

**NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
May 1, 2017  
**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, and Room C234 on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mr. Greg Robitaille, President  
Ms. Lori Goldstein, Vice President  
Ms. Cathleen Albrecht  
Mr. Alan R. Dolinko  
Mr. F. Malcolm Harris  
Mr. John Myefski  
Mr. Patrick O’Donoghue  
Ms. Carol Ducommun  
Mr. Keith Dronen  
Dr. Marc Glucksman

**Administrators Present**

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

**Also Present**

Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications; Ms. Stephanie Helfand, Chief Information Officer; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life; Mrs. Linda Knier, Director of Academic Services; Ms. Ellen Ambuehl, Director of Special Education; Mr. Peter Tragos, Assistant Principal, Northfield Campus; Mr. Scott Williams, Assistant Principal, Winnetka Campus; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources, Mrs. Wendi Williams, members of the community and press.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**I. Call to Order – 7:30 p.m.**

Mr. Robitaille called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:30p.m. Roll call was taken and all members were present.

**II. Community Comments**

Mr. Robitaille invited community members to address the Board. Ms. Wendi Williams thanked all the outgoing Board members for their service to New Trier, its students and the community. She highlighted her gratitude to Mr. Myefski for his commitment to the New Trier Fine Arts Association.

**III. Special Orders of Business**

**A. Consent Agenda – Resolution Abating Tax on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source)**

Mr. Robitaille requested discussion of the Resolution Abating Tax on General Obligation Bonds. He noted that as budget discussions are increasingly more important, an understanding of the practice of tax abatement would be helpful. Mr. Johnson responded that he would research the practice of and the reasons for tax abatement by the District. Discussion briefly followed on the current Resolution and the purpose of the General Obligation Bonds Series B, the NSSD assessment, and the Debt Service Levy. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion that the Board approve the Consent Agenda Resolution Abating Tax on General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Official Canvass of April 7, 2015 Consolidated Election Results / Recognition & Presentation of Gift to Outgoing Member / Dismissal of Current Board Adjournment *sine die***

Mr. Greg Robitaille introduced the official certified results of the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Elections for approval by the Board. The Official Certificate of Results from the Cook County Clerk's Office show Ms. Carol Ducommun received 25.55% with 6,579 votes; Mr. Keith Dronen received 25.03% with 6,445 votes; Mr. Greg Robitaille received 24.83% with 6,394; and Dr. Marc Glucksman received 24.6% with 6,334 votes. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion that the Board approve the official canvass of the April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election Results. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Yonke, Mr. Robitaille, and all other Board members thanked and congratulated Mr. Dolinko, Mr. Harris and Mr. Myefski for their eight years of service on the Board of Education. Mr. Dolinko, Mr. Harris and Mr. Myefski likewise shared their thoughts and wishes for the New Trier Community and students. Farewell gifts of appreciation were presented to the outgoing Board members by Dr. Yonke.

Mr. Robitaille asked for a motion to adjourn the Board *sine die*. Mr. Dolinko moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion that the Board adjourn the current Board *sine die*. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAYS: None.

The motion passed unanimously. The Board adjourned *sine die*.

*A brief recess followed.*

**C. Welcome / Oath of Office and Seating of the New Board**

Mr. Robitaille re-called the meeting to Order to welcome and congratulate the new members of the Board. Newly elected and re-elected Board members Mr. Robitaille, Mr. Dronen,, Ms. Ducommun, and Dr. Glucksman recited the Oath of Office.

**D. Election of New Officers for the period of May 1, 2017 through April 2018 Regular Meeting**

Lou Anne Kelly, acting as *president pro tem*, conducted the Board member elections for the Office of President. Ms. Kelly asked for nominations for the office of President. Ms. Albrecht nominated Greg Robitaille to be President. Mr. O'Donoghue seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made; Mr. Robitaille was elected President by acclamation.

Mr. Robitaille, as President, asked for nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. O'Donoghue nominated Lori Goldstein to be Vice President. Dr. Glucksman seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made; Mr. Robitaille declared Ms. Goldstein Vice President by acclamation.

Mr. Robitaille also asked for nominations for the office of Board Secretary. Mr. O'Donoghue nominated Lou Anne Kelly for the office of Board Secretary. Ms. Goldstein seconded the nomination. No other nominations were made. Mr. Robitaille declared Ms. Kelly Secretary for the Board of Education by acclamation.

**E. Appointment of District Treasurer**

For the biennial appointment for District Treasurer, Ms. Goldstein moved and Ms. Albrecht seconded the motion that the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Christopher T. Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, as District Treasurer. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as

follows:

AYE: Ms. Goldstein, Mr. O'Donoghue, Ms. Albrecht, Mr. Dronen, Ms. Ducommun, Dr. Glucksman, Mr. Robitaille

NAY: none

The motion passed unanimously.

**F. Board Representative/Liaison Assignments**

Mr. Robitaille referred to the current list of Board member assignments to committees and liaison positions, requesting that members consider their assignments and respond back to him by Tuesday, May 2 regarding their preferences for the coming year.

**IV. Adjournment**

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

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Greg Robitaille, President