

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

December 15, 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, in Room C234 on Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present

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

Administrators Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Greg Robitaille

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. Gerry Munley, Assistant Principal, Winnetka Campus; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life; Mr. Scott Williams, Assistant Principal, Winnetka Campus; Mr. Peter Tragos, Assistant Principal, Northfield Campus; Mr. Todd Maxman, President, New Trier Township Education Association, Social Studies Department; Mr. Eric Saszik, Mathematics Department; Mr. Spiro Bolos, Social Studies Department; Mr. Christopher Johnson, Chief Information Officer; Mr. Christopher Wildman, Director of Business Services; Mr. Paul Easton, English Department; Mr. John Burnside, Science Department; Mr. Jim Burnside, Science Department; Mr. John Gilchrist, Kinetic Wellness Department Chair; Mr. John Cadwell, English Department Chair; Ms. Lorri Starck-King, Modern & Classical Languages Department Chair; Mr. Pete Drevline, Kinetic Wellness Department; Mr. Paul Moretta, Athletics Coordinator; Mr. Andy Horne, Kinetic Wellness Department; Mr. Mac Guy, English Department; Mr. Jim Conroy, Post High School Counseling Department Chair; Mr. Jude Eliacin, Social Work Department; Mr. Terry Phillips, Mathematics Department; Ms. Elizabeth Blodgett, New Trier Educational Support Professionals Association; Ms. Deborah Lazar, Library Department; Ms. Elizabeth Hennessy, Wm. Blair & Co.; Mr. David Powell, Wight & Co.; Mr. Jay Ripsky, Pepper Construction Co.; Mr. Craig Dannegger, Pepper Construction Co.; Ms. Karen Ann Cullotta, Chicago Tribune, Mr. Steve Shearing, Pioneer Press; members of the press and community.

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER – Open Session – 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Dolinko called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:33 p.m. for December 15, 2014. Roll call was taken. All members were present except Greg Robitaille. There was no Closed Session Meeting this month. Mr. Dolinko welcomed those in attendance. He noted that the evening started with the Student and Staff Board Recognition Program at 7:00 p.m. He instructed those in attendance 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.

II. Closed Session – NO CLOSED SESSION

No Closed Session meeting was held for December 2014.

III. Open Session – 7:30 p.m. – C234

Mr. Dolinko called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of December 15, 2014 to order at

7:33 p.m. Roll call was taken. All members were present except Greg Robitaille.

IV. Minutes

Mr. Dolinko requested a motion to approve the minutes of the November Regular meeting, open session, held on November 17, 2014. Mr. Fischer moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion to approve minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 17, 2014 open session. Mr. Dolinko asked if there were any comments or changes to the November minutes. There being none, a roll call vote was taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Myefksi

The motion passed.

V. Communications

Mr. Dolinko invited any members of the Community who wished to address the Board to come forward. Mr. Todd Maxman, member of New Trier's Equity Team addressed the Board, with regard to the elimination of the Martin Luther King Day Holiday to the school calendars during the Winnetka Facilities Project construction years. Mr. Maxman read the Equity Team's letter to the Board, petitioning the reinstatement of the Martin Luther King Day Holiday.

VI. Special Orders of Business

A. Report from Campus Principals and Assistant Superintendents

Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal of the Northfield Campus, highlighted activities and events taking place at the freshman campus, which includes testing the incoming freshman class of 2019 and planning for Academic Life that takes place after Winter Break and the scheduling of the State Board of Education PARCC testing for this year's freshman class. Mr. Waechtler thanked Peter Tragos, Joan Liess and the Kinetic Wellness Department for their leadership and assistance in the EKG testing on December 10 as well as the New Trier Parents' Association for providing volunteers. Out of the 757 students tested, 3 students were found to have results which indicated they should follow up with their family physicians. The Names Program took place on Wednesday, December 3. Feedback on the new half day format is being reviewed in hopes to make this anti-bullying program available to all four classes. The Frosh/Soph Musical "Once on this Island" was performed at the Northfield Campus December 10 through December 13. Mr. Waechtler also reviewed service opportunities taking place in December which included the canned food drive and the Northwestern University's Settlement House Family Partnership among the freshman adviser rooms.

Mrs. Denise Dubravec, Principal of the Winnetka Campus, began her campus report with news of service work. The New Trier Football team was honored by the Chicago Bears this past Thursday. The recognition includes a \$500 grant for service activities. The team was selected due to their participation in service activities. The Tri Ship Tree Sales ended early as all the trees were sold out. The seniors' Habitat Project has joined with local businesses to increase benefits for their class fundraiser. Five participating local stores will donate 15-50% of sales back to the Habitat program. The canned food drive has collected 24,693 pounds of food for the Chicago Food Depository. Ms. Dubravec also shared information on departmental news which included the Business Department's annual fundraiser to benefit the Make a Wish Foundation. Their one day silent auction generated approximately \$10,000. The following teachers presented papers to the National Council of Teachers of English: Ariell Bachman and Alex Klein on "Exploring the Stories Told by American Media: Creating eBooks, Creating an Authentic Research Experience"; Brett Rubin and Brett Strom on "Using the Bard to Teach Social and Emotional Core Competencies"; and Barbara Joyce and Sarah Gompers on "Writing to Engage: Vulnerability, Story and the Teenage Writer". Ms. Dubravec lauded these teachers for their contributions to the profession. Additional upcoming events included the Winter Music Festival on Sunday, December 14; Winnetka student art exhibit at the Brierley Gallery; Winter sports beginning with 582 students participating on 11 sports teams; the Winter Vocal Jazz Concert on Tuesday; and the High Five Choir Holiday Sing on this Friday in the Gaffney.

Mr. Tim Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, noted that forty members of the leadership team attended the new "Race" exhibit at the Holocaust Museum in Skokie. He highly recommended the

exhibit which will continue through the end of January. Mr. Hayes also reported on FAN presentations. Mr. Claude Steele spoke on stereotype threats at Evanston Township High School on Monday, December 8 and he will also speak at Northwestern University on February 4. On January 14, author Wes Moore will speak on his book “The Work: My Search for a Life that Matters”. Mr. Hayes noted that for the Habitat service opportunities, the five stores participating are Homer’s, Tomorrow, Bake 4 to 5, Chipotle, and Meatheads. Donations to Habitat have allowed our students to construct a house in Lake County and also the Philippines. His last note was that the Service Learning Committees from both campuses met last week to have a retreat and to thoughtfully plan and strategize their goals for next year.

Mr. Paul Sally, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, noted that his work and information will be presented in the reports to follow.

Ms. Cheryl Witham reported there was one FOIA request that came in since the last Board of Education meeting in November. There was a request for information on debt issuance. Information was provided and the request is completed.

B. Public Hearing 2014 Tax Levy

Mr. Dolinko reviewed the procedures of conducting the Public Hearing on the 2014 Tax Levy and subsequent vote for approval of the Final 2014 Tax Levy. He noted that Ms. Witham will summarize the Tax Levy, after which, time is allowed for the public to comment on the Levy. Following the Public Comment, the Board will discuss and deliberate on the Levy, the Public Hearing will close, and the Board will move to approve the Levy. Ms. Witham began her presentation by explaining a number of terms, the statutory guidelines and timeline for the Levy, and the calculations and payments. The 2014 levy is equal to the 2013 extension times the CPI, plus the estimated value of new property. The District receives the tax receipts in two installments, one in the spring and the other in the fall. Ms. Witham noted the recommended 2014 Levy is estimating new property at \$80M and will provide an extension of \$95,913,417. She showed the actual new property for the 2013 Levy was \$25,701,785 and believes it reasonable to expect at least \$25M in new property for budgeting purposes. Bond and Interest will increase due to the passing of the November 4, 2014, Referendum by \$6.2M for a total Bond and Interest payment of \$9,706,114. Therefore, the average homeowner will see an increase of approximately 1.5% for the tax capped funds on the New Trier portion of their tax bill and an additional approximately 1.67% on their total tax bill for the Building Referendum Bond and Interest, which will be paid in the fall, as the spring payment is 55% of the previous year’s tax bill. The total recommended levy extension would provide for the following funds:

Educational	\$ 83,861,729
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 7,029,224
Transportation	\$ 1,352,007
IMRF	\$ 1,646,494
Social Security	<u>\$ 2,023,963</u>
Total Extension:	\$95,913,417

Dr. Yonke added that there will likely be more new property than earlier anticipated, and Ms. Witham concurred that it is uncertain how much of the new property will be included in 2014 or 2015. Mr. Dolinko invited members of the audience to come forward and share their thoughts and comments on the proposed 2014 Tax Levy. No one came forward to speak. Mr. Dolinko opened the floor to Board discussion and comments, noting that the approved Tentative 2014 Tax Levy also used the \$80M new property value. Mr. Fischer noted that the average new property over the past ten years has been \$63M and he would not want to forfeit funds by setting new property too low. He supports using the \$80M figure. Mr. O’Donoghue noted his annual disagreement with the levy process and the estimating new property process. Mr. Dolinko voiced his support of the \$80M estimate for new property as a conservative hedge against legislative action on Senate Bill 16 and the cost shift on state pensions which could possibly occur in the near future. Mr. O’Donoghue moved to adjourn the Public Hearing. Mr. Fischer seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote was taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Goldstein, Mr. Harris, Mr. Myefksi, Mr. O’Donoghue, Mr. Dolinko, Mr. Fischer

NAY: None

The motion passed. Mr. Dolinko noted the Public Hearing on the 2014 Tax Levy to be adjourned and the next agenda item is the 2014 Tax Levy.

C. 2014 Tax Levy

Mr. Fischer moved and Mr. Myefski seconded the motion that the Board approve the Resolution Levying Taxes for the Year 2014 in the amount of \$95,913,417 to be distributed as follows:

Educational	\$ 83,861,729
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 7,029,224
Transportation	\$ 1,352,007
IMRF	\$ 1,646,494
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and that the Board approve the related resolutions, including the Resolution to abate a portion of the Debt Service Fund Levy and the Resolution to abate a portion of the loss and collection supplement. There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken, with members voting as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

D. Profile of Class of 2014 – Participation Report

Mr. Paul Sally presented the fifth annual report containing in-depth information about a graduating class of New Trier, the Class of 2014. This comprehensive report includes information on student test scores, course taking patterns, college matriculation, class of 2013 follow-up, support services, leadership experiences, senior project, and service summary for the class of 2014. This collection of data provides a more complete picture of student achievement, student life, and student reflections on their experiences. Mr. Sally highlighted new additions to the report, which included the number of academic courses, AP courses, and elective courses that students enrolled in. This information showed that the type of courses a student took did not limit them in the choices of colleges available to them. This year’s report also included follow-up information on students in their first year out. The Alumni Survey produced by New Trier and its Benchmark Consortium partner schools provides a look at student reflections from all the Consortium schools. In summary, New Trier students felt they were exceptionally prepared for college, and did specifically well in English and writing, class discussion, self-advocacy, critical thinking and overcoming adversity. The second part of the follow-up information was to look at the National Clearing House Data. While this information is not complete, it is used by the Illinois State Board of Education for the schools State Report Card. The National Clearing House Data is a compilation of information from high schools and colleges across the country. Post High School Counseling is using all this data to assist students in finding their collegiate match. Mr. Tim Hayes reviewed the new additions to the Profile report which studies two other areas of student accomplishment, leadership opportunities and Senior Project. Both areas offer students varied opportunities to develop skills in leadership and the workplace that they take with them to college and life after high school and college. Mr. Hayes reviewed the Student Participation in Extracurricular Activities 2013-2014 report. He noted that participation in some extracurricular activity (athletics, clubs, performing arts or intramurals) rose to 86% over prior years. When the students with outside of school activities are added in (including part time jobs and outside sports), the participation rate increases to 94%. He highlighted that these rates were very high, particularly for a school that does not require extracurricular participation. Mr. Sally concluded by noting the targeted events for sharing this information would include Academic Life night presentations and Post-High School Counseling meetings, and that specific groups to be included are advisers, parents, and other staff. Board discussion followed with Mr. Hayes and Mr. Sally responding to the members’ comments and questions. Board reaction was positive and various members expressed gratitude for the report while encouraging the Administration to share the information at every venue.

E. Bond Parameter Resolution: Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$89,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015, of High School District 203, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of financing the project authorized at the November 4, 2014, general election, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the best bidder pursuant to a competitive sale.

Ms. Elizabeth Hennessy of William Blair and Co. reviewed the Board’s approval of the Finance Committee’s recommendation to proceed with the issuance of \$89M referendum approved bonds in

January or February 2015. Ms. Hennessy noted the benefits to proceeding in early January which would take advantage of the many bond redemptions on January 1; there are lower interest rates in January; and that many bonds come to market in early January. The resolution states that the District is authorized to go to market without further action from the Board, subject to certain parameters which she noted the annual principal and interest amount on the bonds to be \$6.2M. The Finance Committee also opted to provide an eight year call feature to the issue that will offer future flexibility for the District to refinance the bonds at a lower cost any time after eight years. The Board President and the Chair of the Finance Committee will be the Board's delegates at the sale and Ms. Witham and Dr. Yonke will be the Administration delegates. The bond sale will take place on January 13, 2015. No further questions or discussion followed. Ms. Witham noted that the District will defend its Aaa rating at Moody's on December 18, 2014. Mr. Fischer moved that the Board approve the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$89,000,000 General Obligation School Building Bonds, Series 2015, of High School District 203, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of financing the project authorized at the November 4, 2014, general election, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the best bidder pursuant to a competitive sale. Mr. Harris seconded the motion. Upon no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken with members voting as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

VII. Administrative Items

A. Financial Reports for November 2014

Ms. Witham reviewed the Financial Reports for November which included three years of Cash Flow Statements, November's Financial Statement, November's Investment Report and the Historical Cash Balance Chart. She noted the ending cash balance for November was \$98.5M. She highlighted certificates of deposit and government agency figures of the Investment Report. She noted that at this time of year the receipts are small and disbursements large as the District works from the last tax payment in August.

B. Facilities Steering Committee Update

Dr. Linda Yonke reported on the activities of the Facilities Steering Committee, which included the village approval process, the design development, the budget review process, temporary facilities for the Art and Applied Arts Departments, and the selection of a Project Facilitator. The village approval process includes numerous hearings before final approval by the Winnetka Village Council. Two hearings before the Plan Commission Board and the Design Review Board took place in November. On December 8, the Wight & Co. team along with Pepper Construction and the District Administration worked cooperatively to seek approval from the Village Zoning Board of Appeals of a special use permit and to request eight zoning variances. The hearing went well and the Zoning Board of Appeals also joined the other Village Boards to unanimously recommend the approval of the special use permit and the variances. The Village Council meets on January 6, 2015 when the District will seek their approval. Wight & Company has worked with the departments that will occupy new space in the Winnetka Campus addition. The design work is focusing on placement details, materials, flooring, acoustics, storage, furniture, and lighting. Meetings with teachers and students has aided in the process of preparing for the summer construction start date. Pepper Construction began reviewing cost estimates and the budget in early November. Site work begins in the winter and the move out of the Tech Arts building will be completed over Spring Break. Pending an agreement with the Village, the District will lease space on the abandoned Land Rover site at Green Bay Road to move PPS storage, which will allow Art and Applied Arts classes to remain on campus in the Laundry Room and the Boiler Plant building. On the Committee's recommendation, the District will seek to hire Pat Sumrow as Project Facilitator for this campus renovation. She will assist with logistics as well as the preparation and review of bids, review of change orders, oversight and alignment of budget, and preparation of reports to the Board. Committee member Pete Fischer concurred with Dr. Yonke's review and shared his impressions of the positive outcomes with the various Village boards. He added that a recommendation was made to add a crossing guard at Sunset and Woodland during the construction time to cover the elementary school traffic hours.

C. School Year Calendars:

1. 2014-2015 School Calendar Revision

On December 1, the Illinois State Board of Education announced that PARCC Testing at the high school level can be done with freshmen, sophomores or juniors. This new information, moving away from testing for juniors only, prompted meetings with the leadership teams of both campuses to determine the best decision for testing New Trier students. It was determined that testing the freshman class allowed for the least disruption to classes and eased the testing load of the juniors whose year is already full with AP and ACT testing. Dr. Yonke noted other than the addition of the PARCC testing, the 2014-15 School Year Calendar was the same as last month. No further Board discussion took place. Mr. Myefski moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion that the Board approve the 2014-2015 School Year Calendar as revised and presented.

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

2. Proposed Calendars for 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018

Dr. Yonke continued in presenting the three School Year Calendars for 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018, which cover the years of the construction project at the Winnetka Campus. To maximize the summer break and support the construction schedule, the proposed calendars eliminate a number of holidays that New Trier normally observes, including Columbus Day, Rosh Hashanah, and the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. These three calendars were developed with input from the campus leadership teams, administrators, parent leaders, and the faculty and support staff associations. As presented in November, the longer summer schedule will allow for the demolition, site work, abatement, and moving in and out of spaces. Dr. Yonke sent the draft calendars in an email letter to parents and all staff and shared the feedback that she received. In meetings with the elementary school Superintendents, they all agreed to schedule the same Winter and Spring Break for each of the construction calendar years. Most of the concerns expressed related to the elimination of Rosh Hashanah, Dr. Martin Luther King Day, and Good Friday (when not during Spring Break). Dr. Yonke noted she met with a local rabbi and assured him that students or staff will not be stigmatized for observing the day nor will there be athletic or extracurricular activities scheduled for that day or the evening before. She noted discussions also included tentative plans for celebrating Dr. King with an all school seminar day next year. Dr. Yonke requested the Board to support these calendars as a temporary necessity and commit to these holidays returning back to the school calendar when the project is completed. Board discussion followed as members shared their views on the calendar changes. Mr. Fischer wished to assure the public that the elimination of these three holidays was temporary and the only message being sent is for the great need of time. Mr. Myefski agreed with Mr. Fischer that these changes are temporary and would support an intention to reinstate them post construction. While understanding of the need for the time, he is very concerned about the elimination of the Dr. King Holiday and the wrong message it would send at this sensitive time. He supports putting the Dr. King day back in to these calendars. Mr. O'Donoghue expressed his view that the day needs to come from somewhere in the calendar and he would support going to school on Martin Luther King Day. Dr. Yonke acknowledged the difficulty in isolating these holidays and their significant history in becoming holidays; however, she viewed the decision about these days as a package. Mr. Harris urged fellow members to find the balance of days to make the needed construction time available. With all respect to the Dr. King Day, he supports the elimination of the proposed holidays as these temporary measures dictate. Mr. O'Donoghue suggested that the administration develop a 2018-2019 School Year Calendar for Board approval with the three holidays reinstated as a message from the Board of its commitment to returning the holidays in the future. Ms. Goldstein noted that this is an exceptional circumstance and knowing that accommodations will be made to recognize the days is appropriate. She would support the temporary measures. Mr. Dolinko shared Mr. Fischer's sentiments that these calendars are not isolating any one day and it represents a shared sacrifice by many to meet the necessary time for construction. He supports bringing forth a 2018-2019 School Year Calendar to approve and show that these are all temporary measures. Mr. Myefski asked if the decision could be delayed until such time as alternate planning for seminars and instructional days honoring Dr. King are developed. Dr. Yonke

noted that institute days and all school seminars take months in the planning and there is a critical need to publish next year's calendar. Mr. Myefski stated he could not support the elimination of Dr. Martin Luther King Day this evening as is and only wished there was more time to present what form the honoring of Dr. King Day would be in order for him to support it. Mr. Dolinko noted the Board needed to move forward with the anticipation of learning what honors would be planned for such a day in the near future. Mr. O'Donoghue moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion that the Board approve the School Year Calendars for 2015-2016, 2016-2017, and 2017-2018 as presented and the development of a 2018-2019 calendar to be presented in the near future. Mr. Dolinko summarized the motion made with the addition of the 2018-2019 School Year Calendar to be presented at the January meeting. Upon no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: Mr. Myefski

The motion passed.

D. Project Facilitator

Dr. Yonke noted that this position was not included on the Personnel Report as it is a different and temporary position, in place for only the duration of the construction project. She noted that Ms. Pat Sumrow is recommended to be hired on an hourly basis and highlighted her qualifications and experience on other construction projects. Dr. Yonke reviewed the job description of the Project Facilitator, a position that is recommended by the Facilities Steering Committee. Mr. Fischer, member of the Facilities Steering Committee strongly agreed to the appointment of Ms. Sumrow. Mr. Myefski asked if this was in the project budget. Dr. Yonke noted that her \$125. /hour fee would come out of the \$350,000 of Owners' Costs and anticipated Ms. Sumrow's prediction of District dollars saved as covering her fees. Ms. Witham noted that funds for this position would come from the Owner's Costs budget line item. Board discussion followed on the need for this position with Board members supporting the committee's recommendation. Mr. Fischer moved that the Board grant authority for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent to negotiate and execute an independent contractor agreement for the consulting services of Pat Sumrow of Oakwood Consulting Services, Inc., subject to final review by District counsel. Mr. Harris seconded the motions. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- Bill List for the Period November 1-30, 2014
- Personnel Report

Mr. Dolinko asked Board members if there were any items on the Consent Agenda that should be addressed in a separate discussion. There were no requests for separate discussion items. Mr. O'Donoghue moved that the Board approve the Consent Agenda which includes the Bill List for the period of November 1-30, 2014, and the Personnel Report. Mr. Myefski seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: None

The motion passed.

IX. Board Member Reports

The *Technology Committee* and the *All School Forum* had not met since the November meeting.

Ms. Goldstein reported that there was no *ECGC* meeting in December and the next *Community Engagement*

Committee Meeting is scheduled for January. The *New Trier Parents' Association* met last week with a presentation by Tim Hayes, Peter Tragos, and Scott Williams on the Advisor System which will be presented to the Board in the spring. Ms. Goldstein is the new liaison for the *New Trier Fine Arts Association*. She noted that the 97th Annual Winterfest Concert was yesterday, December 14. The renovation team also met with the Fine Arts liaison to update them on the construction project. The *NSSSED* meeting discussed the early retirement option for TRS and they are seeking input from the Boards regarding their staff and the new law. Their governing board adopted a resolution to set parameters for a modified billing structure going forward. They are trying to equitize the different billing structures of the different member districts.

There was also no *Booster Club* report for this month.

X. Board Members' Calendar of Events

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Dr. Yonke noted the Design Development meeting included Student Activities and All School Forum in an effort to get more student involvement in the process. The High Five Choir will perform on Friday, December 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Gaffney Auditorium. Winter Break begins on Saturday, December 20 for two weeks. Academic Life nights occur the week we come back on January 7, 8 and 13. The next Board of Education Regular meeting is on Tuesday, January 20, the day after Martin Luther King Day. That day is also the first day of exams and the first semester is almost over.

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

There were no requests for new research or future agenda items.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

Alan R. Dolinko, President