

**NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
October 19, 2015  
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, in Room C234 on Monday, October 19, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mr. F. Malcolm Harris, President  
Mr. Greg Robitaille, Vice President  
Ms. Cathy Albrecht  
Mr. Alan R. Dolinko  
Ms. Lori Goldstein  
Mr. John Myefski  
Mr. Patrick O’Donoghue

**Administrators Present**

Dr. Linda L. Yonke, Superintendent  
Ms. Cheryl Witham, Assistant Superintendent  
for Finance & Operations  
Mr. Timothy Hayes, Assistant Superintendent  
for Student Services  
Mr. Paul Sally, Associate Superintendent  
for Curriculum & Instruction  
Ms. Denise Dubravec, Principal – Winnetka Campus  
Mr. Paul Waechtler, Assistant Principal – Northfield  
Campus

**Also Present**

Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications; Mr. Gerry Munley, Assistant Principal, Winnetka Campus; Ms. Ellen Ambuehl, Director of Special Education; Mr. Peter Tragos, Assistant Principal, Northfield Campus; Mr. Myron Spiwak, Director of Business Services; Mr. Spiro Bolos, President, New Trier Township Education Association, Social Studies Department; Mrs. Linda Knier, Director of Academic Services; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Christopher Johnson, Chief Information Officer; Ms. Elizabeth Blodgett, New Trier Educational Support Professionals Association; Mr. Michael O’Donovan, English Department; Ms. Deb Donnelly, Post High School Counseling Department; Ms. Jeannie Logan, Social Studies Department; Ms. Mary Lappan, Mathematics Department; Mr. Todd Maxman, Social Studies Department, NTEA Past President; Mr. Dave Conway, Northfield Campus Facility Manager; Ms. Susan Vaughn, Music Department; Mr. John Gridley, Science Department; Mr. Bill Loris, Science Department; Mr. Colby Vargas, Social Studies Department; Mr. Scott Williams, Assistant Principal for Student Services; Mr. Craig Dannegger, Pepper Construction; Mr. David Powell, Wight & Co.; Mr. Scott Flanagan, Wight & Co.; Ms. Pat Sumrow, Winnetka Campus Project Facilitator; Ms. Elizabeth Hennessy, Wm. Blair & Co.; Mr. Mike Hill, Technology Department; Mr. Eric Johnson, Technology Department; Kathy Dodd, Wes Baumann and members of the press and community.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.**

Mr. Harris called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:31 p.m. Roll call was taken. All members were present. Mr. Harris asked for a motion to move to Closed Session. Mr. Dolinko moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion that the Board adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and 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. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Myefski, Mr. O’Donoghue, Mr. Robitaille, Ms. Albrecht, Mr. Harris

NAY: None

The motion passed.

**Adjournment to Closed Session – 6:33 p.m.**

**II. Closed Session – 6:30 p.m. — A201A**

The Closed Session meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**III. Open Session – 7:30 p.m. – C234**

Mr. Harris re-Called to Order the meeting of October 19, 2015 of the New Trier High School Board of Education at 7:34 p.m. Mr. Harris noted that the Board had returned from a Closed Session meeting. He welcomed those in attendance. Roll call was taken and all Board members were present. Mr. Harris invited anyone who wished to address the Board during the Citizens' Comments part of the agenda to fill out a yellow Communications Request Form found on the table at the back of the room and pass it up to the Board table.

**IV. Minutes**

Mr. Harris requested a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2015 Regular Meeting, open and closed session. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. O'Donoghue seconded the motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on September 21, 2015, open session and closed session. Mr. Harris asked if there were any further comments or corrections to the minutes. None being presented, a roll call vote was taken and the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Robitaille

The motion passed.

**V. Communications**

Mr. John Gridley, New Trier parent, coach and teacher offered praise for the Rowing Program in the Athletic Department. He thanked the Board for their continued support of this important extracurricular activity for students.

**VI. Special Orders of Business**

**A. Report from Campus Principals, Assistant Superintendents & Associate Superintendent**

Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal of the Northfield campus reported on activities occurring at the freshman campus, which included the Freshman Mixer Dance on September 25 in the main gym; the Freshman-Go-To-School Night on October 8; the end of the first academic Quarter on October 16; the second annual EKG screening in KW classes; Parent-Teacher Conferences on October 28 and 29; and an update on the plans of the Calendar Review Committee regarding the School Year Calendars for the next three years.

Ms. Denise Dubravec, Principal of the Winnetka campus provided information on events and activities at the Winnetka Campus. She highlighted alumni tours that take place on weekends and thanked Jim Conroy and Gerry Munley for their assistance with them. Homecoming week and its attendant activities were all successful and she commended the Pep Club, Tri-Ship, and Stacy Kolack for their planning and oversight of activities. Paul Waechtler and Ms. Dubravec participated in the Principals Consortium group meetings which discussed teacher evaluations and induction programs and showcased seven New Trier students on their life at New Trier. Junior Timeline Parent Night took place with the assistance of Jim Conroy, Greg Sego, Peg Stevens and Trish Sheridan. The Teens and the Law event doubled their attendance over last year and was facilitated by Scott Williams, Tiffany Myers, and Kris Hummel. Seventy-five percent of parents have registered for Parent Teacher Conferences on October 28 and 29. New Trier was entered into the Quaker State Best in Class competition six-week challenge. The challenge was won and New Trier is now a Chicagoland finalist. Bob Spagnoli's class will tune, restore and customize a car for the competition.

The Food Service Committee will seek survey input from students and staff regarding the new food service provider, Quest. Ms. Dubravec provided an athletic update of playoff activity that included team and individual competition in golf and tennis and she highlighted the "Playathon" fundraiser by the Symphonic and Wind Orchestra which is raising funds for their trip to Italy next spring.

Mr. Tim Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, reported that all seniors have fulfilled the requirements for the meningitis vaccine. He noted that forty-one workshop presentation proposals have

been received for the Dr. Martin Luther King Seminar Day. Andrew Solomon, author of *Far from the Tree*, will speak at Cahn Auditorium at Northwestern University at 7:00 p.m. tomorrow, October 20. Also tomorrow the ECGC Parent Committee will present a panel discussion in Room C234 at 1:00 p.m. on “Boosting Technology IQ and Competence”.

Mr. Paul Sally, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, provided updated information on PARCC testing. The State Superintendent announced that due to the absence of a budget decision, high schools may plan to do the same test this year as was done last year. New Trier will test freshmen in English and Algebra 1. New Trier will also offer the school day ACT test on April 19.

Dr. Linda Yonke shared her thoughts on the most recent meetings of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Benchmark Consortium, which New Trier District 203 hosted. The Consortium consists of superintendents and principals of six other high performing school districts from across the country. Dr. Yonke noted she was most proud of our staff and students during the school tours that took place on the first day of the conference. She also highlighted the Graduate Survey that all seven districts participate in and was pleased to note that New Trier students continue to report that they are well prepared for college life academically, emotionally and socially. Admissions officers from Northwestern University and the University of Chicago spoke to the group on their roles. Highlights of their discussions were that there are no quotas from specific high schools and decisions are being made with less emphasis on test scores and more on the teacher recommendations, the student essays, and other factors. Dr. Yonke also thanked Board President Mac Harris for his warm welcome to the Consortium members.

Ms. Cheryl Witham, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations reported there was one FOIA request received since the last Regular Board of Education meeting. It was for information on salary contracts and it is completed and closed out.

#### **B. Class Size Report**

Mr. Paul Sally presented the annual Class Size Report for October 2015. He thanked Gerry Munley and Sarah Kahn for assisting with the information and data. The average class size increased from 21.8 last year to 21.9 for this year. The report also showed information of Departmental Counts and Percentages; Class Size Distribution by Department with District Totals; Sections outside the Target Range; Total enrollment by department; analysis of the average number of scheduled periods per day; and the Total Load Report for Additional Departments. Mr. Sally responded to Board members questions on Early Bird classes, music students, the Fine Arts Association, over-scheduled students, Advisor scheduling assistance, leadership development, and scheduling projections.

#### **C. Five-Year Financial Projections**

Ms. Cheryl Witham presented information on the 2015 Five-Year Financial Projections Report. She reviewed the Model Assumptions using a PowerPoint presentation which highlighted revenues, the total of Equalized Assessed Value of property, and historical information. Historical and projected expenditures include salaries and benefits, tuition expenses, and IMRF rates, for example. The administrative team and the Finance Committee reviewed the data and made changes in some of the assumptions, which included accounting for the lower CPI, the lower enrollment projections, actual salary increases, and expected retirements. Ms. Witham noted the team believes all of the assumptions in the model are reasonable and realistic. While the projections are slightly conservative with the EAV for new property and enrollment, she noted areas of risk to consider include state aid, state pension reform, a potential property tax freeze, health care reform, and interest income. Mr. Robitaille and Mr. Dolinko commented from the perspective of the Finance Committee, noting there were no major changes to the projections and the documents present a very stable financial picture for the next thirty-six months. The more significant risk for the District is the potential of a property tax freeze. Board discussion followed on the projections and the areas of risk as well as ED-RED’s influence in Springfield for school districts.

#### **D. Preliminary Levy**

Ms. Cheryl Witham presented the report for the 2015 Preliminary Levy. She noted that the work on the Financial Projections provide the foundation for work on the Levy and the Facility Plan. She reviewed the terms and elements used in preparing the Levy and highlighted the statutory guidelines for setting the Levy which require that the Board of Education “estimate” the levy at least twenty days prior to adoption; adopt the final levy before the last Tuesday in December, and follow the requirements of The Truth in Taxation Act. The Act stipulates that the District give notice and hold a public hearing if the levy estimate is greater

than a 5% increase over the prior year's tax extension. Typically, the Board has held a public hearing annually on the Levy even though the estimate has consistently been less than the 5% limit. The 2015 Tax Levy will support the fiscal year 2016-2017 Budget. Ms. Witham explained the calculations and payments, tax caps and consumer price index (CPI). The 2015 Proposed Property Tax Extension that is recommended using the estimate of \$80M in new property is \$97,521,854. The breakdown for this extension by fund is:

Educational Fund	\$ 85,272,653
Operations and Maintenance	\$ 7,082,802
Transportation	\$ 1,391,265
IMRF	\$ 1,751,476
<u>Social Security</u>	<u>\$ 2,023,658</u>
Total Extension	\$ 97,521,854

Board discussion followed. Mr. Dolinko summarized that the base levy is an increase of eight-tenths of one percent. Other comments and questions concerned the tax abatements and collections. Mr. Dolinko moved that the Board approve the 2015 Preliminary Levy of \$97,521,854 and that a public hearing be held at the December 14, 2015 regularly scheduled Board meeting, prior to the adoption of the Final Levy. Mr. Myefski and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

*Agenda item VII.A was addressed at this time.*

#### **E. Five-Year Facility Plan**

Ms. Cheryl Witham introduced Ms. Liz Hennessey of William Blair to facilitate the discussion of the Five-Year Facility Plan. She noted the importance for the District to maintain the vintage buildings and preserve the Township's community assets as well as staying compliant with Health, Life Safety Maintenance mandates. The District intends to provide resources for the Five-Year Capital Plan without increasing the annual levy in the debt service fund or in the operating funds. Building on the discussions of previous meetings (see Regular Meeting of December 16, 2013), Ms. Hennessey noted the District's practice of paying for Maintenance and Health Life Safety projects with a combination of operating funds and non-referendum Health Life Safety and Working Cash Fund bonds. Ms. Hennessey reviewed the estimated costs in these areas to be approximately \$27,226,955 on repairs and renovations over the next five years. Health Life Safety items total more than \$12M, maintenance items come to \$4.7M, and Winnetka Campus renovations are estimated to be approximately \$9.9M. She summarized the funding sources to finance the work that included NTTEC Cash, \$6M of Life Safety Bonds, \$8.4M of 2016 Debt Service Certificates using NTTEC Revenues; and \$10.4M Life Safety Bonds & Working Cash Bonds (DSEB). Mr. Myefski asked if there was a rush to a decision on this as he did not recall ever seeing these items. Board members Robitaille and Dolinko noted that the information and plans to address maintenance and renovations had been discussed already. Dr. Yonke noted that some of the work needed to be scheduled for the summer of 2016. Dr. Yonke also stated the list had been brought forward twelve to eighteen months prior. Dialogue and debate continued over maintenance, health life safety, restrooms, Essex Road, the library, project lists, past discussions, decisions by the Board and oversight committees. Discussion also included comments on the evolution of the Facilities Committee and Facilities Steering Committee and its work on the Winnetka Campus Project. Dr. Yonke stated the Five-Year Facility Plan will be brought back to the Board at the November Regular meeting giving Mr. Myefski and Mr. O'Donoghue time to review the spreadsheet of proposed work. Mr. Dolinko encouraged Mr. Myefski to answer his questions offline before the next meeting.

### **VII. Administrative Items**

#### **A. Treasurer's Report for September 2015**

Ms. Cheryl Witham provided the Financial Reports for the month of September 2015. Included are three years of Cash Flow Statements, September's Financial Statement, the Cash and Investments Report, and the September Investment Report. The month end cash balance is \$114.2M; total receipts were \$3.7M and total expenditures were \$4.9M. The Investment report shows the portfolio has 80% invested in certificates of deposit earning .915%; 19.92% is invested in municipal bonds that are earning 1.2% and zero is invested in Government Securities due to poor interest rates. The overall total earnings are at a 1.139% rate. The top investment institutions are PMA, Fifth Third Bank, RBC, and First Bank and Trust. The Investments

for the Bond Fund for the Winnetka Campus Project show 51.39% invested in certificates of deposit earning an average rate of 0.605%; Government Securities are 34.28% of the portfolio earning 0.672% and municipal bonds are 8.42% of the portfolio, earning 0.817% average rate. The top investment firms for the Bond Fund are PMA, Raymond James and Fifth Third Bank.

**B. Budget Status Report – Quarter 1**

Ms. Cheryl Witham reviewed the Budget Status Report for the first Quarter of FY 2016. The report includes a comparison of the revenues and expenditures through September 30, 2015 to the same items through September 30, 2014. The total Operating Fund Revenues collected so far is \$48M or 46% of the total budget. Last year at this time, revenue collected was \$44M. She also highlighted other sources of revenue which were student fees, the mobile learning initiative, bus transportation, driver’s education, New Trier Extension, and building rentals. Ms. Witham summarized the expenditure comparisons in the Education Fund, the Operations and Maintenance Fund, the Transportation Fund, the IMRF Fund, the Debt Service Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the Winnetka Building Project Fund, and New Trier Extension. She noted the expenditures are tracking very closely to the same as last year. Ms. Witham invited questions and comments from Board members and responded to inquiries on employee benefits and Special Education.

**C. New Course Proposals**

Mr. Paul Sally reviewed the New Course Proposals for the 2016-2017 school year noting these are a smaller group of new courses than in previous years. The proposals include courses with major revisions (AP Music and AP Physics1); prerequisite changes (to Science AP classes); level reclassifications (9-level Biology to 2 and 3-level classes); and name and grade level changes (in Applied Arts, Art, Kinetic Wellness, and Speech & Theatre classes). Mr. Sally defined the changes and the rationale for them. He invited questions and comments from Board members and responded to them. Dr. Yonke noted that this is not an action item this month. It will be voted on at the November Regular Board meeting.

**D. Change Order Resolution**

Ms. Cheryl Witham reviewed initial discussions from the August Board meeting about implementing a Change Order Resolution. This would allow the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent the authority to approve Change Orders over \$10,000, with subsequent Board ratification, thus affording work on the Winnetka Campus Project to continue in a timely way. A second state law in Illinois stipulates the Board must vote to modify a tradesman’s contract if the total amount owed to the contractor increases (through change orders) by more than 10% of the originally approved bid. The Resolution before the Board does not include or address this state statute. Board discussion followed on the addition of the word contingency inserted before the word budget in section 1.D. of the Resolution that would allow approval of Change Orders up to \$100,000, not to exceed the project contingency. Board members agreed on the change as well as the administrative addition of a running log of change orders brought to the Board on a regular basis. Mr. Dolinko moved that the Board approve the Resolution regarding Approval of Change Orders for 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 Winnetka Campus Construction Project with the addition of the word contingency before the word budget to the section 1.D. on page three of the Resolution. Mr. Robitaille seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. O’Donoghue, Mr. Robitaille, Ms. Albrecht, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Myefski, Mr. Harris

NAY: None

The motion passed.

**E. Change Order Approval**

Ms. Cheryl Witham explained the format of the ratification of Budget Change Orders beginning with Change Order #1. She pointed out that this Change Order is large as it incorporates all change orders of the Winnetka Project to date. Future Change Orders will be processed on a monthly basis and will involve fewer items. She highlighted that the Construction Contingency Summary will appear on every change order. Board members questioned the format of the change orders as Ms. Witham and Mr. Martinelli of Pepper Construction responded. Board members and Pepper agreed to use the \$3.8M Construction Contingency figure from the Design Development Phase as of March 10, 2015 as the starting point to measure change orders and adjusted Contingency status. Mr. O’Donoghue moved that the Board ratify the Budget Change Order #1 to the contracts managed by Pepper Construction Company; and furthermore,

deduct the amount of \$106,037 from the West Side Project Construction contingency line item. The Board also ratified expenditures to Essex and Capital Improvements Project budget which reflect a budget increase of \$427,337, all in the best interest of the District. It was also moved that the Board approve that work commence on the pending changes to prime trade subcontract agreements that are estimated to be in excess of the previous \$10,000 approval limit, all in the best interest of the District, and that the Board waives the requirement to re-bid the specified prime trade subcontract agreements whose total change order amounts will exceed the threshold of a 10% increase over the current contract amount (and when the total change order amount is also greater than \$25,000). This waiver constitutes an emergency as it would disrupt the complex construction schedule and further would impact the instructional program for students, all in the best interest of the District. Mr. Dolinko seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

#### **F. Board Policies – First Reading**

Dr. Linda Yonke reported on the work of the Policy Committee which met to discuss the revisions and updates to Board Policies to meet District needs or changes in state or federal law. The two policies brought forward for consideration were regarding graduation requirements and a minor change to the search and seizure policy. The change in graduation requirements reflects a new State mandate that every graduate take a semester Civics course during high school. The Civics requirement will be effective for the Class of 2020. Dr. Yonke noted that a new course proposal will come forward next fall, in 2016. The change to the Search and Seizure Policy indicates that the District cannot require students to provide their password to their social media accounts. Students are still required to cooperate in school investigations. Dr. Yonke noted this is the First Reading for the policies and they will be added to the Consent Agenda at the November Regular meeting for Board Approval. Board discussion followed on graduation requirements that would incorporate a Civics course with Mr. Sally providing options that the Social Studies Department is considering. Mr. Hayes and Dr. Yonke responded to Board member questions on Search and Seizure and the policy service provided by Illinois Association of School Boards.

#### **VIII. Consent Agenda**

- Bill List for the Period September 1-30, 2015
- Personnel Report & Addendum
- ISBE Compensation Reports
- Wight Agreement
- MBS Bank Agreement

Mr. Harris asked if any Board member would like to remove items from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Mr. O'Donoghue requested the removal of the Wight Agreement; Mr. Myefski asked for the MBS Bank Agreement to be removed. Mr. Dolinko moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Bill List for the Period of September 1-30, 2015; the Personnel Report and Addendum and the ISBE Compensation Reports as presented. Mr. Robitaille seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Regarding the MBS Bank Agreement, Mr. Myefski inquired if the District would continue to include local banking institutions for investment opportunities in light of the addition of this agreement. Ms. Witham responded in the affirmative, noting that the MBS (Multi-Bank Securities, Inc.) Investment Agreement would allow access to the broader market place of securities with real-time quotes and the opportunity to compare investments. This on-line subscription is free and any investments purchased using the MBS tool

would be kept in an investment trust account at Pershing LLC, a subsidiary of the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation.

Mr. Myefski moved and Mr. Robitaille seconded the motion that the Board approve the use of the Multi-Bank Securities, Inc. on-line services and add Pershing LLC, a subsidiary of the Bank of New York Mellon Corporation to the list of Board-approved banks. Upon a roll call vote being taken the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Mr. O'Donoghue questioned if the services in the Wight Agreement have already been paid for. Dr. Yonke invited Ms. Pat Sumrow, the Winnetka Campus Project Facilitator to assist in the response. Ms. Sumrow noted that in her experience as a project facilitator and consultant, all other similar school construction projects had a full time architect on site during the critical construction times. Ms. Sumrow elaborated on the benefits of having the architect on location noting that it is not a duplication of efforts but an enhancement. Mr. Myefski noting his experience as an architect said he was confident that Wight's contract, as it is written, would provide onsite observations. He stated it is reasonable to get through the project without this extra cost of \$360,000. He did not feel the Agreement was necessary. Board discussion followed with members asking additional questions. Ms. Sumrow responded. Mr. Robitaille suggested it felt like an insurance policy. Conversation continued on the importance of having on-site architectural services, the potential impact the on-site services would have on keeping the project on schedule, and how the position will ensure the best quality. Members were divided in their opinions. Mr. Harris noted that if there were no further comments or discussion, he asked for a motion. Ms. Goldstein moved that the Board approve the Wight contract amendment for additional on-site architectural services. Ms. Albrecht seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Albrecht, Mr. Dolinko, Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Harris

NAY: Mr. Myefski, Mr. O'Donoghue, Mr. Robitaille

The motion passed.

## **IX. Board Member Reports**

Ms. Albrecht reported that the Parent Group of *ECGC* met on September 29. A presentation was provided on "Adolescent setbacks: How to deal with failures". The next presentation is on October 20 on the topic of boosting technology in families. Future *ECGC* presentations will feature a lunch time meditation seminar and a discussion on race.

Mr. Dolinko attended the *Booster Club* meeting where members were busy planning for their winter benefit event. It will again be at the Land Rover dealership on Frontage Road and Mr. Dolinko encouraged all to save the date – January 30, 2016. He noted the Club is very excited about their new enterprises and partnerships gained from their corporate outreach endeavors. They are also eager to assist in the leadership transition at the end of the year, due to Randy Oberembt's retirement as Athletic Director.

Ms. Goldstein stated that the *New Trier Parents Association* approved their 2015-16 budget, noting that donations are down. They continue to pursue the creation of an on-line directory with the tech department. Tim Hayes presented to the Association about the MLK Workshop in January 2016. Parents will be asked to assist and will be offered workshops on how to have race conversations with their students. All School Forum will meet on Wednesday, October 21 at 3:45 p.m. in the EPI Center. *NSSSED* noted that SEPTRAN Bus was acquired by National Express and better service is anticipated. District 109 of Deerfield has decided to delay their vote on the Non-Consensual Withdrawal from the *NSSSED* Co-Op. *NSSSED* will be hiring an independent accountant to assist them in determining the impact of member withdrawals. District 112 is also delaying a vote on withdrawal as they too are engaging in preliminary discussions of withdrawing.

Mr. Myefski reported for the *Technology Planning Committee* meeting he attended. He was included in a discussion group about the new classrooms with technology and new furniture. Mr. Myefski recommended taking a hard look at the furniture choices to make the best possible selections.

**X. Board Members' Requests for Research & Calendar of Events**

- Calendar of Events

Dr. Yonke reported that there will be no November 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Board meeting; the Bid Package #8 will be presented at the November Regular Board meeting; Parent Teacher Conferences will be held October 28 and 29; the Literary Festival will be at the Winnetka Campus on Friday, November 13; the Fall Play is this week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, and is titled "She Kills Monsters"; the next Regular Board meeting will be Monday, November 16, 2015.

- Board Members' Request for Staff Research and Future Agenda Items

Mr. Robitaille requested a report or presentation on the process and protocols we have to identify students who may develop special needs or sustain an injury or illness that causes them to struggle and fall behind in their work. How do we identify them and support them? Both Dr. Yonke and Mr. Hayes noted that this will be added to the list of requests.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

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F. Malcolm Harris, President