

**NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 19, 2011
New Trier Township High School
7 Happ Road, Room C234
Northfield, IL 60093**

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, Room C234 on Monday, September 19, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

Mr. John Myefski, President
Ms. Carol F. Ducommun, Vice President
Mr. Alan Dolinko
Mr. Peter Fischer
Ms. Lori Goldstein
Mr. F. Malcolm Harris
Mr. Patrick O'Donoghue

Administrator Present

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

Also Present

Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications; Mr. Christopher Johnson, Director of Technology; Mr. Matt Ottaviano, Assistant Principal for Administrative Services; Mrs. Linda Knier, Director of Academic Services; Ms. Michele Slav, Director of Business Services; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Laurel Burman, Director of Special Education; Mr. Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life; Ms. Denise Hibbard, Assistant Principal, Northfield Campus; Mr. Richard Corrus, NTESPA Co-President; Mr. Mike Baeb, Social Studies Department; Ms. Mary Beth Barrett, Science Department; Mrs. Christine Bell, Director of Campus Security; Mr. Terry Phillips, Mathematics Department; Mr. Marty Laffey, President NTEA, Mathematics Department; Mr. Peter Tragos, Summer School Coordinator, Social Studies Department; Ms. Jenny Wexler, Mathematics Department; Ms. Cindee Scott, Senior Girls Advisor Chair; Ms. Rachel Hess, English Department, Ms. Elizabeth Plank, Social Studies Department; Ms. Susan Vaughan, Music Department; Mr. Erik Saszik, Mathematics Department; Mr. Matt Koulentes, Special Education Department and Intramural Sports Director; Mrs. Kaci Smith; Mrs. Jane McNitt; Ms. Mollybelle Berish; Mr. Wes Bauman; and members of the Community.

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Myefski called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to Order at 6:30 p.m. Roll call was taken. All members were present. Mr. Myefski noted the first item of business was a Closed Session and asked for a motion to move to Closed Session. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion that the Board move to closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity; and to discuss collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Fischer, Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Harris, Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. Dolinko, Mr. Myefski

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Adjournment to Closed Session – 6:30 p.m.

II. Closed Session – Rm. A201A

The Closed Session meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

BUSINESS MEETING

III. Reconvene to Open Session – 7:30 p.m. – C234

Mr. John Myefski reconvened the meeting to open session and called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education to order in Room C234 at 7:30 p.m. All Board members were present. Mr. Myefski welcomed those in attendance and noted anyone can address the Board during the Communications portion of the meeting. He asked that those interested complete the request form that is located at the rear table next to the copies of the Public Participation guidelines.

IV. Minutes

Mr. Myefski noted the first agenda item was to approve the minutes. Mr. Fischer moved and Mr. Dolinko seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of August 22, 2011, open and closed session and the Special Meeting of August 30, 2011 open session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Fischer, Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Harris, Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Myefski

NAY: None

The motion passed.

V. Communications

Mr. Myefski noted three letters received by the Board since the last regular meeting.

The first from New Trier parent Kristine Schriesheim was about a specific calculator that was not available for purchase at the school Bookstore. The next letter was from Mollybelle Berish requesting a plaque commemorating the Coalition for the Future of New Trier's work in the 1980s. The last letter was from the New Trier Sailing team, which is not currently an official activity or sport of New Trier.

Mr. Myefski invited members of the Community to share their comments with the Board. No one came forward to speak.

VI. Special Orders of Business

A. Report from Campus Principals and Assistant Superintendents

Mr. Paul Waechter, Principal of the Northfield Campus shared the news and events pertinent to the Freshman campus, which included the start of school on August 24 with 1080 first year students, Freshman Athletic Night, Performing Arts Night and Parent-Advisor Night. Friday, September 25 is Homecoming and a pep rally is planned for the afternoon at Northfield. A student activities fair occurred on Wednesday, September 14, to introduce freshmen to the many clubs and extra-curricular activities they are invited to join. Wednesday, October 5 is the Freshman/Sophomore Mixer at the Northfield Campus, which is then followed by Freshman-Go-To-School Night on October 6. This last event offers parents the opportunity to follow their child's schedule of classes and meet their child's teachers.

Dr. Tim Dohrer, principal of the Winnetka Campus highlighted current and upcoming events at the east campus which also included preparations for Homecoming and the Homecoming Dance in the Main Gym; a sophomore parent night, scheduled for Wednesday, September 21; a Senior Project parent night, scheduled for Tuesday, September 20; All School Forum on Thursday, September 22 with students, staff and parents discussing "The Making of Choices"; also on Thursday evening a Junior parents panel discussion with Dr. Dohrer, Peg Stevens of the testing center, Jim Conroy of Post High School Counseling, and Gail Gamrath and Todd Maxman, Junior Advisor Chairs. Romeo & Juliet will be performed on October 13, 14, and 15. The Brierly Art Gallery is currently exhibiting staff artwork collections. Dr. Dohrer also noted the various dates that the school is hosting reunion alumni groups for the classes of '56, '61, '71, '76, '81, '86, involving tours of the school and panel discussions among the alumni.

Mr. Tim Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, reported on the meeting with visitors from Bentonville, Arkansas. He noted visits occur from time to time; other schools visit to inquire about programs of interest to them. Mr. Hayes also spoke on the visit of Mrs. Pamela Cree who is the principal at Dulles School in Chicago. Mrs. Cree spoke to the staff about the Dulles School Project, which is a service project, created last year between New Trier and Dulles. Planning for work this year is beginning and will include student visits at both schools. Lastly, Mr. Hayes noted that the students of "Voices in Equity" would be meeting on Thursday, September 22 to meet, talk and share their experiences at high school.

Mr. Paul Sally, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, reported on the first of the paired early dismissal/late arrival days, which occurred on September 16 and 19. The professional development went very well as did the meetings of the 45 different learning cohorts on teaching and learning. Mr. Sally thanked Linda Knier for organizing the events. October 12 is scheduled for the PLAN and PSAT test day. Peg Stevens has planned and scheduled the rooms for the 2000 students who will be testing on that day. Post High School Counseling is planning workshops for senior students who will have an optional day.

Dr. Yonke extended an invitation to all Board members to join the entire staff and their families for the Homecoming Picnic on Friday, September 23 before the Homecoming Game at the Northfield Campus. The event is planned for 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Mr. Don Goers reported on the one FOIA request received since the last regular Board meeting. It was regarding information on the companies that bid on the transportation contract. The request was received on September 14, responded to on September 15 and is closed out.

B. Foreign Exchange Students

Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life introduced this year's five foreign exchange students. They are Paul Naser and Oliver Heber from Germany; Pranali Raskapoor from India; Clara Toksvig from Denmark; and Lucas Cresta from Argentina. The students greeted the Board, acknowledged their host families and shared their first impressions of New Trier. The students will return in June to say good-bye and share the highlights of their year with us.

C. Lagniappe/Potpourri Presentation

Students of this year's Lagniappe/Potpourri production, "What Now?" performed a love song between the last two people on earth, assuming 2012 is the end of the world as predicted by the Mayan calendar. Song writers Jon Soifer and Jon Katz introduced the actors Mike Leibenson, Andrew Mesrobian and Emily

Wronski and sketched out the scene. Lagniappe/Potpourri will be presented in the Gaffney Auditorium at the Winnetka Campus October 19, 20, and 21 at 7:30 p.m.

D. Summer School Report

Mr. Peter Tragos and Mrs. Athena Arvanitis, co-coordinators for the New Trier Summer School Program, presented the annual Summer School Report. Mr. Tragos highlighted the three main accomplishments of the program report, including consistent enrollment over the last few years, plentiful and diverse class opportunities, and continuing self-sustaining financial picture for the program. Mr. Tragos and Mrs. Arvanitis invited questions and comments from the Board and responded on such issues as resident and non-resident tuition costs, cost efficiencies of administering the program, increased enrollment of freshman in enrichment classes, and minimal interruptions during construction and weather related clean-ups. Mr. Dolinko noted that almost 50% (1900 students) of the total student population is now taking summer school classes and stated it is notable that tuition has been kept at an affordable level. Further observations by Dr. Yonke show that year round school is effectively happening. Mr. Tragos thanked John Neiweem and his Physical Plant Services staff for their tireless work through the summer's bad weather. The summer school programs were barely impacted by the storms. Mr. Harris also added praise for the work of the PPS staff in readying the schools for the new year in the short 10-day window between the end of summer school and the first day of classes for the 2011-12 school year.

E. Long Range Planning Update

Dr. Yonke reviewed the chart presented earlier to the Board at the July Regular Meeting recapping the Strategic Plan's mission, action areas, foundational areas, and leadership. Three additional charts show the Strategic Planning Action Plans, Committees and Work Groups, and Learning Cohorts as they are divided among the three Strategic Planning Initiatives of Excellence in Teaching & Learning, Healthy Balanced Life, and Safe & Respectful Learning Community. Dr. Yonke noted that much of the Strategic Planning work is continuing in these areas, which is now bringing greater coherence and focus to the Plan. Ms. Ducommun took exception to calling these documents Long Range Planning. While she noted that there were many items common to the Strategic Plan and this document, other items in the current document were not part of the original Strategic Planning initiative or the original discussions and could be misleading and confusing.

Ms. Ducommun sees the charts as a management tool to do the work of the Strategic Plan. Other Board members agreed that there is no need to start a new strategic plan and it would be appropriate to re-name or re-label this work. Further discussion followed with Mr. Sally responding about the need to acknowledge all the work that was being done in addition to the Strategic Planning work. Dr. Yonke noted that this is not a new Strategic Plan but was intended to bring coherence and focus to all the work being done. The Strategic Planning Mission remains the guiding philosophy and the information on the charts is a comprehensive look at all the data available; furthermore, it was written in response to a number of surveys and profiles. Considerable discussion followed with other Board members responding to Ms. Ducommun's concerns that these documents may be construed as a new plan. Mr. Hayes responded that these charts were an attempt to capture all that is going on while always looking for ways to innovate. Mr. Harris noted that all agreed to rename the documents. Dr. Yonke will work on a revised title with better explanation of what it is trying to convey.

Mr. Myefski noted the addition of the three newly installed stationary cameras in the Board Room, which will allow for a direct view of presenters as they are addressing the Board, and will provide greater visibility of the Board by the audience. The audience is able to be seated closer to the Board to be able to see and hear more easily.

F. Turf Field Presentation

Dr. Yonke introduced Athletic Director, Mr. Randy Oberembt and prefaced the presentation by noting it will continue as a follow up on the Field Use Report of last month and the past offer by the Booster Club to raise funds for part of the cost of a synthetic field with further research on the safety, benefits and priorities of the synthetic turf field.

Mr. Oberembt began by thanking John Neiweem and Paul Sally for their contributions of content in the report and the attendance and support this evening of Kaci Smith, President of the Booster Club and Jane McNitt, Executive Board Member and Intramural Director, Matt Koulentes. Mr. Oberembt used a PowerPoint presentation to review the history of synthetic fields, their product development, safety research/ development, and conclusions. He also dispelled myths about specific risks such as lead, MRSA and heat absorption. The findings and conclusions were at least neutral as it relates to athletes' injuries on synthetic surfaces versus grass fields. There is little to no risk of lead, the surface does not harbor MRSA, and the air temperature of the field is only 2-3 degrees warmer than natural turf. A 2008 New Trier Facility Committee Report thoroughly examined the reasons for and ideal locations of such a synthetic turf field. The primary reason for synthetic turf is the increased opportunities to enhance usage of existing field spaces, which would address the overwhelming demand for field use. Current New Trier field availability is limited by the number of competition sites at both campuses and the inability of natural turf to withstand extreme usage. Poor weather conditions also influence field availability further, which also effects intramural programs, and sender school and community usage on natural grass fields. Recent estimates show an approximate cost of a single stadium synthetic turf at \$1.2 million. Mr. Oberembt compared hours per week usage of the current stadium to a proposed Synthetic Turf Stadium at the Northfield Campus, which showed significant increases for all uses involved (curricular, intramural sports, community, interscholastic contest and practice, summer school, and summer camps). Comparisons of the current

surface and proposed synthetic turf also showed the cost of replacement, warranty, life expectancy and annual cost of maintenance. The New Trier Booster Club offered \$500,000 to the Board of Education in 2009-2010 for a new synthetic turf surface. The offer was tabled for future consideration. Mr. Oberembt noted that in an average year, the Booster Club raises \$100,000 for unfunded capital projects or \$1 million over ten years. Half of the Central Suburban League schools have the synthetic turf surface in their stadiums.

Mr. Oberembt opened the floor for questions, comments and discussion by the Board. Mr. Fischer noted that his earlier concerns regarding health and safety were allayed as the research shows slightly fewer injuries on the new surface. He added that considerations should include the cost of replacement in the future. Mr. Dolinko agreed and felt the need for more in-depth cost/benefit analysis that perhaps the Finance Committee would look into. Discussion included donors and naming rights to which Dr. Yonke pointed out that the current Board Policy prohibits naming related to donations, but that the Board can approve a fundraising plan for a specific capital project, including recognition of donors. Mr. Harris noted that some of the current maintenance cost could be allocated to the future replacement cost of the synthetic surface. Optimum timelines were discussed regarding installation; John Neiweem responded. Mr. Neiweem also answered Mr. O'Donoghue's inquiry on the breakdown of maintenance costs. Ms. Ducommun asked about the lifespan of the surface and if certain uses would cause it to deteriorate sooner and if there was any savings to be achieved by installing two fields at the same time. Mr. Myefski noted that if pursued, this would finally address the storm water management issue in a positive way. He was also very supportive of the added 600 hours of usage to the space. Mr. Myefski felt that the Finance Committee is the next appropriate place for discussion of the synthetic turf field. Dr. Yonke agreed to approach the Booster Club to see if they are still interested in collaborating with the Board of Education to fund a new synthetic turf stadium and practice field.

G. Compliance Review Report

Dr. Yonke reported on the receipt of the Compliance Review Report from the North Cook Intermediate Service Center. The review took place in February 2011 and extended appreciation to Paul Sally, Lindsey Ruston, Laurel Burman and John Neiweem for their assistance in gathering information.

Dr. Yonke was pleased to report the good news that New Trier was in full compliance with no area of concern or non-compliance. The cover letter did include recommendations for the Winnetka Campus to be upgraded and integrated into the 21st Century. The letter continues on, citing areas to address at Winnetka for improvement. Board discussion followed on the credentials of the North Cook ISC visiting team and the possibility of adding the report to the school's website. Dr. Yonke responded that the ISC sends out teams of specialists to monitor requirements established in the Illinois School Code. She also noted that the full report would be linked to the school website for easy public access. *(The report may be found on the Board's webpage through Board Agendas & Documents: September 30, 2011 Regular Meeting.)*

VII. Administrative Items

A. Final Budget 2011-2012

Mr. Goers prefaced the discussion of the Final Budget by reminding everyone that the Board approved the Budget Calendar modification at the August Regular meeting. The Public Hearing did occur in August along with a presentation of highlights of the Tentative Budget, which had been displayed for 30 days. Mr. Goers noted that since the August meeting the New Trier Education Association Agreement has been ratified and the PPS agreement will be recommended for ratification later in this meeting as it was approved by the PPS Association. Mr. Goers reviewed updated information on revenues and highlighted changes from the Tentative Budget through his Final Budget PowerPoint presentation.

He noted that, since presentation of the Tentative Budget in August, Operating Fund Revenues have increased by \$153,000; Operating Fund Expenditures decreased by \$888,000; and the projected budget surplus increased by \$1.04 million. Total increases to the Education Fund Revenues were \$153,000. Total reductions of the Education Fund Expenditures were \$421,800. The Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures decreased by \$371,900. Further expenditure reductions were realized in the Transportation Fund by \$51,300 and the Municipal Retirement Fund by \$42,700. The following is the FY 2011-2012 Final Budget:

Education Fund	\$79,456,941
Operations & Maintenance Fund	\$ 7,169,628
Transportation Fund	\$ 1,910,677
Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund	\$ 3,168,100
Debt Service Fund	\$ 4,040,760
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0
Fire Prevention & Safety Fund	\$ <u>2,000,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$97,746,106

Mr. Goers continued his presentation with additional charts for Sources of Revenue, Expenses by Type, Summaries of Revenues and Expenses, and a 2012 Budget Summary of Cash Transactions. A Projected FY 2012-13 Budget Summary was also included. Board discussion followed with Mr. Goers responding to questions and comments. Mr. Dolinko commented on the important cost savings measures implemented this year across the board which were able to keep expenses under \$3 million better than the previous years. He noted that this budget was solid and balanced and with continued frugal management would place us in good standing for next year. Mr. Myefski suggested that the Finance Committee review the long term budget projection place-holders used in the planning process. Mr. O'Donoghue encouraged

keeping the expenses down, even to the extent of below the CPI. Mr. Dolinko moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion that the Board approve the Resolution Setting the Fiscal Year and Adopting the 2011-12012 Budget, the Certificate of Revenue for the 2011-2012 Budget, and the School District Budget Form as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Harris, Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Fischer, Mr. Myefski

NAY: None

The motion passed.

B. Financial Reports for August 2011

Mr. Goers stated that this August report is only two months into the fiscal year. It provides cash flow statements with projections and a list of investments. Additional information will be presented as the year progresses.

C. Calendar Modification

Dr. Yonke noted the calendar modification reflects the agreement with the teachers' association to add one additional instructional day to the second semester of the 2011-2012 School Year. Adding the day at the end of the year was the best option. This change will also affect the second semester final exam schedule and the grading day. Exams will now begin on Monday, June 4; Grading Day is now Thursday, June 7; and the last day of student attendance is now Friday, June 8. Dr. Yonke hopes that no emergency days will be needed since Summer School begins on Monday, June 11. Mr. Myefski requested a motion to approve the new calendar. Mr. Harris moved and Mr. Fischer seconded the motion that the Board approve the 2011-2012 School Year Calendar modification as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Harris, Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Fischer, Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Myefski

NAY: None

The motion passed.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- Bill List for the Period August 1-31, 2011
- Personnel Report
- Physical Plant Services Contract Agreement

Mr. Myefski asked if any member would like to remove any items of the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Mr. O'Donoghue requested discussion on the Physical Plant Services Agreement and Ms. Ducommun also requested that the Bill List for August be discussed separately. Mr. Myefski asked for a motion on the Consent Agenda, which included the Personnel Report and Addendum. Mr. Dolinko moved to approve the Personnel Report and Addendum as presented. Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Fischer, Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Harris, Mr. Myefski

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Ms. Ducommun inquired why the Winnetka Floor project was only 26% paid. Mr. Goers responded that final work prior to billing has not been completed and billing for the floor should be reflected in the September Bill List. He noted that the same would be true on the roofing work from the summer. Ms. Ducommun also noted that the \$30, 000 insurance payment came through for the storm water damage suffered over the summer. Mr. Goers agreed and added that the District's deductible of \$2,500 would also be included. Mr. Dolinko moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion to approve the Bill List for the period of August 1-31, 2011, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Fischer, Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Harris, Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. Myefski

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Mr. O'Donoghue expressed his position that this agreement is an improvement from the teachers' agreement showing the direction that the District should be heading. He felt the costs were still a little too high and that these costs should be controlled.

Mr. Goers reviewed the negotiations and agreement with the Physical Plant Services staff. He noted that the average increase is 2.5% per year over the next four years; cost containment measures have been implemented while adding additional work for the PPS staff (the B Building at Northfield) and decreasing the number of FTEs. He also noted that real costs are likely to be lower as their new hires are starting at lower salaries. Mr. O'Donoghue acknowledged and appreciated the frugal, hardworking PPS staff, however he stated it is about cost and the reality is that the economy did not grow and he cannot support the increases. Mr. Myefski agreed that cost is an important factor yet he supports the agreement for its stability for four years. Mr. Dolinko noted the predictability of the four-year agreement is significant and this agreement is an improvement over the last agreement with insurance and overtime concessions. Mr. Fischer agreed, noting that through negotiations compromise and concessions are made for an acceptable outcome. He felt that the 2.5% increase was a palatable compromise and commended the negotiating team for a job well-done. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Fischer seconded the motion that the Board approve the Physical Plant Services Agreement for the next four years, 2011-2015, as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Ducommun, Mr. Fischer, Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Harris, Mr. Dolinko,
Mr. Myefski

NAY: Mr. O'Donoghue

The motion passed.

IX. Board Member Reports

Mr. Myefski reported for the Finance Committee that two members of the Community have been invited and accepted to serve on the Finance Committee. Mr. Bruce Lyon and Mr. Greg Robitaille will join the committee at the next meeting on Monday, October 3, 2011.

Mr. O'Donoghue attended the Technology Committee meeting where fascinating new technologies were demonstrated. The Instant Quiz allows a teacher to assess student understanding of content quickly to better gauge class comprehension.

Ms. Goldstein reported that NSSED's sub-committee on membership fees would soon present a new fee structure for district members. She extended thanks to Laurel Burman for her assistance in sharing background on the services for special education students and NSSED. Ms. Goldstein also announced that NSSED's Foundation is sponsoring a film on Sunday, October 16 at 10 am at Temple Jeremiah in Northfield. The event is about people with disabilities in film. Films and documentaries will be shown that will include a panel discussion.

Ms. Goldstein also reported for the New Trier Parents' Association's meeting. The Association recently approved its budget; the Parent Directories should be out to families by the end of September; the Parent Association Homecoming Tailgate party will be this Friday night, September 23 to which everyone is invited; and lastly, Mr. Matt Ottaviano spoke to the parents about the challenges of scheduling student, classes, and classrooms.

Mr. Harris spoke on the New Trier Education Foundation's Golf Outing, which was held Monday, September 12. The event was well-run, well-attended and grossed approximately \$80,000 for the Foundation.

Ms. Ducommun met with the Communications Committee and was happy to report on two events on Monday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, September 27 at 9:00 a.m. in Room C234. Dr. Yonke explained the events are called "Ask the Superintendent" and allow the opportunity for parents or members of the community to speak and converse with the Superintendent on any issue. There will also be a second opportunity called "District Dialogue" which meets downtown for those parents who work in Chicago. It meets at noon during lunchtime; the PA provides refreshments and the event has been very well attended in the last few years.

X. Board Members' Calendar of Events

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Dr. Yonke highlighted again that Homecoming is this Friday, September 23. It includes the Staff Picnic at 5:30 p.m. before the game. She encouraged everyone to come. Also of note are three days off before the next regular Board of Education meeting. Rosh Hashanah is on Thursday, September 29. Yom Kippur is Saturday, October 8, with there being no school on Friday, October 7 and Monday October 10, Columbus Day. The next Board meeting is October 17 with a number of committee meetings before then.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. O'Donoghue moved that the Board adjourn the meeting. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote being taken, all members were in favor.

The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

John Myefski, President