

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

**February 25, 2013**

**New Trier Township High School**

**7 Happ Road, Room C234**

**Northfield, IL 60093**

**Open Session – 6:00 p.m.**

A **Special Workshop Meeting** of the Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District 203, 7 Happ Road, Room C234, Monday, February 25, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mr. Alan R. Dolinko, President  
Ms. Carol F. Ducommun  
Mr. Peter Fischer  
Ms. Lori Goldstein  
Mr. John Myefski  
Mr. Patrick O'Donoghue

**Administrator Present**

Dr. Linda L. Yonke, Superintendent  
Mr. Donald Goers, Associate Superintendent  
Mr. Paul Sally, Assistant Superintendent for  
Curriculum & Instruction  
Mr. Timothy Hayes, Assistant Superintendent  
for Student Services  
Dr. Timothy Dohrer, Principal Winnetka Campus  
Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal Northfield Campus

**Members Absent**

Mr. F. Malcolm Harris, Vice President

**Also Present**

Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Ellen Ambuehl, Director of Special Education; Mr. Christopher Wildman, Director of Business Services; Ms. Denise Hibbard, Assistant Principal, Northfield Campus; Mr. Matt Ottaviano, Assistant Principal for Student Services, Winnetka Campus; Ms. Katherine Schindler, Assistant Principal for Student Services; Mr. Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life; Mrs. Linda Knier, Director of Academic Services; Mr. Randy Oberembt, Athletic Director; Mr. Mark Joliceour, Perkins + Will; Mr. Michael Dolter, Perkins + Will; Mr. William Bennett, Pepper Construction and other members of the Community and Press.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Dolinko called the Special Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Roll call was taken. All members were present except Mr. Harris.

**II. FACILITIES**

**A. Long Range Facilities Plan**

Dr. Linda Yonke reviewed the history of the Long Range Facilities Plan approved by the Board in 2009, noting that it was a comprehensive study of both campuses pertaining to academic and extracurricular program needs related to the facilities. The study began with the Facilities Committee in 2006, which was followed by the Board hiring an architectural consultant in 2007. The Long Range Plan was endorsed by the Board in 2009, but the referendum to address many of the major problems on both campuses was not successful in February of 2010. While the most significant renovations and reconstruction was intended for the Winnetka Campus, many of the improvement needs for the Northfield Campus have been accomplished without a referendum, by using Reserve Funds, Health Life Safety Bonds, the Capital Budget, and the Booster Club's Donation. A total of approximately \$13 million has been spent on the Northfield Campus including renovation of the B Building for classrooms, office space, a Day Care facility, and offices for New Trier Extension. In other parts of the campus, other changes and renovations took place, including the addition of a new Science Lab and an elevator, as well as replacement of boilers and roofs. Significant cement repair work has taken place, and this past summer new synthetic turf fields were added. The Steering Committee continues to examine the pressing

needs of the Winnetka Campus, of which ADA accessibility is highly significant. The Facilities Steering Committee conducted a study of ADA accessibility issues on both campuses, accompanied by extensive tours, assessments of need, and establishment of priorities at both campuses. At the recommendation of the Facilities Steering Committee, the Board approved contracting with Perkins + Will Architectural firm to present schematic solutions to the ADA accessibility issues with cost estimates. Areas of most concern for ADA accessibility identified by the Steering Committee were the Gates Gym, the North Building, and the Gaffney Auditorium at the Winnetka Campus and the Cornog Auditorium in Northfield. Mr. Myefski and Ms. Ducommun are the Board's Liaisons for the Facilities Steering Committee. Mr. Myefski noted that while the Committee looked at many areas in need at the Winnetka Campus, the areas brought forward for Board consideration are those areas which would not likely be addressed by a larger future construction project and will therefore be most effective for years to come.

#### **B. ADA Proposed Solutions**

Mr. Mark Joliceour, Principal Architect and Mr. Michael Dolter, Project Architect for Perkins + Will presented plans for ramps and handicapped accessible restrooms in the Cornog Auditorium and for the Gaffney Auditorium at Winnetka, as well as an elevator in the Gates Gym and an elevator in the North Building at Winnetka. In their Power Point presentation the architects outlined and explained the areas for ramps, restrooms, elevators and entrances to address these accessibility issues. Mr. Joliceour and Mr. Dolter invited questions and comments from the Board on the solutions presented and responded to their inquiries. Mr. William Bennett of Pepper Construction addressed the cost estimates of the various proposed solutions and also responded to queries. The estimated cost for the Gates Gymnasium improvements is \$1,650,000; the Gaffney Auditorium additions are estimated to cost \$900,000; the North Building elevator addition is estimated to cost \$1,000,000 and the Cornog Auditorium improvements are projected to cost \$775,000. These estimates include contingencies; however, they do not include design fees, permitting, and other owner costs. Much Board discussion followed with members weighing in on the presented options. Board members were in general agreement that these accessibility issues need to be addressed and that the proposed solutions are viable and reasonable. It was the Board's consensus decision to continue further study by the Facilities Steering Committee that would look at financing, scope and timing before being brought back to the Board for final decision. The Facilities Steering Committee will be charged with developing a final recommendation pertaining to these ADA improvements, updating the Long Range Plan, and making further recommendations pertaining to remaining facility issues on the West side of the Winnetka Campus.

#### **III. ADJOURN**

Mr. Dolinko requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. O'Donoghue moved and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion to adjourn. Upon a voice vote, all members were in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

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Alan R. Dolinko, President