

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

**May 20, 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, May 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Ms. Cathy Albrecht, President  
Mr. Keith Dronen  
Ms. Carol Ducommun  
Dr. Marc Glucksman, Vice President  
Ms. Jean Hahn  
Mr. Brad McLane  
Mr. Greg Robitaille

**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; 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. Augie Fontanetta, Athletic Director; Mr. Paul Moretta, Athletic Department Coordinator and New Trier Educational Association President; Ms. Gardiner O’Kain, Art Department Faculty; Ms. Alicia Landes, Art Department Chair; Mr. Gary Schubert, MCL Department Faculty; Mr. Aaron Vinson, Media, Speech and Theatre Department Faculty; Mr. Terry Phillips, Math Department Faculty; Ms. Talar Khosdeghian, Music Accompanist and Co-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 – 6:00 p.m. – Rm. C234**

Ms. Albrecht called the Regular Meeting of May 20, 2019 of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 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. Ms. Ducommun 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 and for collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Dr. Glucksman seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Ducommun, Dr. Glucksman, Ms. Hahn, Mr. McLane, Mr. Dronen, Ms. Albrecht

NAY: none

ABSENT: Mr. Robitaille

The motion passed.

**II. CLOSED SESSION – 6:00 p.m. – Rm. A201A**

### **III. BUSINESS MEETING**

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

Ms. Albrecht called to order the Open Session, Regular Business Meeting of the New Trier High School Board of Education of May 20, 2019, at 7:05 p.m. All members were present.

### **IV. Minutes**

Ms. Albrecht asked for any comments or adjustments on the Minutes for the Regular Meeting on April 15, 2019 (open and closed sessions) or on the Minutes for the Special Meeting on April 29, 2019 (open and closed sessions). Ms. Ducommun requested one change to the April 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting open session minutes, which was corrected prior to the start of the meeting. Ms. Ducommun moved and Mr. Robitaille seconded, the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019 (open and closed session), as amended and the Special Meeting of April 29, 2019 (open and closed session). Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Hahn, Mr. McLane, Mr. Robitaille, Mr. Dronen, Ms. Ducommun, Dr. Glucksman, Ms. Albrecht

NAY: none

ABSTAIN: none

The motion passed.

### **V. Communications**

Ms. Albrecht 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. Four people came forward to address the Board. The first was Dr. Charles Shabica of Winnetka who spoke in support of the plan for Duke Childs field. Ms. Anne Wilder of Winnetka spoke in support of the Intergovernmental Agreement between New Trier and the Village of Winnetka. Ms. Beth Feeley of Wilmette shared her thoughts on a Wall Street Journal article on adversity scores and Dr. Sally's email regarding Mr. Conroy's quotes within that article. Finally, Ms. Patty DeCillo of Glencoe, shared her family's experience and concerns with compliance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

### **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:

- A variety of service learning opportunities have taken place.
  - One was Can Jam where students played music for their peers and were encouraged to bring in canned goods for the New Trier food pantry.
  - Springfest took place last week where adviser rooms and clubs set up different food and game booths as a way to fundraise for the New Trier Food Pantry. The fest raised about \$4,500.
  - Students and others decorated, wrote encouraging notes and packed 1700 lunch bags through New Trier's #HashtagLunchbag program. The lunches were then delivered to students in the city of Chicago.
- Many Adviser Rooms have had direct service experiences. These experiences took place at the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Bernie's Books and Connections for the Homeless.
- Business Education teachers, along with their Intro to Business classes, ten sections in total, did Shark Tank-type or mini-Apprentice challenges to produce and sell New Trier spirit products. All profits are being donated to Cornerstone Community Outreach, the largest homeless shelter in Chicago. They serve three meals a day to approximately 500 people. Students also volunteered at the shelter and were able to give input on how their donation would best be used.
- Work continues in preparation for the arrival of the Class of 2023. Hundreds of students attended After the Academics, the Athletics and Activities Fair for incoming Freshmen, on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Mrs. Dubravec welcomed Mr. McLane and Ms. Hahn as New Trier's new board members, and offered congratulations to Ms. Albrecht and Dr. Glucksman in their new roles.
- New Trier News staff finished 8<sup>th</sup> place overall at the State Tournament with several students finishing first. The New Trier News also received first place with merit from the American Scholastic Press Association.

- DECA, New Trier's Business Club, had two top twenty finishers in their competition for the first time ever.
- The New Trier Math Team placed 6<sup>th</sup> overall in the IHSA State competition.
- Special Olympics held their banquet last week, honoring 44 athletes with 150 guests in attendance. Ms. Joanne Panopoulos, Assistant Superintendent for Special Education, and Mr. Keith Dronen also attended. The Special Olympics Track Team will head to State in June.
- Mrs. Dubravec thanked Mr. Augie Fontanetta, Athletic Director, Mr. Jim Burnside, Assistant Athletic Director and Mr. Paul Moretta, Athletic Coordinator for their work at this busy time of the year.
- New Trier's Girls' Water Polo placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the State this past weekend.
- The Girls' Track Team also competed at State with the 4x800 relay team placing first and the 4x400 relay team placing third.
- The week of May 20<sup>th</sup> included competitions for the Volleyball, Soccer, Lacrosse and Baseball teams.
- Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> is Seniors Last Day of Attendance.
- Take Your Kids to Work Day was a wonderful opportunity for the children of staff and faculty to see what their parents do.
- The Winnetka campus had their second Career Day which is a great opportunity to connect students with jobs. About 250 students and over 20 businesses were in attendance.
- The Family Action Network (FAN) had Dr. Lisa Damour present her book, "Under Pressure-Girls and Anxiety" which was a huge success with almost 1000 people in attendance. Prior to her presentation Dr. Damour worked with forty staff members and did a book signing for them. Mrs. Dubravec would like Dr. Damour to return to continue her work with students and staff.
- Commencement is on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, at Northwestern University and the New Trier Learning Center (NTLC) also has their graduation ceremony at the end of May.

Dr. Sally introduced Ms. Renee Zoladz, who as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019, will become the Director for Human Resources as Mr. George Sanders, the current Director of Human Resources, is retiring.

### **FOIA Report**

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

1. One request was for information related to the 2017 Seminar Day.
2. One request was for data on the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.
3. One request was for a copy of a contract.
4. One request was for information on the graduating class of 2019 and the class of 2020.

Mr. Johnson then provided an update on the Kenilworth TIF. He also provided a brief background and the process going forward. Conversation continues between the District and the Village of Kenilworth.

### **B. Foreign Exchange Students**

Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Assistant Principal for Student Programs and Operations, welcomed back to the Board Meeting the four students who participated in the Foreign Exchange Program as a way to say goodbye and hear about their experiences at New Trier. Carl (David) Karlsson from Sweden was hosted by Elizabeth Brauen-Kamphuis and Henk Kamphuis of Winnetka; Pierre Rurak-Humblot from France was hosted by Christi Smith and Joe Ochoa of Winnetka; Isla Savola of Finland was hosted by Amy and Patrick Kaniff of Glencoe and Nilas Schneekloth of Germany was hosted by Debbie Flapan and Jake Howard of Wilmette. Three of the students attended the meeting to say thank you to the Board for their support of the program as well as shared their academic and extracurricular experiences from throughout their time at New Trier. Ms. Albrecht thanked the students for attending and shared an anecdote.

### **C. Duke Childs Improvements and Village of Winnetka Intergovernmental Agreement**

Mr. Johnson introduced the Village of Winnetka to discuss the intergovernmental agreement (IGA) for the Duke Childs field site. He provided a brief background on the project noting that the District and the Village have negotiated an IGA for the District's Duke Childs field property which will provide important flood relief for that property and the Village. It will also provide significant cost savings to the District by providing underground storm water detention necessary to improve the site. The agreement is based on six months of negotiating, and the negotiating team believes it is a fair deal for the District and our students as well as the Village and their residents. Mr. Chris Rintz, the Village of Winnetka President, Mr. Rob Bahan, Village Manager, Mr. Steve Saunders, Village Engineer and Director of Public Works and Mr. Andy Cripe, Trustee, are here from the Village to present their plans.

Following their presentation, Mr. Augie Fontanetta, Athletic Director, and Mr. Dave Conway, Director of Physical Plant Services, will then share the proposed District improvements.

Mr. Rintz began the presentation for the Village of Winnetka. Mr. Rintz recognized Mr. Greg Robitaille for his leadership and work to bring all the taxing bodies together. He provided information on the issue as well as the work that took place between the Village and New Trier. The team was able to figure out how to alleviate the storm water issue, while facilitating a portion of New Trier's athletic facilities improvement plan which will save the taxpayers nearly \$2.5 million in the process. Mr. Rintz concluded by noting those on the team including Village employees and Trustees.

Mr. Saunders shared background on the Village's process, particularly a project that was developed with the Cook County Forest Preserve and is the lynchpin of this flood risk reduction project. He highlighted ground elevations and overall village drainage patterns followed by discussing more detailed logistics of the storm water project. The Cook County Project is a key component to rectifying the issue as the Forest Preserve will provide over half of the total storm water storage. He went on to highlight key points of the memorandum of understanding that were determined with the Forest Preserve. Mr. Saunders discussed the original plans for the project as well as changes that were made. He went on to state key features of the current project layout in regards to the District owned Duke Childs Field as well as the benefits of this project to New Trier.

Next, Mr. Fontanetta and Mr. Conway discussed the process to ensure that the Village of Winnetka's plans were in line with the long-term vision that the District had for Duke Childs and the needs of students. Mr. Fontanetta highlighted multiple improvements for the varsity baseball and softball fields. He also shared a variety of other proposed benefits to students and the community. Other improvements include a parking lot to the northeast that will provide many benefits for sporting, park district and rental activities.

Mr. Johnson noted that the IGA allows for the Village to obtain their goals, as well as, the District to accomplish its goals. New Trier's plans will continue to be refined and developed and will be brought back to the Board for approval once the Village confirms that their project is moving forward.

Mr. Robitaille shared his participation in the process. He also addressed the length of time this sort of project requires along with the need to harmonize the interests of all of the parties involved. He applauded Mr. Rintz for his leadership and persistence in moving this project forward. Finally, Mr. Robitaille noted this was a win for the Village, a win for the District and a win for those effected by the flooding in their homes. He clarified that the Board would not be voting at this meeting, but rather it was an opportunity for members to hear the details of the project and to ask questions. He also addressed comments in the community by stating that each member of the Board works on behalf of the interests of the District. He concluded by noting that he feels this plan serves the interest of everyone.

Mr. McLane shared historical perspective and thanked those who have worked on this process and noted that the outcome is what is needed.

Ms. Ducommun wanted to understand more about the process such as what a Board vote commits them to and the finances around the project. Mr. Johnson responded to her inquiries and further explained details of the IGA. Discussion continued between Ms. Ducommun and Mr. Johnson with a focus on the financial pieces and improvements. Dr. Sally stated that there would be a few improvements that the District would want to do, Mr. Fontanetta concurred, explaining that some improvements should have occurred by now, but the District has put them on hold until this project came to fruition. Ms. Ducommun questioned if there was any downside to approving this and not having to commit any capital with this decision. Mr. Johnson responded to her inquiry.

Ms. Hahn inquired about which fields would be out of commission during the Village's portion of the project. Mr. Fontanetta responded. Mr. Johnson also shared additional details.

Mr. Dronen plans to review the financial aspects of the project and thanked Mr. Robitaille, along with others, for their work, noting it is a good example of intergovernmental cooperation.

Dr. Glucksman summed up the two different considerations – water mitigation and improvements for New Trier facilities. Dr. Glucksman and Mr. Saunders then discussed the number of 50-year and 100-year floods that have occurred in the last twenty years with discussion continuing around that topic.

Ms. Albrecht reviewed the set of entities who would also require an IGA, as New Trier would be the first to approve an agreement for this project which would be a catalyst to bring the remaining entities together. Ms. Albrecht noted that the only downside could be that the District could not dig down in the areas where the tanks are. Mr. Johnson responded to Ms. Albrecht, noting the District's commitment to open space at the site. He also mentioned that it has been helpful to go through the design process now, so that the improvements that District is suggesting align with the Village's project. Ms. Albrecht inquired of Mr. Rintz if there was an estimated timeline for the other IGAs. Mr. Rintz shared where each entity is at in the process and the timeline of when all the IGAs will be in place. Ms. Albrecht thanked everyone for their work on the project.

Finally, Dr. Sally thanked the community members who have contacted the District with their feedback and thanked the Village for their partnership. Mr. Rintz asked for clarification on New Trier's process moving forward with a vote, to which Dr. Sally responded.

#### **D. Art Department Presentation – Art Essentials**

Mr. Tragos introduced Ms. Alicia Landes, Art Department Chair, and the Art Essentials presentation. This presentation stems from Mr. Tragos' October 2019 Board report on the curriculum development process and the process for the selection of instructional materials. The Art Essentials course is an example of an internal driver of curriculum or as an idea to enhance the student learning experience. Ms. Landes saw an opportunity to meet the needs of students with comprehensive special needs who were in her Art Exploration class along with their typical peers in the general education population. This opportunity led to not only teaching Art, but also building social-emotional skills.

Ms. Landes noted that when she began at New Trier, she noticed that the needs of special education students were not being met in Art Exploration, which was a survey class that introduced different art classes available at New Trier. She then talked about a trial lesson that took place with New Trier's Educational and Life Skills (ELS) students at Northfield. After gathering feedback on the lesson, work continued between the Special Education and Art departments. The departments took a new course proposal through the appropriate channels and Art Essentials ran for the first time this school year at Northfield. Thirty students signed up with ten wait listed. The class continues to grow and next year will run two sections at the Winnetka campus. Ms. Colleen Koulentes, Special Education faculty, spent time with those students who were not in the ELS class to discuss with them student-specific needs. Ms. Landes then showed students art modifications and how to pace the work. The class, along with Ms. Landes, developed "The Wheel" which has helped students to achieve the right balance of work time and peer time. The class does many of the same projects as Art Exploration with some modification.

Ms. Landes then invited Ms. Merrick Kehoe, a freshman student, to discuss her experience in Art Essentials. Ms. Kehoe shared it was her passion for special education that led to her registering for this class. She went on to highlight the work that has been done in the class and how she has worked with her peers in it. She thanked the Board for their time. Ms. Landes then shared next steps and a video highlighting the class and its students. She thanked Mr. Eric Johnson, Technology Department, for his assistance in creating the video.

Mr. Dronen asked Ms. Kehoe about her favorite experiences in the class to which she shared several examples. Mr. Dronen then asked several questions of Ms. Landes, which they discussed. He then encouraged adding more classes where inclusion is a focus.

Ms. Hahn inquired about students continuing in this program, to which Ms. Landes responded that she hoped to be able to offer leadership opportunities in the coming years.

Ms. Ducommun inquired if Ms. Kehoe was going to take the class next year at Winnetka to which Ms. Kehoe noted that she was not, but was instead taking a different class that would tie into a special education major in college. Ms. Ducommun also noted that it had been several years since a freshman had presented in front of the Board and remarked how poised Ms. Kehoe is and what a wonderful job she did. She also noted that Ms. Landes is a great role model for Ms. Kehoe.

Dr. Glucksman thanked Ms. Kehoe, noting her drive for service was admirable.

Ms. Albrecht thanked Ms. Landes for starting this class at New Trier and noted how fast the class has grown.

## **E. Elective Restructuring**

Mr. Tragos presented on the restructuring of the elective departments. First, he acknowledged that this is a significant change and thanked the department leaders and teachers in the areas for their work and candor. He then spoke to change in schools. The primary objective of the reorganization was to enhance curricular and programmatic opportunities for students and to enrich the development of teachers by combining disciplinary strands in smaller departments with complimentary curricular strands in larger ones. The second objective was to plan for future enrollment, he noted that New Trier uses the Kasarda Demographic Trends and Enrollment Report for staffing and budget planning and have tracked closely to the Series B projections which predict a decrease to 3800 students by 2024. New Trier is committed to maintaining its current group of excellent teachers and leaders by solving for declining enrollment through natural attrition in retirements and resignations over the next several years and through advanced planning in aligning FTE to enrollment. Department restructuring is part of that planning by consolidating leadership FTEs and integrating teachers into larger departments where they can teach some of those department's courses.

Mr. Tragos then provided an overview of the changes. There are three distinct academic strands in Media, Speech and Theatre. The Media and Journalism strand will be housed in the English Department. This will provide opportunities for students in print, digital, and broadcast journalism, radio and podcasting, and collaborations between the Literature and Film strand in English and the film production sequence in Media. This structure mirrors real world experiences of media and in schools of communications at colleges and universities. The Speech and Debate strand will be housed in the Social Studies Department as there are several similar content areas and a shared set of skills. The third strand, Theatre, will merge with Music to form the Music and Theatre Department. They will continue to offer rich curricular and co-curricular opportunities, while also exploring opportunities for integration and interdisciplinary connections as they share many of the same students. Lastly, the Applied Arts Department and the Business Education Department will merge over the course of the next two to three years as their curriculum has evolved toward real world trends and experiences and they intersect in more ways. This reorganization will not change student access to excellent teachers, courses, programs, curricular and co-curricular opportunities.

Next steps include managing the plan and supporting the people involved in it. At the end of next year, in collaboration with faculty and staff, Mr. Tragos will work to revise the structure and support as necessary. Mr. Tragos then asked for any questions or comments. Dr. Sally noted the great work done by Mr. Tragos and the departments and that this is something that makes great sense for students and these programs.

Ms. Ducommun inquired about what this means for the leaders of these areas to which Mr. Tragos responded. Discussion then continued between them around this topic.

Mr. Robitaille noted these changes make sense, but wanted to know how success will be measured. Mr. Tragos mentioned two measurements, one is enhanced curricular and programmatic opportunities for students and the other is the types of collaborations that are emerging. Mr. Robitaille expressed interest in hearing more about this as it unfolds. He then noted that some of this process will move more quickly than others and that these early returns should provide lessons that New Trier can learn from, to which Mr. Tragos agreed, and noted that information will be shared on a periodic basis.

## **F. New Trier Physical Plant Services Association Contract 2019-2024**

Mr. Chris Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, presented the New Trier Physical Plant Services Association contract. The District and Physical Plant Services (PPS) Association, which represent New Trier's facilities staff of 65 members, have reached an agreement on a 5-year contract. It contains a significant overhaul in language, sets hourly rates for the duration of the contract in a manner that is consistent with the budget, and will increase the professional development of the PPS staff. The negotiations did take more time than is typical for this agreement as a thoughtful approach was taken with both parties working together to make significant changes in the contract. The process included review of peer school comparables and also included some salary schedule changes that reward long-term employees while controlling costs over time. There will be an increase in year one of 3.06%, year two of a total of 2.58%, year 3 at 2.49% total, year four at a 2.44% total and year five at a 2.92% total. This contract has received significantly less attention than other contracts, so there were more than the usual number of language changes that were mutually beneficial to the District and employees. There is excitement for the changes regarding the on-the-job training program and other clarifications that were made regarding days off and work time. Mr. Johnson noted that the agreement is fair and within budget.

Dr. Glucksman shared his thoughts as a member of the negotiations team. He thanked Mr. Johnson and Mr. Myron Spiwak, Director of Business Services, for their work on behalf of the District. Dr. Glucksman also recognized those PPS members who worked on behalf of that staff – Mr. Bill Franz, Mr. Rodney Avery, Mr. Karl Baumann and Mr. Terry Moore. He noted that it was a very collaborative effort. Mr. Johnson echoed Dr. Glucksman’s thanks to Mr. Spiwak, noting that everyone worked well together, were flexible and compromised in order to reach this agreement.

Ms. Albrecht thanked Dr. Glucksman and Mr. Johnson for their work on the contract noting that it covers custodial, general and skilled maintenance staff and that a five-year contract offers the District more stability over a longer period of time.

Mr. Robitaille moved that the Board of Education approve the New Trier High School Physical Plant Services Association 2019-2024 Contract as presented. Dr. Glucksman seconded the motion. Upon a roll vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. McLane, Mr. Robitaille, Mr. Dronen, Ms. Ducommun, Dr. Glucksman, Ms. Hahn, Ms. Albrecht

NAY: none

The motion passed.

## **VII. Administrative Items**

### **A. Treasurer’s Report for April 2019**

Mr. Johnson presented the April 2019 Treasurer’s Report and gave a brief background for new Board Members. This report tracks the cash balances for district and custodial accounts the District maintains. The goal is to provide information to the Board about current and historical balances and gives an overview of the funds the Districts has on hand. It also shows the current distribution of investments and rates of return. The total district balance is \$127,754,359. The weighted portfolio yield, which is the interest earned on investments, continues to rise as the District replaces lower interest investments that have matured with ones at higher rates. At this time of the year, the District sees a higher cash balance than typical due to prompt payment of property taxes as well as state and federal funds. Cash flow shows significant interest income of over \$380,000 last month. The cash flow is tracking similar to other years despite unevenness in the property tax payments for the first few months of this year as compared to prior years when people pre-paid their taxes in advance of the new tax law. The District has caught up and is ahead of prior years.

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

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Financial Reports for April 2019. The Financial Reports provide information on how funds are utilized by fund and function, showing year-to-date figures as well as comparisons to prior years. The goal is to show activity by fund. Operating revenue was \$110,991,679 for the first ten months of the year and the District is a little over budget at this point. This is due to the collection of revenue that is deferred to next year such as summer school, transportation and student fees. Some of that money is collected now and is for services for next year, so that is why the District is at or just above its revenue for the year. Page nine gives a concise summary by operating fund and is a good page to focus on as it provides both a revenue and an expenditure perspective. The District is 4.40% higher than at the same point last year due to prompt payment of local, state and federal funds. Expenditures were \$79,202,528 through April, or 1.93% higher than last year. Overall, the District is trending towards budgeted amounts. For May and June, the District is seeing that it is ahead of where it was last year and trending towards closing the year on budget.

### **C. IASB Informational Presentation**

Dr. Sally presented information on the membership that New Trier has with the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). This item is being presented as it was a request for more information from a Board Member on the services provided and whether the Board should be more involved in this association. Dr. Sally noted that IASB provides the Board, along with the District, professional development as well as guidance on governance and policies. He went on to share the services that the District utilizes. At the Annual Conference, that IASB holds in November, it hosts a Delegates Assembly where representatives from school boards across the state discuss and vote on resolutions. New Trier can send a delegate, which it has not done in the past; Board Members are able to attend the conference if they would like and some have done so previously. Dr. Sally asked for the Board to share their thoughts on sending a delegate to the November conference.

Ms. Hahn shared that she was the delegate for District 35 at last year's assembly. She went on to note her thoughts and how District 35 decided to send a delegate to the assembly as well as her experience while at the assembly. Ms. Hahn concluded by saying if New Trier is going to belong to IASB, it seems worthwhile to take a position and participate.

Mr. Dronen noted that he attended the conference last year as a spectator, not as part of the New Trier Board of Education. A little less than half of the school districts participated in the resolution vote. He also encouraged participation to hear what other districts are thinking when it comes to issues such as finance and legislation. Mr. Dronen and Dr. Sally discussed questions around the resolutions that are proposed by IASB. Dr. Sally noted that the Board would decide if there was something of interest in the resolutions, and if so, the Board would then also decide who to send as a delegate and their position on the proposed resolution. Ms. Albrecht concurred. Dr. Sally will communicate any resolution information that is received by IASB in the Weekly Letter to Board Members and then this will be an agenda item at the October Board Meeting to discuss how the Board would like to proceed.

### **VIII. Consent Agenda**

- Bill List for the Period, April 1 – 30, 2019
- Personnel Report (Scale Movement, Appointments, Changes of Status, Resignations and Retirements)
- Board Policy – Second 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)
- Change Order #36
- Consolidated District Plan for Grants
- IASB Annual Dues – 2019-2020
- Network Backup System Upgrade Lease
- Classroom and Staff Hardware Replacement Lease
- Network Core Router Lease

Ms. Albrecht asked if any Board member would like to remove items from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Mr. Robitaille requested to remove the Network Backup System Upgrade Lease, the Classroom and Staff Hardware Upgrade Lease and the Network Core Router Lease for separate discussion. Ms. Ducommun moved that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda which includes: Bill List for the Period, April 1 – 30, 2019; Personnel Report (Scale Movement, Appointments, Changes of Status, Resignations and Retirements); Board Policy – Second 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); Change Order #36; Consolidated District Plan for Grants for FY2020 for the following grants: Title II-Part A, Title IV-Part A, and IDEA, Part B Flow-Through and the IASB Annual Membership Dues for 2019-2020. Mr. Robitaille seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson noted that the upgrade and support agreement with Dell EMC as presented and authorizing the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to execute the agreement should not have been included in this motion, therefore the last motion was struck. Dr. Glucksman amended the previous motion by not yet approving the upgrade and support agreement with Dell EMC as presented and authorizing the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to execute the agreement. Ms. Hahn seconded the amended motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mr. Robitaille, Mr. Dronen, Ms. Ducommun, Dr. Glucksman, Ms. Hahn, Mr. McLane, Ms. Albrecht

NAY: none

The motion passed.

Mr. Robitaille shared his reasoning as to why he pulled the Network Backup System Upgrade Lease, Classroom and Staff Hardware Replacement Lease and the Network Core Router Lease. He stated that these are big dollar amounts in the aggregate and individually. He requested more context around the expenses. He inquired if approval of these items could wait until the June meeting. Mr. Johnson responded that they are time sensitive and provided more details for the Board on each of the leases. He noted that in discussing this with Ms. Albrecht, more visibility will be provided at the Finance Committee meetings, so there is better understanding of the multi-year commitment. While it

is large dollars, it is within the existing pool that is available for technology. By switching to the lease model last year, it was not to increase purchasing power, but to standardized and annualize these purchases in a meaningful way. This will be demonstrated in a future report to the Finance Committee.

Dr. Glucksman inquired if the Finance Committee had discussed this prior to the Board Meeting. Discussion then centered around that topic. Dr. Sally summarized that in the future these sorts of items will have more context to them, will go to the Finance Committee, particularly when there are capital expenditures over \$50,000 and the District will make sure to highlight when they may come forward to the Board for approval. Mr. Johnson confirmed Dr. Glucksman's question that there were no changes with the year payments on the leases.

Mr. Robitaille recommend that the Board of Education approve the administration or entering in to the following agreements, which includes the upgrade and support agreement with Dell EMC as presented and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to execute the agreement, the approval of the capital lease contract with Apple Financial Services as presented and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations to execute the agreement, the approval of the capital lease contract with Dell Financial Services as presented and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent of Finance & Operations to execute the agreement and a contract with Cisco Capital as presented and authorizes the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to execute the agreement. 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. Hahn, Mr. McLane, Mr. Robitaille, Ms. Albrecht

NAY: none

The motion passed.

#### **IX. Board Member Reports**

Mr. Dronen shared that there was a **Special Ed Parents Group** meeting at the Happ Inn on Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

There is an **NSSD** meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, which Mr. Dronen will not be able to attend due to a previous commitment.

Mr. Dronen attended the **Special Olympics** banquet honoring New Trier's Special Olympians. He went on to thank students and staff for their work, particularly Ms. Kay Pothast, Kinetic Wellness Department faculty, Mr. Robert Maddalozzo, Special Education Department faculty, Mr. Ernest Gonzales, Ms. Mary Beth Barrett, Science Department faculty, and Mr. Marty Laffey, Math Department faculty. Several students are headed to Bloomington to compete from June 7<sup>th</sup> through June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Hahn noted that the **Booster Club** meeting was moved to Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>.

Ms. Ducommun shared that the **New Trier Parents' Association** and **New Trier Fine Arts Association** are transitioning to next year and wrapping up this year.

Ms. Albrecht noted that she and Ms. Ducommun attended the **Recognition Dinner** that was hosted in celebration of New Trier's faculty and staff who are retiring as well as staff who have reached various milestones in their careers. She noted that it was a lovely event.

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

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

- He thanked Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications, along with Ms. Renee Mosley, Communications Assistant, for their work on the Recognition Dinner.
- On Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Family Service Center had their Gala. Dr. Sally congratulated Dr. Tim Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, who received the Heart of the Family Award for his contributions to the health and well-being of New Trier's students and the community's youth.
- There are a number of State playoffs coming up.
- Commencement is Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- A number of committees will meet in the beginning of June.
- The next Board Meeting will be on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> which is also the first day of exams.
- Students' last day of attendance is Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and the last day for teachers is Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>.

There were no requests for Staff Research and Future Agenda Items.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lindsey Ruston, Secretary

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Cathleen Albrecht, President