

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

**April 15, 2019**

**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, April 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Ms. Cathy Albrecht, Vice President  
Mr. Keith Dronen  
Ms. Carol Ducommun  
Dr. Marc Glucksman  
Ms. Lori Goldstein  
Mr. Patrick O'Donoghue  
Mr. Greg Robitaille, President

**Administrators Present**

Dr. Paul Sally, Superintendent  
Dr. Timothy Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services  
Mr. Christopher Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations  
Dr. Joanne Panopoulos, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education  
Mr. Peter Tragos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Mrs. Denise Dubravec, Principal – Winnetka Campus  
Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal – Northfield Campus

**Also Present**

Mr. Myron Spiwak, Director of Business Services; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Gail Gamrath, Assistant Principal of the Northfield Campus; Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Assistant Principal for Student Programs and Operations; Mr. Scott Williams, Assistant Principal for Student Services; Mr. Mike Lee, Assistant Principal for Administrative Services; Mr. Dave Conway, Director of Physical Plant Services; Dr. Stephanie Helfand, Chief Technology Officer; Dr. Chimille Dillard, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Paul Moretta, Athletic Department Coordinator and New Trier Educational Association President; Mr. Andrew Docktor, English Department Faculty; Ms. Tonya Piscitello, MCL Department Faculty; Mr. Andrew Juedes, Special Education Faculty; Ms. Jill Cervantes, Post-High School Counselor; Mr. Dan Lawler, English Department Faculty; Ms. Linda Straube, Library Department Faculty; Ms. Trish Sheridan, Junior Girls Adviser Chair; Ms. Deb Kind, New Trier Learning Center Department Chair; Mr. Dean Pinos, Social Studies Department Coordinator; Ms. Michael Christensen, Social Studies Department Chair; Ms. Lindsay Arado, Social Studies Department Faculty; Mr. Alex Zilka, Social Studies Department Faculty; Mr. Don Kim, Mathematics Department Coordinator; Mr. Andy Horne, Kinetic Wellness Department Faculty; Mr. Chris Van Den Berg, Social Studies Department Faculty; Mr. Eric Duffett, Business Education Department Faculty; Ms. Victoria Murphy, Speech-Pathologist; Ms. Sarah Kropski, Project Specialist for the Media, Speech and Theatre Department and Music Department and President of the New Trier Educational Support Professionals Association; Ms. Lindsey Ruston, Board of Education Secretary; Mr. Mike Hill, Technology Department; Mr. Eric Johnson, Technology Department; and members of the press and community.

**BUSINESS MEETING**

**I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 p.m. – Rm. C234**

Ms. Albrecht called the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019 of the Board of Education to order at 5:30 p.m. in Room C234. Roll call was taken and all members were present, except Mr. Robitaille. Ms. Albrecht asked for a motion to move to Closed Session. Mr. O'Donoghue moved that the Board of Education 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; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; and 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. Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

ABSENT: Mr. Robitaille

The motion passed.

## **II. CLOSED SESSION – 5:30 p.m. – Rm. A201A**

### **III. BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Open Session – 7:05 p.m. – C234**

Mr. Robitaille called to order the Open Session, Regular Business Meeting of the New Trier High School Board of Education of April 15, 2019, at 7:05 p.m. All members were present.

### **IV. Minutes**

Mr. Robitaille asked for any comments or adjustments on the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on March 18, 2019 (open and closed session). Mr. Robitaille made a few comments for future minutes, which will be integrated into this current record. Mr. O'Donoghue moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded, the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 18, 2019 (open and closed session). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

ABSTAIN: none

The motion passed.

### **V. Communications**

Mr. Robitaille invited anyone from the audience who wished to address the Board to come forward and fill out a yellow communications request form from the back table. No one came forward to address the Board.

### **VI. Special Orders of Business**

#### **A. Report from Campus Principals**

Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal of the Northfield Campus, shared the following information about events and programs at that campus:

- Pep Club sponsored a Toiletry Drive for Hines Veterans Hospital. Over 50 boxes of toiletries were collected. Many adviser rooms participated and boxes were around campus for donations.
- Mr. Michael Corbidge, Voice Coach for the Royal Shakespeare company in the UK, visited Our school thanks to a New Trier Educational Foundation grant. He worked with about 300 English and theater students and spent time with English teachers at their department meeting.
- Committed to Action, which is New Trier's gender and sexuality alliance group, had a Day of Silence on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, which hundreds of student participated in on both campuses.
- Ms. Eleanor Winkler and Mr. Paul Graham, now sophomores, completed experiments with the Cosmic Ray Detector during their freshman year with Academic Assistance Center physics tutor, Mr. Nate Unterman. They have been invited by Fermilab to conduct further experiments. Ms. Winkler and Mr. Graham are two of eight high school students in the Chicagoland area who have been awarded this sponsorship.
- PSAT 8/9 testing took place last week and Mr. Waechtler thanked Dr. Chimille Dillard for her efforts. This is the first time that testing has occurred at the Northfield campus since the PARCC exam.
- Lastly, Mr. Waechtler along with many others from the campus, have been involved in interviews to determine the next Modern and Classical Languages Department Coordinator and the English Department Coordinator.

Mrs. Denise Dubravec, Principal for the Winnetka Campus, shared the following student events and program updates from that campus:

- Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, Girls Club hosted an open house marking the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of New Trier Girls Club. Formed in 1919, Girls Club is a leadership organization for girls that engages in fundraising opportunities. Mrs. Dubravec thanked the Club's sponsors: Ms. Melissa Gonzales, Special Education Department Faculty, Ms. Lauren Meyer, Science Department Faculty and Ms. Jenny Pilewski, Modern and

Classical Languages Department. A 1943 graduate was expected to attend, but was unable to due to the weather. The Girls Club members celebrated the anniversary by inviting past members to New Trier to tour the school.

- New Trier News, the school newspaper placed second at the IHSA Journalism sectionals and six students will move onto the state competition.
- New Trier Juniors Girls' Adviser Rooms donated over 550 prom dresses and accessories to The Glass Slipper Project. Mrs. Dubravec thanked Junior Girls Adviser Chair, Ms. Trish Sheridan, for her involvement.
- New Trier partners with Volta Elementary School. Volta's Science Olympiad team competed at the state tournament at the University of Illinois. They placed fifth best team in the state. She noted that the administration and faculty of Volta Elementary School speak highly of New Trier's faculty and students. Mrs. Dubravec thanked Mr. Don Wurth, Science Department Faculty, Ms. Tracy Smith, Science Department Faculty, Ms. Mary Beth Barrett, Science Department Faculty and Mr. Phil Steptoe, Retired Science Department Faculty, for their commitment to this partnership.

### **FOIA Report**

Mr. Chris Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, noted that there were six FOIA requests received since the last Board of Education Regular Meeting. The requests have all been closed. They were:

1. Three requests for summary information regarding student behavior.
2. Two requests for information on retirement.
3. One request for information on storm shelters.

### **B. Approve New Trier 2030 – Annual Plan 2019-2020 and District/Superintendent 2019-2020 Goals**

Dr. Sally presented on the Annual Plan for the 2019-2020 school year, as well as, the District/Superintendent 2019-2020 Goals. He provided a brief background of the goals and strategies. He went on to discuss next steps, which include finishing forming committees, planning for summer work, determining timelines for updates to the Board of Education, along with determining timelines and forums for updates in order to gather feedback from parents and students. The last step will be to put all of this in play and get into the work to obtain tangible results.

Dr. Sally responded to questions and comments from Board members. Discussion and comments included topics on the start date of this work, the tangible nature of the objectives and clear deliverables, laying of the foundation and establishing of the committees that will develop the long-term plan for the next ten years, and the allowance to course correct as needed. Dr. Sally and Mr. Robitaille also thanked the administration, faculty, staff, parents and students for their ongoing participation.

Ms. Goldstein moved that the Board of Education approve the New Trier 2030 Annual Plan 2019-2020 and the associated Superintendent 2019-2020 Goals as presented. Mr. O'Donoghue seconded the motion. Upon a roll 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.

### **C. Social Studies Presentation – Civics Curriculum Development**

Mr. Tragos introduced the Social Studies Presentation noting it is a great example of how the creative and complex, student-centered, process of curriculum development and selection of instructional materials come to life in a meaningful and relevant way for our students. This presentation came out of discussion at the October 2018 Board meeting when Mr. Tragos reported on the Process of Curriculum Development and Instructional Materials. There are two types of drivers in curriculum development or revision – internal or external. In regards to the Civics course, it was an external driver as the state mandated the class as a graduation requirement. Mr. Tragos introduced the presenters: Mr. Alex Zilka, Social Studies Department Faculty, Ms. Lindsay Arado, Social Studies Department Faculty, Ms. Michael Christensen, Social Studies Department Chair and Mr. Dean Pinos, Social Studies Department Coordinator.

Mr. Pinos gave details regarding the civics course mandate and New Trier's approach to it. Ms. Christensen then discussed the collaboration that took place to create the course. She also discussed next steps for the curriculum, particularly collaborating with the Special Education Department and the New Trier Learning Center as well as

merging the class levels. Course materials were also discussed. Mr. Zilka and Ms. Arado then shared sample projects and lessons that their students have studied, such as student speech rights and effecting policy change.

The presenters then responded to questions and comments from Board Members. Comments and discussion topics included merging different levels into one class, the life skills obtained by students taking one of these courses, the flexibility around the curriculum in order to respond to what is happening in the news, and how many students change their academic or career path when they discover a new interest such as what is discussed in Civics. Ms. Ducommun commented that she would be interested, if fitting, to have students review New Trier's Board Policies that impact students and their rights. Mr. O'Donoghue and Ms. Christensen then engaged in discussion around student attitudes, especially where one may appear as if they do not care or have an opinion, when it is more likely that a student simply does not know enough to support their point of view. Mr. Robitaille added to the discussion by stating that a student's opinion is informed by institutions and the body of law, among other influences. Ms. Albrecht thanked the department for their work on the Civics course. Finally, Mr. Dronen, Ms. Arado and Ms. Christensen discussed how students frame their work and are encouraged to look at all sides of a topic, not just the side they support, the course also includes a focus on media literacy. The presenters also addressed a couple of other questions from Mr. Dronen regarding safe zones on college campuses and field trips. Mr. Robitaille thanked the presenters for their time.

#### **D. 2020-2021 School Year Calendar**

Dr. Sally presented on the 2020-2021 school year calendar noting that when the 2019-2020 school year calendar was presented, the District had committed to bringing forward the 2020-2021 calendar before the current school year ended. Several groups reviewed the calendar including the township superintendents, the Calendar Review Committee, co-chaired by Mr. Waechtler and Ms. Christensen, and finally, Mr. Paul Moretta, New Trier Educational Association President. Dr. Sally highlighted some of the similar features to previous years, such as late start/early dismissal days, Institute Days, and state testing days. Dr. Sally noted that this will be the first class that will go through the entire SAT suite beginning with the PSAT 8/9 all the way through to the SAT; therefore, there will no longer be a District school day ACT. New Trier will still offer the ACT on Saturdays, as the school is a national test site.

Dr. Sally then responded to questions and comments from Board Members. Discussion and comments included Commencement occurring on Memorial Day weekend and the absence of a scheduled Seminar Day. Dr. Sally and Mr. Robitaille further discussed the timeline and capacity for the next Seminar Day. The agreement was made that Seminar Day would be discussed at the end of the calendar year, by that time, the school will have a better idea of the workload and impact of the Strategic Plan on the organization, while still allowing time to plan for a potential Seminar Day. Ms. Goldstein noted that September 28<sup>th</sup> is not Rosh Hashanah, but rather Yom Kippur. Dr. Sally noted that the change will be made and that September 29<sup>th</sup> will remain a no test/no homework day.

Mr. O'Donoghue moved that the Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 school calendar as presented, with the change in the holiday name. Mr. Dronen seconded the motion. Upon a roll vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

## **VII. Administrative Items**

### **A. Treasurer's Report for March 2019**

Mr. Johnson presented the March 2019 Treasurer's Report. On the revenue side, there were significant receipts of \$41 million in March, the largest of the year, with the bulk coming from local property taxes. March was also a good month for interest, as close to \$1.4 million in interest year-to-day was earned, exceeding last year's total. Investment returns continue to be healthy.

## **B. Financial Reports for March 2019**

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Financial Reports for March 2019. Operating revenue was \$107,356,230 for the first nine months, or 2.76% higher compared to last year. The Property Taxes variance, which has been discussed frequently, due to early payments last year has corrected, though refunds of prior year property taxes have been unusually high, which reduces the current year revenue. Other Local Sources continues to remain higher due to interest income. The budget has a 3.01% increase in operating revenue for the year although operating expenditures were \$71,027,254 through March, or 1.41% higher than last year's. Exclusive of the interfund transfers, the expenditures were slightly higher compared to this time last year. The variance continues to improve each month, and the District will monitor these expenses closely as we enter the fourth quarter of the year. The budget for operating expenditures is 2.80% higher than last fiscal year.

Mr. Robitaille asked for any questions or comments on either report. Ms. Ducommun and Mr. Johnson discussed her question about whether an analysis needs to be opened regarding the potential drop in property tax revenue. Discussion then continued in regards to individuals going to the Property Tax Appeal Board between Ms. Ducommun, Mr. O'Donoghue and Mr. Johnson.

Mr. O'Donoghue, one of the outgoing Board members, thanked Mr. Johnson for his monthly reports as well as accommodating all of the changes that the Board has requested for them. Mr. Johnson, in turn, thanked Mr. Myron Spiwak, Director of Business Services, who oversees the preparation each month and the entire Business Office staff.

## **C. Kenilworth TIF Discussion**

Mr. Johnson presented on the Kenilworth TIF. The District was notified this month that the Village of Kenilworth is considering a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District for the 15-acre Green Bay Road Business District in Kenilworth. If adopted, the District would not receive revenue from new property in the TIF zone for the duration of the TIF and taxpayers outside the TIF area will see a small increase in their New Trier taxes to offset that lost revenue. A TIF allows a municipality to freeze the Equalized Assessed Value (EAV) of property in the designated area at existing levels and the increment is set aside to complete work by the municipality within the TIF. The law allows municipalities to create such a TIF zone for 23 years. Once a TIF is formed, municipalities often develop Intergovernmental Agreements with the other taxing bodies to determine rules and impose limits on the TIF. In order for a municipality to implement a TIF zone, it first must determine if the area meets the legal requirements. The law requires the area in question to be classified in one of three categories: a blighted area, an industrial park, or a conservation area.

The Village believes the area in question qualifies as a conservation area, which requires at least 50% of the structures in the area must be over 35 years of age, and the area must meet at least three of 13 criteria. Once that happens, they can make a "but for" designation, meaning conditions would not change in the area. The Village is using a TIF consultant that projects the EAV from that area, if a TIF were to move forward, it would almost triple from \$12 million to \$31 or \$32 million. The District would continue to receive taxes on the base amount, the amount of equalized assessed value, but the increment would go to the Village. New Trier's tax rate would rise slightly for residents outside the TIF zone, allowing the District to continue to collect the levy amount it is entitled to under the PTELL law. An analysis for a previously proposed TIF in the Township showed that everyone in the Township would pay between \$2 to \$27 more per year, this TIF is about a third of the size, so it would be about a third of that value. The District is still calculating the numbers. The District would also lose out on new property revenue in the TIF zone such as new buildings or houses that are built. New property tax revenue has been a key force in avoiding an operating rate referendum for a number of years.

Last week, the District, Kenilworth District 38 and the Village discussed the TIF. The parties agreed to keep an open dialogue about the process and shared their mutual interest in having a vibrant, healthy community that benefits both the Village and the schools. The Village shared their rationale for pursuing the TIF and they believe that it would be apparent to most that this area was in decline, with deteriorating buildings and empty store fronts, and that they have not seen improvement for over a decade since they last did a community development study. The Village believes that the EAV will continue to fall, and predict the same impact if a TIF does not move forward, meaning that if EAV remains the same or falls, in essence people are paying more outside the TIF zone anyway because that area has an EAV that is smaller than what it could be. The Village reports that they have exhausted other methods to improve the area. The District shared concerns about the impact on other taxpayers, the 23-year duration of the TIF and the opportunity for a 12-year extension, concerns about how any surplus would be used once the TIF ends, concern that the payments for additional students would not cover the entire cost of educating the students, and asked about the impact of secondary students, as empty nesters move into smaller condos in the TIF area and their houses are then

sold to families who will enroll students in the school districts, the District would not receive compensation for those students. As discussed in the Finance Committee, the District has a consultant and attorney who are reviewing the TIF, and are developing their opinion based on the information available at this time. The process is moving quickly and the next step is that the Village will hold a Joint Review Board on Wednesday. At that time, the District may be asked if it supports the TIF or not. Mr. Johnson went on to discuss how voting on the TIF works, noting that it is difficult to stop it, in terms of the vote, if that is the Board's consensus. Overall, it was acknowledged during the phone call that although opinions differ on this process, having a strong community and strong schools is important and plan to keep communicating despite differing opinions.

Mr. Johnson then encouraged Board discussion with a recommendation to Dr. Sally and himself as to how they should vote at the Joint Review Board if they are asked. Discussion, questions, and comments included what the catalyzing event prompted the TIF or an incentive for it, Ms. Ducommun shared her views on the matter, if an IGA has been proposed, if a plan for the money has been determined, and Mr. O'Donoghue also discussed his concerns. Mr. Robitaille and Ms. Ducommun further discussed if TIF monies can be used as an incentive for developers. Discussion continued on questions that Ms. Albrecht asked Mr. Johnson with Mr. O'Donoghue also responding. Several Board Members, along with Mr. Johnson, discussed tax money in regards to a referendum versus a TIF. Mr. Robitaille suggested that as a Board, there should be a consistent approach to these. Mr. Dronen and Mr. Johnson discussed if legal counsel was involved and if the District would share the cost with units of government who have similar interests to the District. Mr. Johnson responded to a question that Mr. O'Donoghue had regarding making other taxing bodies somewhat whole on the total cost of the increments. Several Board Members also commented on the net benefits there may or may not be to the school. After further discussion, the Board suggested to Dr. Sally and Mr. Johnson that they are not in support of the TIF and if a vote were to occur at the Joint Review Board, they should vote no.

**D. Board Policy – First Reading (2-80 Board Member Ethics, 7-10 Equal Educational Opportunities, 7-20 Gender Equity, 7-25 Harassment, Sexual Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-bullying, Teen Dating Violence, and Hazing Prohibited, 7-285 Food Allergy Management Program, 7-290 Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention Programs)**

Dr. Sally presented six Board Policies, all of which are first readings, for the Board's consideration. Policy 2-80 was brought back after discussion regarding some of its wording at the March Board Meeting. Policy 7-10 Equal Education Opportunities, the Regional Office of Education noted that the District had omitted a category for pregnant students that needed to be corrected and has been. In collaboration with the District's lawyers, the decision was made to standardize the way in which categories such as race, color, ancestry, religion, among others, were listed. For Policy 7-20 Gender Equity, the committee felt that it was redundant to Policy 7-10, to which the District's attorneys agreed. Policy 7-25 has some wording changes and is typically numbered 7-20 in other school districts, so New Trier would like to align its numbering with those districts, which also benefits the community as they review Board Policies. Policy 7-285 Food Allergy Management Program, the phrase "auto-injector" was officially changed to "injector" in state law, so New Trier made the same update. Policy 7-290 Adolescent Suicide Awareness and Prevention Programs, it was to be explicit that there be professional development once every two years for administrators and staff.

Dr. Sally then responded to questions and comments from Board Members. Discussion and comments included a review of the change for Policy 2-80 and confirmation that most changes were legalities.

**VIII. Consent Agenda**

- the Bill List for the Period, March 1 – 31, 2019;
- the Personnel Report (Tenure, Scale Movement, Scale IV Reviews, Change of Status, Dismissals, Resignations, Retirements, Sabbatical, Stipends and Termination);
- the Tentative Amended FY19 Budget;
- the capital projects over \$50,000, as presented;
- the Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims and Liability, as presented.

Mr. Robitaille asked if any Board member would like to remove items from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. No one requested to remove an item for separate discussion. Mr. O'Donoghue moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda which includes: the Bill List for the Period, March 1 – 31, 2019; the Personnel Report (Tenure, Scale Movement, Scale IV Reviews, Change of Status, Dismissals, Resignations, Retirements, Sabbatical, Stipends and Termination); the Tentative Amended FY19 Budget; the capital projects over \$50,000, as presented; the Settlement Agreement and Release of All Claims and Liability, as presented.

Dr. Glucksman seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

**IX. Board Member Reports**

Mr. O'Donoghue attended the **Booster Club** meeting. The meeting focused on closing out the year as well as what activities are ongoing.

Ms. Ducommun shared that she has been on a tour of the **New Trier Parents' Association** and **New Trier Fine Arts Association** meetings. She will be attending the junior class parents' association meeting on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>. Interest levels continue to remain high amongst both groups regarding the Board of Education and Strategic Planning. Ms. Ducommun noted that they appreciate the reports that have been presented by Dr. Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services. She also mentioned that Ms. Dizon, Communications Director, will create a summary of each Board meeting, that will be emailed to parents and staff.

Ms. Albrecht noted that the **New Trier Educational Foundation** will soon be electing their new board members and have already started planning the Golf Outing for next fall. The financials have not yet come in regarding the Recognition Dinner.

Ms. Albrecht also attended the **Communication Engagement Committee** meeting, which is led by Ms. Dizon. At that meeting, the attendees discussed the positive feedback regarding the registration pilot for incoming freshmen that recently occurred. Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Assistant Principal for Student Programs and Operations, will lead the assessment of current community partnerships in order to determine which partnerships should be further developed.

Ms. Goldstein attended her final **NSSSED** meeting on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. They said farewell to Ms. Goldstein and two other outgoing Board Members. Ms. Goldstein has served for eight years on NSSSED's Board, which Mr. Robitaille thanked her for her years of service and support. Enrollment is slightly decreasing as districts bring more services in-house and working on rebuilding their financial model for next year.

**X. Calendar of Events & Board Members' Requests for Staff Research and Future Agenda Items**

Calendar of Events: Dr. Sally highlighted the following dates:

- April 29<sup>th</sup>: A Special Board Meeting will take place to celebrate the District's outgoing Board Members. Committee assignments will be determined after that meeting.
- May 20<sup>th</sup>: The Regular Board Meeting will occur and will be the first official meeting with the District's new Board Members.
- Dr. Sally also encouraged everyone to review the Performing Arts Calendar as there are many theatre, concerts and dance events scheduled.

There was one request for Staff Research and Future Agenda Items. Mr. O'Donoghue asked that a review take place regarding the process of facility rentals to outside organizations associated with New Trier. He further clarified that he is interested in the policy surrounding this such as who is allowed to rent the spaces and how the overall interaction works. He emphasized a need for a clear, transparent policy that outlines the process of an outside facility rental. In response, Dr. Sally urged Mr. O'Donoghue to encourage people who may be having difficulty with this process to contact New Trier. It was determined that Dr. Sally will respond via the Weekly Letter to the Board.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. O'Donoghue moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion to adjourn. Upon a voice vote being taken, all members indicated they were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lindsey Ruston, Secretary

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Cathleen Albrecht, President