

**NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

May 1, 2013

New Trier Township High School

7 Happ Road, Room C234

Northfield, IL 60093

Open Session – 7:30 p.m.

A **Special Workshop Meeting** of the Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District 203, 7 Happ Road, Room C234, Wednesday, May 1, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present

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

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. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Ellen Ambuehl, Director of Special Education; Mr. Christopher Wildman, Director of Business Services; Ms. Denise Hibbard, Assistant Principal, Northfield Campus; Mr. Matt Ottaviano, Assistant Principal for Student Services, Winnetka Campus; Ms. Katherine Schindler, Assistant Principal for Student Services; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life; Mrs. Linda Knier, Director of Academic Services; Mr. Christopher Johnson, Director of Technology Department; Ms. Judy MacNab, Library Department Chair; Mr. John Miller, Science Department, Mr. Spiro Bolos, Social Studies Department; Mr. Jay Rosenberg, English Department; Mr. Ed Zwirner, English Department Coordinator, Northfield Campus; Mr. Erik Saszik, Mathematics Department; Mr. Terry Phillips, President of the New Trier Township Education Association and Mathematics Department; Mr. Josh Wenger, Aramark; Mrs. Beth Robitaille, Mr. Steve Ducommun; Mr. Mark Ducommun, Mr. Gary Yonke, Mr. Gary Petersen, Wilmette Beacon and other members of the Community and Press.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dolinko called the Special Meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. and welcomed members of the audience and community. Roll call was taken. All members were present. He reviewed the Special Meeting agenda, noting the final business of the 2012-13 Board and the seating of the new Board for 2013-14.

BUSINESS MEETING – Open Session

I. Minutes

Mr. O'Donoghue moved that the Board approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of April 15, 2013, open session. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Upon a roll call being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

II. Communications

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

III. Special Orders of Business

A. Personnel Report

Dr. Linda Yonke highlighted the recommendation in the Personnel Report for the appointment of Denise Hibbard as Principal of the Winnetka Campus. Dr. Yonke introduced Ms. Hibbard and indicated that she had been Assistant Principal of the Northfield Campus for the past two years. Ms. Hibbard also has ten years of high school leadership in California, including 5 years as Principal of Dougherty Valley High School, a high performing new high school in San Ramon. She was the unanimous selection of the committee and administration. Dr. Timothy Dohrer will be leaving as Principal at the end of June 2013 to take a position at Northwestern University. Ms. Goldstein moved and Mr. O'Donoghue seconded the motion that the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented. Upon a roll call being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

B. Official Canvass of April 9, 2013 Consolidated Election Results & Dismissal of Current Board *sine die*

Mr. Dolinko reviewed the receipt of the Official Canvass of Election Results from the Cook County Clerk's Office for the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Elections for members of the School Board. Mr. Fischer moved that the Board approve the Official Canvass of the April 9, 2013 Consolidated Results. Mr. O'Donoghue seconded the motion. Upon a roll call being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

C. Recognition / Presentation of Gifts to Outgoing Member

Dr. Yonke began the Board's recognition for Carol Ducommun and her eight years of service to the District by sharing her personal remarks on Ms. Ducommun's commitment, talents, and contributions to the District. Board members and Administrators also conveyed their appreciation of Ms. Ducommun's significant impact on the District, including her work on the Strategic Planning Committee and her membership on various committees, boards, and parent organizations. Ms. Ducommun was congratulated for her election to the Wilmette Village Board, and everyone expressed appreciation for her continuing community service. Dr. Yonke presented Ms. Ducommun with gifts, in gratitude for her contributions, time, and commitment to the New Trier Community. Ms. Ducommun shared her thoughts on her Board tenure and expressed her appreciation of fellow Board members and the work of the administrative team. The Board took a short recess to enjoy cake in honor of Carol and to welcome new Board member Greg Robitaille.

Mr. Dolinko requested a motion to adjourn the current Board *sine die*. Mr. O'Donoghue moved that the Board adjourn *sine die*. Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion. Upon a roll call being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

The motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned *sine die* at 8:12 p.m.

D. Welcome, Oath of Office and Seating of the New Board

Mr. Dolinko reconvened the meeting from the short recess and proceeded with the agenda and the seating of the new Board. Dr. Yonke welcomed new Board member Greg Robitaille and returning Board members Mr. Harris, Mr. Myefski, and Mr. Dolinko. Dr. Yonke administered the Oath of Office and Seating of the New Board as the four newly elected members recited the required oath and began their four year terms.

E. Election of Board Officers for the period May 1, 2013 through April 2014 Regular Meeting

President

As Secretary of the Board of Education, Lou Anne Kelly asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education for the period May 1, 2013 through April 2014. Mr. Fischer nominated Mr. Alan Dolinko to be re-elected as Board President. Mr. Myefski seconded the motion. As there were no further nominations, Mr. Dolinko was approved as President by acclamation.

Vice President

Mr. Dolinko asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education. Mr. Fischer nominated Mr. Mac Harris to serve again as Vice President of the Board for the period of May 1, 2013 through April 2014. Mr. O'Donoghue seconded the motion. There were no other nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. Dolinko declared Mr. Harris Vice President of the Board by acclamation.

Secretary

Mr. Dolinko asked for nominations for the office of Secretary of the Board of Education for the period of May 1, 2013 through April 2014. Mr. O'Donoghue nominated Lou Anne Kelly to be Secretary of the Board. Mr. Myefski seconded the motion. Mr. Dolinko asked for other nominations and there being none, pronounced Lou Anne Kelly to be the Secretary for the Board of Education by acclamation.

F. Calendar of Board Meetings for July 2013 through June 2014

Dr. Yonke reviewed the draft calendar for Board meetings for July 2013 through June 2014 and invited questions or comments from Board members. Mr. O'Donoghue inquired if the day of the week ever changed as it conflicts with other public body meetings. Board discussion followed, and it was agreed to stay keep Board meetings on the third Monday of each month with the exceptions noted. Mr. Myefski moved that the Board approve the Calendar of Board Meetings for July 2013 through June 2014. Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion. Upon a roll call being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

Board of Education Regular Meeting Dates
July 2013 – June 2014

Monday, July 15, 2013
Monday, August 26, 2013
Monday, September 16, 2013
Monday, October 21, 2013
Monday, November 18, 2013
Monday, December 16, 2013*
Tuesday, January 21, 2014
(Monday, January 20, 2014 is Dr. Martin Luther King Day)
Tuesday, February 18, 2014
((Monday, February 17, 2014 is Presidents' Day)
Monday, March 17, 2014*
Monday, April 21, 2014
Monday, May 19, 2014
Monday, June 9, 2014*

G. Board Representative / Liaison Assignments

Mr. Dolinko noted the last task for the meeting was to review the Board member representative and liaison assignments for the next year. The current year assignments were distributed and members were asked to consider areas of service which might interest them. Dr. Yonke reviewed the types of committees, community groups, and Board committees open to members. Mr. Dolinko announced that assignments will be determined by the May or June Regular meeting.

IV. Adjourn

Mr. O'Donoghue moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote being taken, all voted in favor. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dolinko adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

Alan R. Dolinko, President