cavalier attitude towards Health Life Safety Bonds, and that the taxpayers would be taking on debt without their knowledge. Ms. Ducommun felt it important to address how the Board looks at Health Life Safety, what the Board's duties are, and how the Board attends to those duties. In response to the Board not being forthcoming, Ms. Ducommun noted that the Board did indeed know that the Northfield figure increased from \$6.3 million to \$8.75 from two sources. The change was initially brought forward at the open meeting on December 2 in which Mr. Goers noted the increase in the amount of work needing to be done on the mechanical systems of the B Building once demolition was started. Mr. Goers also noted this \$2.5 million difference in a February 2 memo to the Board. Ms. Ducommun suggested, as has Mr. Myefski, that the Board will attempt to minimize the number of morning meetings to allow for greater public attendance. She also suggested that the Board Policy Committee examine what Board materials and documents need to be communicated to the public through BoardDocs. Dr. Yonke noted that the policy for public documents is outdated, particularly in light of the internet. Policy states the agenda, budget, audit and minutes are available for a fee. Dr. Yonke indicated it is an appropriate time to review that policy to ensure consistency of public documents availability. Ms. Ducommun addressed the notion that the Board has been cavalier regarding Health Life Safety Bonds. She noted that since tax caps went into effect in 1995, overall debt service cannot exceed 6.9% of the equalized assessed valuation within the District. For New Trier, with a \$6.2 billion EAV, the debt capacity is \$455 million. At the end of 2009, the total District outstanding debt was \$21 million, which is .34% of the mandated maximum. Ms. Ducommun reviewed the District's use of Health Life Safety Bonds historically over the past forty years. Various capital maintenance projects have taken place over that time period with the use of Health Life Safety bonds, particularly in the 1990s and early 2000s. She noted that the ratio of expenditures now is comparable to those during the past forty years, and that these funds have not been wantonly spent. Lastly she noted that there has been full disclosure regarding Health Life Safety Bond issues as all discussion and votes have been recorded in the minutes and on the website for those who have been interested to follow the process. Board discussion followed noting the process for passage of Health Life Safety Bonds and the approval by the State as well as the Board of Education. Mr. Goers reviewed the budget process as well and noted the benefits of using these bonds as a low cost financing option for the Life Safety work. Mr. Myefski pointed out that regardless of our well maintained buildings, they will continue to age and time will run out on our ability to use these bonds. Mr. Goers noted in consideration of future facility needs the District could issue \$10 million in HLS Bonds in 2014. He also noted that any Health Life Safety Bonds unused are set aside in a Health Life Safety reserve for future HLS use, so as not to add additional debt.

E. Race to the Top

Dr. Yonke reviewed her memo and materials from the Illinois State Board of Education regarding Phase II of the U.S. Department of Education's "Race to the Top". The ISBE is submitting a new application, which is due June 1st. Phase II is asking

Superintendents and School Board Presidents to sign an acknowledgement cover sheet to renew their commitment to state's application. Dr. Yonke attended a webinar sponsored by ISBE and spoke with other superintendents from area elementary, high school and national benchmarking consortium schools. Illinois was ranked fifth in for the Phase I application process and has a good chance to receive funding during Phase II. Illinois is asking for the maximum of \$400 million in funding for education, with the most significant portion being designated for the neediest districts and the lowest performing schools. It is not likely that New Trier will receive any of this funding; however, it is an opportunity to support the state in its application for the badly needed resources. Dr. Yonke invited questions or comments by the Board members. Board discussion followed about annual yearly progress (AYP) and the debate over national standards in education.

VII. Business Reports

- Financial Reports for April 2010

Mr. Goers reviewed the financial reports for April noting it reflects the cash flow statements of the last three years and that the former Capital Improvement Fund is now the Capital Projects Fund. Mr. Goers also highlighted that these reports, being April Statements, did not show the Health Life Safety Bonds, nor do they show the transfers for the Capital Projects Fund. This activity will appear in May. The reports also show the schedule of investments which are earning 1.5% and decreasing.

VIII. Board of Education

- Calendar of Events

Dr. Yonke reminded the Board that May 30 is the Commencement Ceremony for seniors, and that it is on the Memorial Day Holiday weekend. She also noted the next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, June 7, which is three weeks away. Student and Staff Recognition will also take place at that meeting. Our Badminton and Water Polo teams have had outstanding seasons and the Badminton team will be among those acknowledged on this evening.

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

Ms. Serrino reviewed items brought up for further information and staff research as well as suggested Agenda Items for future meetings. Student fees was added to the list for staff research and several items were posed for future Agenda Items, including the issue of internal security at the Winnetka Campus; priorities of the Traffic & Parking Plan with costs; a synopsis of IGSS progress; the review and process of document posting by the Policy Committee; and posting the names and topics of FOIA requests on the New Trier website.

IX. Communications – Citizens' Comments

Mr. Wes Bauman requested that if there are future morning special meetings of the Board of Education, that they be referred to, reviewed and recapped at the next regular evening meeting. Ms. Ducommun also noted that there should be fewer of them. Ms. Vanessa Rachmaninoff commented on the recent accident involving the two students and requested the Board to look at the traffic issue as their number one priority.

Adjournment

Mr. Koch moved and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned.

The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Ms. Serrino adjourned the meeting at 10:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

Wendy M. Serrino, President