

**NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 20, 2017  
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, January 16, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

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

**Administrators Present**

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

**Also Present**

Mr. Peter Tragos, Assistant Principal, Northfield Campus; Ms. Stephanie Helfand, Chief Technology Officer; Mr. Myron Spiwak, Business Services Director; Mr. Gerry Munley, Assistant Principal, Winnetka Campus; Mr. Scott Williams, Assistant Principal, Winnetka Campus; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life; Ms. Ellie Ambuehl, Director of Special Education; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Mr. Colby Vargas, President New Trier Education Association, Social Studies Department; Mr. Mike Hill, Technology Department; Mr. Eric Johnson, Technology Department; Ms. Pat Savage-Williams, Special Education Department; Ms. Christine Bell, Security Department; Mr. Dave Conway, Facilities Manager, Northfield Campus; Mr. Steve Linke, Facilities Manager, Winnetka Campus; Ms. Nina Lynn, Department Chair Speech and Theatre; Mr. Liam Oh; Mr. Steven Kochvar; Mr. Billy Loveman; Ms. Alyssa Coffey; Mr. Maxwell Kantner; Ms. Betsy Hart; Ms. Jasmine Hauser; Ms. Callie Baker; Ms. Ally Freemond; Pastor Corey Brooks; Ms. Isabelle Hauser; Ms. Mimi Rodman; Mr. Joseph DiCamillo; Mr. Mark Weyermuller; Ms. Julia Stoller; Ms. Arielle Imber; Mr. Tony Duncan; Mr. Richard Jo; Ms. Cara Gaziano; Dr. Robert Soare; Ms. Ami Campbell; Ms. Pam Roehl; Mr. Brett Zaslavsky; Mr. Carl Lambecht; Ms. Sally Pofcher; Mr. Ryan Evenson, Mr. Ryan Cason; Mr. Wes Baumann; Mr. Josh Seldess; and several hundred members of the press and community.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m. – Cornog Auditorium**

Mr. Robitaille called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:33 p.m. in the Cornog Auditorium. Roll call was taken. All members were present. Mr. Dolinko moved to adjourn 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 Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes; and to discuss student discipline. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

**Adjournment to Closed Session – 6:34 p.m.**

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

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**III. Open Session – 7:30 p.m. – Cornog Auditorium**

Mr. Robitaille re-called to Order the meeting of February 20, 2017 of the New Trier High School Board of Education at 7:33 p.m. Roll was taken and all members were present. The meeting was moved to the Cornog Auditorium to accommodate the large audience size of over 700 people. Mr. Robitaille noted an adjustment to the order of the meeting agenda. Minutes would be approved first, followed by the performance by Choir Opera Students and then the All School Seminar presentation by Assistant Superintendent Tim Hayes and Associate Superintendent Paul Sally. Public Comments will be heard after the Seminar presentation.

**IV. Minutes**

Mr. Robitaille asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. O'Donoghue moved and Ms. Albrecht seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on January 16, 2017, open session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

*(Choir Opera Presentation performed next)*

**V. Communications (following the All School Seminar Update)**

Mr. Robitaille began the Public Comment section of the meeting by providing guidelines and ground rules, specifically noting that his request for all to listen, be civil and respectful, assume positive intent and be open to all comments. The Board will listen to as many speakers as time will allow. Mr. Robitaille noted that due to the large number of communication request forms completed for the evening, the time allotted for the Communication portion of the agenda would be increased to one hour. He asked that speakers limit themselves to three minutes which would allow more time for as many speakers as possible in the increased time limit. Twenty speakers shared their thoughts on the All School Seminar Day scheduled for February 28 at New Trier High School. Discussions among speakers covered topics related to civil rights, discrimination, race, poverty, dialogue, debate, politics, Illinois school code, and diversity of opinion.

Speakers included Callie Baker, Ally Freemond, Colby Vargas, Pastor Corey Brooks, Isabelle Hauser, Mimi Rodman, Mark Weyermuller, Julia Stoller, Betsy Hart, Arielle Imber, Tony Duncan, Richard Jo, Cara Gaziano, Dr. Robert Soare, Ami Campbell, Brett Zaslavsky, Carl Lambecht, Ryan Evenson and Ryan Cason.

**VI. Special Orders of Business**

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

Due to the late hour and long agenda, the reports from the Campus Principals will be postponed to the March Regular Meeting.

Mr. Christopher Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations reported that thirty FOIA requests were received since the January Regular Board meeting. Twenty-eight are related to the Seminar Day. Three are in process and the rest are complete.

**B. Choir Opera Presentation (presented after the Minutes approval)**

New Trier students Liam Oh, Billy Loveman and Steven Kochvar performed a musical number from the Spring Choir Opera musical *Guy and Dolls*. The Choir Opera Musical production is playing March 9, 10, and 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Gaffney Auditorium at the Winnetka Campus and at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 12.

**C. All School Seminar Update (presented after the Choir Opera students)**