

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

April 21, 2014

**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, and Room C234 on Monday, April 21, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present

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

Administrators Present

Dr. Linda L. Yonke, Superintendent
Ms. Cheryl Witham, Assistant Superintendent
for Finance & Operations
Mr. Timothy Hayes, Assistant Superintendent
for Student Services
Mr. Paul Sally, Assistant Superintendent
for Curriculum & Instruction
Ms. Denise Hibbard, Principal – Winnetka Campus
Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal – Northfield Campus

Also Present

Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Ellen Ambuehl, Director of Special Education; Mrs. Linda Knier, Director of Academic Services; Mr. Matt Ottaviano, Assistant Principal, Winnetka Campus; Mr. Peter Tragos, Assistant Principal, Northfield Campus; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life; Mr. Christopher Johnson, Director of Technology; Mr. Christopher Wildman, Director of Business Services; Mr. Steve Linke, Plant Operations Manager for Winnetka Campus; Mr. Dave Conway, Plant Operations Manager for Northfield Campus; Ms. Judy Macnab, Library Department Chair; Mr. Eric Saszik, Mathematics Department, President, NTEA; Ms. Elizabeth Blodgett, NTESPA Representative; Mr. Dan Lawler, English Department; Mr. Scott Williams, Sophomore Adviser Chair; Mr. Andrew Docktor, English Department; Ms. Judy Macnab, Library Department Chair; Mr. Josh Wenger, ARAMARK Manager; Ms. Elizabeth Hennessy, William Blair & Company; Mr. Nick Papanicholas, Nicholas & Associates; Mr. David Powell, Wight & Co.; Mr. Brad Paulsen, Wight & Co.; Mr. Wes Baumann and other members of the faculty, press and community.

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Dolinko called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of April 21, 2014 to order at 6:31 p.m. Roll call was taken. All members were present. Mr. Dolinko asked for a motion to move to Closed Session. Mr. Fischer moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion that the Board 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 the purpose of collective negotiation matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Adjournment to Closed Session – 6:33 p.m.

II. Closed Session – 6:30pm — A201A

The Closed Session meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

III. Reconvene to Open Session – 7:30 p.m. – C234

Mr. Dolinko re-called to order the meeting of April 21, 2014 of the New Trier High School Board of Education at 7:30 p.m. and welcomed those in attendance. Roll call attendance was taken and all Board members were present. He announced that if anyone wished to address the Board during the Citizens' Comments part of the agenda, he or she would need to fill out a yellow Communications Request Form found on the table at the back of the room and pass it up to the Board table.

IV. Minutes

Mr. Dolinko requested a motion to approve the minutes of the March Regular meeting on March 17, 2014. Mr. Fischer moved and Mr. Harris seconded the motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 17, 2014 open session. Mr. Dolinko asked if there were any comments or corrections to the minutes. None being noted, a roll call vote was taken and the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

V. Communications

Mr. Dolinko invited members of the Community to address the Board. There was no one who wished to speak.

VI. Special Orders of Business

A. Board Officer Elections for the period of April 21, 2014 through April 2015 Regular Meeting President

As the acting President Pro Tem, Ms. Kelly asked for nominations for the office of President of the Board of Education, for the period of April 21, 2014 through the April 2015 Regular meeting. Mr. Fischer nominated Mr. Alan Dolinko. Mr. Robitaille seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations for the office of President, Mr. Dolinko was approved by acclamation as President of the Board of Education.

Vice President

As President of the Board of Education, Mr. Dolinko asked for nominations for the office of Vice President of the Board of Education, for the period of April 21, 2014 through April 2015 Regular Meeting. Mr. Fischer nominated Mr. Mac Harris. Ms. Goldstein and Mr. Myefski both seconded the nomination. Again, there being no further nominations, Mr. Harris was declared Vice President by acclamation.

Secretary

Mr. Dolinko asked for nominations for the office of Secretary for the Board of Education, for the period of April 21, 2014 through April 2015. Mr. Fischer nominated Ms. Lou Anne Kelly to be Secretary of the Board of Education. Mr. Harris seconded the nomination. As there were no further nominations for the office of Secretary, Ms. Kelly was approved as Secretary of the Board of Education by acclamation.

B. Report from Campus Principals and Assistant Superintendents

Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal of the Northfield Campus, noted that each year the beginning of the Fourth Quarter brings the Northfield Campus together in a Service Learning Project. Campus leadership has chosen to continue their partnership with a village in India to provide a clean water project by assisting in building a well closer to the village. Spring Fest this year on May 15 will support this service project. Other events that occurred at Northfield are the Menz Concert, the Run to Remember, and the Identity Project; After the Academics will take place on May 12.

Ms. Denise Hibbard, Principal of the Winnetka Campus, shared information on the numerous activities taking place at the Winnetka Campus, including the Run to Remember as well as other good news. Senior student Anna Sanfilippo received the Jefferson Scholar award from the University of Virginia. She was one of a pool of 34 students nationwide and she is the second student in the history of New Trier to receive this prestigious award of \$200,000 for her college costs. Also, administrators and staff of Broken Arrow High

School in Oklahoma are visiting with our staff and attending classes. They will be implementing a 1-3 Model in their school and were eager to see and discuss this educational model. New Trier's Science Olympiad Team placed first in both regional and state competitions. They travel to the University of Central Florida for the national competition on May 15 and 16. Prom will take place this Saturday, April 26, at the Hyatt Regency. Twelve hundred tickets have been sold. PSAT testing is on Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24 for all junior students. Sophomores will participate in a half day of Institute meetings on Wednesday and a half day of classes on Thursday. Seniors have no school on Wednesday and Institute meetings on Thursday. Senior students concluded their online Silent Auction with raising a record \$45,000 for Habitat for Humanity. They are very close to meeting their goal of \$100,000 for the non-for-profit. Girls' Lacrosse is invited to play at Wrigley Field Sunday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m. versus Lyons Township. Girls' Soccer will also play in the finals of the PepsiCo Tournament on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. at Toyota Park against Buffalo Grove. Matthew McCaffrey who is an IHSA All State Academic Scholar won the IADA Essay Award. He will be honored at a banquet on Sunday, May 4. Ms. Hibbard also introduced Scott Williams as the new Assistant Principal for Student Services. Mr. Williams is currently the Sophomore Adviser Chair at the Winnetka Campus. He will be taking the place of Katherine Schindler who will be returning to teaching in the English Department.

Mr. Tim Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services noted his excitement to be working with Scott Williams and Peter Tragos at both campuses as Assistant Principals. Mr. Hayes also commended the students who worked on the Identity Project. He praised the remarkable event and highlighted how much the students learned as they embraced the idea of the production.

Mr. Paul Sally, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, reported on the continued work regarding the state mandate to integrate student growth with teacher evaluations. Important collaborative work is taking place with the New Trier Township Education Association. A large volunteer teacher pilot program is scheduled for next year to meet these ends. Mr. Sally also commented on the issue of state testing, which came up at a Sophomore Parent meeting. Discussion of the PARCC changes took place with parents sharing their dissatisfaction of pulling the ACT out of the student testing. Mr. Sally emphasized the importance of continuing the dialogue with parents on this topic.

Ms. Cheryl Witham, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, reported that there was one FOIA request at the last Regular meeting of the Board that was currently being worked on. The request to search all emails for the word "Dillard" proved to be overly burdensome. A response of this nature was sent back after advice from District counsel, asking the requester to amend or clarify the search. We have not heard back from them and have, as such, closed the request.

C. Community Engagement & Facilities Steering Committee Update

Dr. Yonke briefly updated the status of the committees that are active with the potential Winnetka Campus facilities project. The memo provided an overview of the activities of the Community Engagement Committee, the Citizens' Task Force, and the Facilities Steering Committee to continue with the facility planning. Dr. Yonke outlined the meetings that have taken place over March and April and highlighted the Public Workshop meetings and Tours going forward in the weeks of April and May. The dates of community workshops and tours along with detailed information were mailed to the township community and efforts will culminate in a written community survey and phone poll at the end of May and early June. Additional Engagement Activities include presentation tours to township PTOs, rotaries, senior centers, Chambers of Commerce and realtors as well as District wide mailings. With regards to the work of the Facilities Steering Committee, Dr. Yonke reviewed the series of meetings conducted with Wight & Company as well as the Design Advisory Group, comprised of students, department representatives, and members of the Facilities Steering Committee. Requests for Proposals were sent out for Construction Management Services and eight firms submitted proposals. The Facilities Steering Committee invited four to participate in interviews with the Committee. Also included in the memo is the independent cost estimates that were provided for Wight's Competition Design. Board members of these committees affirmed Dr. Yonke's summary. Mr. Robitaille added it was his impression through these meetings that Wight & Company is listening to the input of the Committees and the Community. He is confident that the relationship with Wight & Company will be a good fit. Mr. Dolinko and Dr. Yonke noted that due to a number of questions raised today regarding the agenda items of the Wight Contract and the Construction Management Recommendation, tonight's Board meeting will reconvene on Wednesday, April 23 with the same agenda to more completely answer any issues on those two items. Board discussion opened with Mr. Myefski noting his areas of concern for both the Wight Contract and the Construction Management

recommendation. The concerns focused on the overall cost of the contract with Wight & Company and the selection of Pepper Construction as the Construction Manager for the Winnetka facilities project. Dr. Yonke addressed Mr. Myefski's comments, stating that the proposal to table the decisions on the Wight contract and the Construction Manager recommendation was solely to address the areas of concern raised by Mr. Myefski. Dr. Yonke cautioned comparing the Wight contract to that of Perkins + Will from 2009 as the times and scopes of the projects are very different. She also supported the recommendation of the Facilities Steering Committee regarding the Construction Manager, noting Pepper's experience with challenging sites and tight phasing. The Committee strongly felt that they were the best qualified and most prepared of the firms interviewed. Board and Facilities Committee members Mr. Robitaille and Mr. Fischer also responded, noting the Committee responsibly listened to all the candidates and weighed the information presented. Board discussion followed on specific fees and savings as well as on committee work and the many qualities considered when making these decisions. Mr. O'Donoghue requested a public notice or email to be sent to inform the public on the continuance of these two agenda items. Mr. Dolinko stated that those interested are here and have public notice of the Board's deliberations and plans to reconvene. The school's website and calendar will note the continued meeting on Wednesday, April 23. There will also be opportunity for Public Comment at the beginning of the Wednesday meeting.

D. Finance Committee Recommendation – Funding for Capital Project

Ms. Cheryl Witham reviewed the work of the Finance Committee over the past several months in anticipation of recommendations for funding a Capital Project on the Winnetka Campus. A number of topics were discussed which included the community survey results of the 2010 referendum; maximum costs of a west side-only project; borrowing capacity of the District; the District debt service extension base; historical cash flow cycles and reserve balances; and the District's Aaa bond rating to name a few. The Committee agreed to four central themes in relation to funding such a project at the Winnetka Campus, which are 1.) the District would commit some of the reserves to the project; 2.) The project needs to be smaller than that of the 2010 project; 3.) The District will maintain its Aaa bond rating; and, 4.) The District would not go below 6 months cash balances on June 30 of each year in order to maintain district operations between Cook County tax payments. The Committee reached agreement on the use of between \$11 and \$13 million of reserves for a new project and that the District would not ask any more than \$89 million of the community in a bond referendum for this project.

Ms. Elizabeth Hennessey of William Blair & Co. shared the calculations of the impact to the taxpayers on an \$89 million referendum. Noting that most taxpayers are aware of their tax payments, it would be easiest to convert the increase per thousand dollars of taxes paid. Therefore, on average, a township residential taxpayer would see a 1.67% increase or \$16.67 per \$1000 of taxes paid. Ms. Hennessey also noted that the 2013 levy year is a re-assessment year and this along with the Cook County multiplier will likely bring the EAV (equalized assessed value) down, which will cause tax rates to go up. She stated that taxpayers will see their taxes go up due to the multiplier. However, the proportion of the increase due to bonds will remain the same. The interest rate the District will pay on the bonds is estimated at 3.733%. She highlighted the key facts that this is a very conservative debt structure with a fixed rate, and other potential capital needs can be financed with operating funds and other limited bonding means, similar to this year's ADA project. Mr. Robitaille emphasized that the Committee was very careful to maintain the reserves which would remain at 7 months. It is a conservative approach and yet allows for some flexibility. Board discussion followed with comments on flexibility with the approach to the community; potential of spreading out payments for current debt as far as 2017 or 2018; commercial tax rates compared to residential tax rates; the District's Aaa Bond rating; District reserves; maximum limits on funding and reserves use; budgeting assumptions and projections; and a consensus on using \$11 million of the District's reserves. Mr. Harris noted increased community positive responses to the use of District reserves for the Winnetka project. He also endorsed the Board committee system for making recommendations to the Board as the appropriate way to address the work of the Board. Mr. Dolinko reminded all that in discussing the many sender district communities that small areas of Glenview and Northbrook are included in the township.

E. Mobile Learning Initiative Update

Mr. Christopher Johnson briefly reviewed the Mobile Learning Initiative, now in its third year. Next year the school will realize 100% student participation in the program. He noted tremendous successes in the classroom and was looking forward to next year. The cost to families will be the same going forward; however, the Technology Department has created a new payment plan which will schedule four equal payments, allowing families to spread the cost over many months. Mr. Sally noted that the Mobile

Learning Initiative will present a formal evaluation of this year's program at the June Board of Education meeting. Discussion followed on the insurance program for the iPads; the evolution and transition of the initiative program to departmental professional development; the continuation of professional development over the summer; and by discipline.

F. New Textbooks – Print & E-Books

Mr. Paul Sally noted the number of new textbook adoptions have decreased as departments are watching the book costs to families. With the Mobile Learning Initiative, there has been an increase in e-book use and a decrease in book costs from this year to next. Mr. Sally stated that 70% of non-English textbooks are \$50 or less.

Mr. Dolinko noted the keen interest the Board has had concerning textbooks and their costs for families and opened the floor for Board comments and discussion. Mr. Sally and Mr. Johnson responded to members' questions on college textbooks, the transition to e-books, meeting special needs, and the availability of choice in learning.

VII. Administrative Items

A. Financial Reports for March 2014

Ms. Cheryl Witham reviewed the financial reports and statements for the month of March. She summarized the Budget Status Report for the Third Quarter of FY 2014, commenting on the areas of revenues and expenditures and comparing this year's actual figures to the budgeted items of prior years. Ms. Witham also highlighted the Investment Report noting the breakdown between investment houses.

B. Construction Manager Recommendation – *Discussion postponed until April 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in Room C234, Northfield Campus.*

VIII. Consent Agenda

- Bill List for the Period March 1-31, 2014
- Personnel Report
- Capital Projects over \$50,000
- Wight & Co. Contract *Wight Discussion postponed until April 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in Room C234, Northfield Campus.*
- Bid Approvals for ADA 2014 Project
(Asbestos Abatement & Aluminum Glazing)

Mr. Dolinko noted that the Wight & Co. Contract will be taken up at the reconvened meeting of April 23. He asked if any Board member wished to remove other items of the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Mr. Robitaille requested Capital Projects over \$50,000 for separate discussion. Mr. Dolinko asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items remaining. Mr. Myefski moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Bill List for the Period of March 1-31, 2014; the Personnel Report; and the Bid Approvals for the ADA 2014 Project for Asbestos Abatement and Aluminum and Glazing. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

Mr. Robitaille asked Ms. Witham to explain and describe this step of approving the Capital Projects over \$50,000 and its place in the District's current system of budgeting. Ms. Witham responded that it is the first step in the budgeting process; however, she noted that the entire financial and human resources computer software system is due for an upgrade. The Business Services Department has investigated other operating systems specific to school districts that would better integrate the various tasks of tracking salaries, substitute scheduling, general ledger, etc. To have these integrated in one system will afford much efficiency and allow the processes to go paperless. Mr. Robitaille commended Ms. Witham for these innovations, noting that the District is a \$100 million business and as such should have a more integrated enterprise system where the District will benefit with cost savings, compliance issues, perhaps liability issues. It will help manage and identify all the processes through a singular integrated system. Mr. Myefski moved to approve the Capital Projects over \$50,000 as presented. Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

IX. Board Member Reports

Mr. Fischer noted the *Facilities Steering Committee* work will be taken up with the postponed agenda items. The *New Trier Education Foundation* did not meet. He reported on the *All School Forum* meeting which discussed the position and role of introverts in the classroom. The meeting was well attended by students and teachers and the discussion was wide-ranging on new research regarding introverts and how class participation relates to grading and asking if we are doing enough to recognize the value of 'quiet' students. Research indicates that 25-30% of society as a whole is introverted.

Ms. Goldstein shared the numerous events of the *New Trier Parents' Association* which included the end of the year Graduation Party; recruiting for volunteers for next year; the annual scholarship donation of \$3000 to be awarded at the Senior Award Ceremony; the Senior Parent Program on Thursday, April 24 with New Trier graduate author John Gould speaking on surviving college; and the Freshman program "Moving on Up" that has been rescheduled for May 6. On May 7 the NTPA Class of 2014 will provide an appreciation brunch for the Senior Advisors and Post High School Counseling Department. The Parent Committee of ECGC will present on Thursday, April 24 at 9:00 a.m. an authentic success workshop and on May 13, the committee is planning a round-table discussion on "Learning How and When to Let Go of Your Teen," moderated by Tim Hayes. *NSSSED* discussed their fund balance policy with the business managers of the member districts; they have proposed a draft budget which is balanced; the tuition rate will be the same, though some programs will increase by 1.7%.

Mr. Robitaille, Mr. Harris, Mr. O'Donoghue and Mr. Myefski had no additional comments on their Board committees and liaison assignments.

Mr. Hayes mentioned for the *Fine Arts Association* met their goal of raising \$10,000 to help with the renovation of the Cornog Auditorium lobby.

Mr. Dolinko attended the April meeting of the *Booster Club* where they were considering the Spring funding requests. They are also seeking to enlarge the Board to allow for greater participation. He noted their discussions on completing their commitment (several hundred thousand dollars) to the "Tackle the Turf" Capital Campaign. They have decided to shift their efforts to address corporate donors, as individual and personal donations are fewer and dwindling. An important concern for the Club is whether they will be able to continue to fund the seasonal recurring requests made by the athletic teams and departments. They are committed to fulfilling the Turf Campaign and may ask the Board for additional time to do so.

Mr. Dolinko requested fellow Board members to provide him with their preferences for committee and liaison representative assignments for the coming year. He will try to balance continuity and rotation with their requests.

X. Board Members' Calendar of Events

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Dr. Yonke noted that the PSAE testing will take place on Wednesday, April 23 and Thursday, April 24.

The Wight & Co. team will be back at Winnetka on Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25 for additional meetings with Work Groups, the Design Advisory Group, and the Facilities Steering Committee. AP testing will take place starting Monday, May 5 and continuing daily for two weeks. The next Design Advisory Group and Facilities Steering meetings will be on Thursday, May 8. This Saturday, April 26 will be the first of the Winnetka Facilities Project presentations and tours. The school will be open to welcome community members interested in the project and to answer their questions.

- Board Members' Request for Staff Research and Future Agenda Items

Dr. Yonke reminded the Board members of an earlier request for information on State and Federal funds, which has been compiled and shared with the Board on BoardDocs through the Superintendent's Weekly Letter.

- Mr. Myefski inquired on the status of the search for a district Architect of Record . Ms. Witham noted that RFPs have been sent out. A recommendation to the Board will be included at the June Regular meeting. Mr. Myefski also requested more examination of the technology courses and curriculum, specifically web design and coding as to the appropriate department for them. Mr. Sally responded that course proposals are being considered for the fall and that he would be happy to look at the changes. He highlighted that the primary focus is having a qualified teacher regardless of the department location. Mr. Myefski agreed that conversations with Mr. Sally would answer his questions and concerns.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. O’Donoghue moved that the Board recess the Regular Meeting of April 21, 2014 until Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in Room C234, 7 Happ Road, Northfield, Illinois. Mr. Fischer seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote being taken, all members indicated they were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

Alan R. Dolinko, President

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BUSINESS MEETING

II. CALL TO ORDER – 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Dolinko called to order the reconvened Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of April 21, 2014 at 7:34 p.m. on April 23, 2014. Roll call was taken. All members were present. Mr. Dolinko reminded all that two items from the April 21 meeting agenda were tabled for discussion and approval to this evening: the Wight & Company Contract for Architectural Services and the Construction Manager Recommendation. He noted the additional time was in response to Board members' questions raised on these two items.

II. Communications

Mr. Dolinko invited members of the Community to address the Board for Public Comment. There was no one wishing to speak.

III. Wight & Company Contract for Architectural Services

Dr. Yonke introduced Mr. Kenneth Foley, District legal counsel with Robbins Schwartz, who specializes in the Construction Practice Group. He reviewed the District's draft agreement with Wight & Company and addressed the questions raised by Board member Mr. Myefski. He supported the agreement and stated it was a stronger document for the attention to these details. Dr. Yonke summarized the contract items that were discussed and resolved. These issues were also reviewed and agreed to by representatives of Wight & Company. Further information was presented on recent projects of other area high school districts showing the Wight basic fee of 6.16% and total fee of 7.66% to be lower than those examined while including more services. An additional request was made at the Monday, April 21st meeting to compare the proposed Wight agreement to the 2009 Perkins + Will agreement. While the scope of the work is not the same, the Wight agreement includes many services and establishes a set fee for reimbursable expenses which the P + W agreement did not. Board discussion followed the Board committee members' comments. Both Mr. Robitaille and Mr. Fischer agreed with the Facilities Steering Committee recommendation to approve the Wight contract. Mr. Myefski questioned the fairness of Wight's fee, the inclusion of the Conceptual Design in the base fee, comparisons to the Capital Development Board's table of fees, and expressed the opinion that the overall cost of the fees is too high. Ms. Goldstein noted comparison to P+W is difficult because the entire projects are not the same. Different fees are charged for additions, new construction, and renovation. Mr. Dolinko cited that the P+W rate is a blended fee rate for the larger project and therefore the comparison is not equal. Discussion continued on the appropriate fee for the work with members Mr. Fischer and Mr. Robitaille being very confident that the fee is correct and competitive. Mr. Dolinko requested a motion by the Board. Mr. Fischer moved that the Board approve the contract for architectural services with Wight & Company, subject to final review by legal counsel. Mr. Robitaille seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: Mr. Myefski

The motion passed.

IV. Construction Manager Recommendation

Dr. Linda Yonke reviewed the lengthy process undertaken by the Facilities Steering Committee to reach a recommendation for a Construction Manager firm for the Winnetka Facilities Project. At least eight proposals were received and four firms were invited to interview with the Committee. IHC and Pepper Construction were selected as the two finalists. The Committee showed a strong preference for Pepper Construction due to their large pool of very experienced staff; their proven experience with complicated reconstruction/renovation in very tight/confined project areas; their proven experience with students and staff onsite during demolition and construction phases; their extensive knowledge of the Winnetka Campus existing conditions; their excellent previous work with the District on proposal to replace the west side buildings and their ability to quickly become familiar with the project and assist Wight with the more complicated design elements. For these reasons along with additional fee reductions, Pepper was the unanimous choice of the Committee. Board Committee members Peter Fischer and Greg Robitaille concurred with Dr. Yonke's summary and shared their views on the decision and the Committee's work. Board discussion followed. Mr. Myefski shared his concern with the size of the reductions made by Pepper and his concern for lack of consideration of the Nicholas & Associates proposal. Ms. Goldstein and Mr. Fischer noted that the reductions taken in context were appropriate for the project. They felt that Nicholas was a good firm which the District has and is working with on the ADA Summer Projects; however, for the conditions and parameters of the Winnetka Project they agreed with the Committee's recommendation for Pepper. Discussion continued acknowledging the Committee's work and recommendation. Mr. Harris and Mr. Dolinko supported the Committee's recommendation, as Pepper

Construction would provide the best fit for this project and deliver the best result for the District. Mr. Fischer moved that the Board approve the selection of Pepper Construction with the proposed fees totaling \$4,611,163 for the proposed Winnetka Campus Project and that the Board gives authority to the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to negotiate contract language subject to Attorney review. Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: Mr. Myefski

The motion passed.

V. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

Alan R. Dolinko, President