

**NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**April 12, 2011**  
**New Trier Township High School**  
**7 Happ Road, Room C234**  
**Northfield, IL 60093**

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 – Northfield Campus, 7 Happ Road, Room C234 on Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

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

**Administrator Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Ms. Carol F. Ducommun

**Also Present**

Ms. Laurel Burman, Director of Special Education; Mr. Matt Ottaviano, Assistant Principal for Administrative Services; Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications; Dr. Debbie Stacey, Director of Academic Services; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Michele Slav, Director of Business Services; Ms. Reiko Mrozik, Co-President NTESPA; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life; Mr. Christopher Johnson, Director of Technology; Mr. Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director; Mr. Patrick O'Donoghue, Mr. Peter Fischer, Ms. Lori Goldstein, Mr. Tim Scherman, Mr. Herbert Sorock; Ms. Marcia Oley; Mr. Daniel Fox; Ms. Sharon Kristjansen; Ms. Onnie Scheyer; Ms. Vanessa Rachmaninoff; Ms. Judith Offerle; Ms. Cheryl Smith; Mr. Topher Gray and members of the Community.

**I. Business Meeting**

Ms. Serrino called the Special Meeting to order at 6:02p.m. in Room C234 and asked for a roll call. Mr. Dolinko, Mr. Harris, Mr. Koch, Mr. Merrick, Mr. Myefski and Ms. Serrino were present. Ms. Ducommun was absent.

Ms. Serrino thanked members of the community for attending. She noted the meeting's agenda begins with a discussion on staffing for the next school year, 2011 – 2012. Following this, and the Personnel Resolution, the discussion and presentation will address the ECRA Community Survey.

**A. Staffing for 2011-12**

Dr. Yonke prefaced the staffing discussion by noting that even though enrollment will increase by approximately 60 students, the administrative goal is to keep staffing the same for next year. Mr. Paul Sally and Mr. Tim Hayes provided background and details of the staffing and scheduling process, which occurs every year and specifically the changes that were needed for next year. The goal was to keep certified faculty FTEs for 2011-12 at the same level as this year. Board discussion followed with members asking questions about larger class sizes, the impact on Student Services, and the loss of the Diversity Coordinator position. Mr. Hayes assured the Board that the Diversity program would continue, with the work spread over a number of school leaders. A written explanation will be provided detailing these changes.

**B. Personnel Report: Resolution**

The staffing discussion concluded with the Board approving a resolution to honorably dismiss five teachers due to changes in enrollment patterns. All of the teachers are likely to be offered part time positions for next year. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Koch seconded the motion that the Board adopt the Resolution Authorizing Non-Renewal of Non-Tenured Teachers’ Contracts as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting briefly adjourned at 6:50 p.m., to be continued at 7:00 p.m. for the Public Forum.

**II. Public Forum: Community Survey**

**A. Presentation of Survey Results – John Gatta, ECRA**

Ms Serrino welcomed at 7:05 p.m. those attending the Public Forum part of the evening’s meeting. Mr. John Gatta of ECRA presented the results of the Community Survey, commenting on the details of the data and findings in a PowerPoint presentation. Board members questioned Mr. Gatta and commented on the results. Copies of the ECRA survey results were distributed. Mr. Lou Gatta facilitated three focus groups of the approximately thirty community members left in attendance, asking group questions and listening to their responses. The ECRA Survey Report will be posted on the school website and the community comments will be added after they are received from ECRA. Board members made final comments, noting that communication is an important issue, that it needs to be two-way with a shared vision between District leadership and its citizens. Mr. Dolinko noted that the Board is charged with making recommendations on large issues such as this; however, it is the Community that makes the decisions, as it did last year.

**III. Adjourn**

Ms. Serrino thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Dolinko moved to adjourn the meeting and Public Forum. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote, all Board members voted in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

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Wendy M. Serrino, President