

**NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 20, 2017
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, November 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Members Present

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

Administrators Present

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

Also Present

Mr. Myron Spiwak, Business Services Director; Mr. Gerry Munley, Assistant Principal, Winnetka Campus; Mr. George Sanders, Director of Human Resources; Ms. Niki Dizon, Director of Communications; Mr. Dave Conway, Northfield Campus Facilities Manager; Mrs. Linda Knier, Director of Academic Services; Mr. Steve Linke, Winnetka Campus Facilities Manager; Mr. Jason Dane, Kinetic Wellness Department, New Trier Education Association President; Mr. Scott Williams, Assistant Principal for Student Services; Ms. Gail Gamrath, Assistant Principal of the Northfield Campus; Ms. Athena Arvanitis, Director of Student Life; Mr. Colby Vargas, Social Studies Department; Ms. Anne James-Noonan, Performing Arts, Media, Speech & Theatre Department Coordinator; Mr. Mark Colegrove, Kinetic Wellness Department; Mr. Chris Pearson, Senior Boys Adviser Chair; Ms. Sarah Kropski, NTESPA Co-President, Music Department & Media Speech & Theatre Department; Mr. Mike Hill, Technology Department; Mr. Eric Johnson, Technology Department; Mr. Rob Martinelli, Pepper Construction Co.; and members of the press and community.

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30 p.m. – Rm. C234

Mr. Robitaille called the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2017 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. O'Donoghue. Mr. Robitaille asked for a motion to move to Closed Session. Ms. Ducommun moved 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 discussing litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes; And for the purpose of student disciplinary cases. Ms. Albrecht seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none.

The motion passed.

II. CLOSED SESSION – Rm. A201A

BUSINESS MEETING

III. Open Session – 7:00 p.m. – C234

Mr. Robitaille re-called to Order the Open Session, Business Meeting of the New Trier High School Board of Education of November 20, 2017, at 7:06 p.m. All members were present.

IV. Minutes

Mr. Robitaille asked for any comments or questions on the Minutes of October 16, 2017. None being raised, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education held on October 16, 2017. Mr. O'Donoghue moved and Dr. Glucksman seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2017, open session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

Dr. Sally noted the Amended Minutes for June 5, 2017 are presented for the Board's approval. The amendment shows the complete motion for adjourning to Closed Session, which was missing from the original set of minutes. Mr. O'Donoghue moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion to approve the Amended minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 5, 2017, open session. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

V. Communications

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

VI. Special Orders of Business

A. Report from Campus Principals, Assistant Superintendents & Associate Superintendent

Mr. Paul Waechtler, Principal of the Northfield Campus, reported on activities at the freshman campus which included Parent Teacher Conferences last Wednesday and Thursday. He noted that parent turnout was excellent and he thanked the staff for their extra hours and work on this key part of the school's communication with parents. Mr. Waechtler reported on a number of other activities, including:

- The annual Tri-Ship Canned Food Drive is taking place with donations for the Greater Chicago Food Depository. New Trier continues to be one of their major donors.
- The Girls Club has raised \$6,000 toward student scholarships. Veteran's Day ceremonies took place on Friday, November 10. Two military servicemen, including Chris Bell's son, raised the flag to choral pieces and a trumpet soloist.
- Mr. Waechtler reported the Identity Project will take place on December 5.
- The first wave of placement testing for the Class of 2022 took place at the Northfield Campus on November 18th and the second wave will take place on December 2nd.
- The bridge work on Happ Road is completed and the bridge will be open for traffic soon.

Ms. Ducommun requested more information on the Identity Program. He responded that it came out of the Names Program from years back and focuses similarly on bias education, empathy and building strong communities.

Ms. Denise Dubravec, Principal of the Winnetka Campus, reported Parent Teacher Conferences were very well attended with 85% of parents scheduling conferences. Student Ambassadors were on hand to assist in

giving directions in the new sections of the building. She also reported on the following events and activities:

- The Fourteenth Annual Lit Fest took place on November 3 with 350 seniors participating.
- The Math Team placed 2nd in a suburban school competition of fifty-five schools.
- Habitat for Humanity kicked off their year with senior advisories. This will be the 18th Habitat Home built by New Trier.
- Ms. Dubravec shared athletic news that included the girls' tennis team placing 3 in State; field hockey placed 4th; girls swimming and diving placed 5th.
- She highlighted a new event started by Athletic Director, Augie Fontanetta. He has planned a celebratory breakfast with students and their families of those who have sent back their letter of intent to play sports in college.
- In music, she announced the date of the 100th Annual Winter Music Fest which is December 17. The Annual Jazz Fest will be Saturday, February 3. Nick Meyer, who is planning the Jazz Fest is highlighting "Girls in Jazz" this year. In addition to inviting more female participants, he will be planning sessions where they will be able to meet with our female musicians.
- Ms. Dubravec ended her report thanking the Parents Association for their publication Parents Press. It is a program published three times a year and focuses on some aspect of a New Trier education. The current issue emphasizes the many resources provided for students.

Dr. Timothy Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, announced that the Junior Advisor Chairs are beginning a program tomorrow with the junior advisories, called "Success Redefined". Students in the advisories will name an advisee to be noted as successful in areas including academics, resiliency, and persistence. There will be a breakfast to celebrate successes of the honorees.

Mr. Peter Tragos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, shared information on two professional development days in November. The first, November 9, was an early dismissal day and dedicated to the Professional Learning Cohorts of the faculty. These cohort days are designed by the teachers on topics of learning and teaching. The second date was November 17, which was the Fall Institute Day which is dedicated to sustained conversations in departmental sessions. These meetings occurred both on and off campus. Off campus sites included some teachers attending and speaking at regional and national conferences.

Mr. Chris Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations reported that there was only one FOIA request received since the last Regular meeting of the Board of Education. He noted it asked for information on staff members and their union affiliations. The request has been completed and closed out.

B. Monthly Construction Report

Mr. Chris Johnson provided the monthly construction report along with Mr. Dave Conway and Mr. Rob Martinelli of Pepper Construction. Mr. Johnson noted work on the punch list is in progress and the Change Order work is wrapping up. Change Order #27 is \$483,731. Projected Contingency Usage decreased from \$780,000 to \$569,000. He highlighted that the line item showing the funds transfer from the District's capital operating budget has been updated from \$253,135 to \$461,082. These items are enhancements to Phase 1 or projects outside the scope of work which are more cost effective to implement while Pepper Construction is on site. With all the updates, the total project cost is now \$104,878,333. Mr. Johnson and Mr. Martinelli responded to Board members' comments and questions on final change order negotiations. Mr. Martinelli was hopeful to have final numbers and the final change order in January. Mr. Robitaille invited members to address and change order questions to Mr. Martinelli at this time.

C. School Report Card

Mr. Peter Tragos, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, provided a report on the Illinois State Board of Education published report cards for every school and school district in Illinois. This state report, published on October 31 indicates progress on a number of educational goals. Mr. Tragos highlighted a few areas reported on by the state.

- Post-Secondary Enrollment data is collected from the National Student Clearinghouse of high school students 16 months after their graduation. While this tracking information is currently the best available, it is not complete and often produces mismatched results. Mr. Tragos noted specific mismatches in names and birthdates because there is no universal student id issued for students in high school through college. ISBE reported a post-secondary college enrollment rate for New Trier

as 87%. He is confident that the state figure is underreported and after much work by the Post High School Counseling Department, our rate is much closer to 95%. With the help of PHSC we were able to verify enrollment for 100 of the 120 unmatched students.

- The next area of interest for the report was the Freshman On Track figures. It is found that freshman who are on track are four times more likely to graduate from high school. New Trier's ranking is 96%. The forty students reported as not on track were verified and many would be considered "on track" with the new one course one credit program policy recently approved by the Board. He cited other reasons for students who were noted off track and is confident they are receiving appropriate services to graduate on time with their peers.
- Mr. Tragos noted the Report Card shows both ACT scores and SAT scores for New Trier. The Class of 2017 took the last state sponsored ACT exam and the Class of 2018 took the new SAT exam as juniors. Both scores are cited and New Trier ranked first with a 27.8 ACT score and first with a 1258 SAT score. ISBE uses the ACT data to calculate College Readiness measures. He reviewed the different metrics used by the state with the SAT data, one being for the Illinois Proficiency Standard and the other the College Board Benchmarks.

Mr. Robitaille paused the report before moving to Dr. Hayes portion of the report to invite Board members' comments and questions. Dr. Sally added comments on a glaring mismatch reported in the National Student Clearinghouse which incorrectly shows the number of New Trier grads matriculating at Northwestern University and the University of Notre Dame. Since many of our student go to those schools, it exacerbates the underreporting problem. Also, he wanted to recognize the discussion around the Illinois Benchmarks and the SAT Benchmarks. The state used benchmarks more stringent than the SAT's benchmarks, without analysis correlating their benchmarks with college performance. Board discussion followed with Mr. Tragos and Dr. Sally responding to member's comments on topics as gender outcomes, teacher retention, alumni data, financial data teacher salaries and cost per pupil, and benchmark districts.

Dr. Timothy Hayes, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, reported on the Survey of Learning Condition part of the 2016 School Report Card. Illinois schools are mandated by the state to provide feedback from students on the instructional environment within the school. Schools have a choice of assessing that information using either the 5Essentials Survey from the University of Chicago or one of three alternative surveys. New Trier has used the Comprehensive School Climate Inventory (CSCI). Dr. Hayes noted it is a reliable survey and provides us with many years to compare information. He stated the results of the survey were overwhelmingly positive with students comfortable with the physical security and safety of the buildings as well as with the rules and norms that are in place. Students responded New Trier was very collegial and supportive among students as well as teachers. Dr. Hayes commented that the responses on social and emotional safety were overall in the neutral range. More students seemed to be ambivalent on the issue, illustrated by the increase in neutral responses from 2015 to 2016. Social Media is new to the survey and overall students responded positively. However, he noted that 31 students at Northfield and 99 students at Winnetka report experiencing bullying online. This highlights the range of experiences that our students have. Board discussion followed on social supports of students, social and emotional security, comparative data, and the benefits of continuing with the CSCI versus the 5Essentials survey. Board discussion also questioned whether the data provided significant actionable directions for the school.

D. Residency Report

Dr. Timothy Hayes reviewed the residency documents provided to the Board which included the Board's Residency Policy, Residency Procedures, letter on residency from District Counsel, Franczek Radelet P.C., and a copy of the IASB Residency Policy. This report is in response to questions of residency from the Board, and in conducting the review the Administration is recommending two changes to our Residency Policy Procedures: (1) beginning with the next incoming freshman class, the school will adopt a new Residency Verification Questionnaire and (2) require more information from parents transferring into the district. He noted that all of our neighboring districts follow these procedures, some requiring yearly affirmation. New Trier will ask for this information one time upon entering as a freshman. Board discussion followed the procedural changes, requesting more definition in the procedures as to the data gathered and who signs off on it. Dr. Hayes noted this is appropriate and would not be too burdensome to implement.

VII. Administrative Items

A. Treasurer's Report for October 2017

Mr. Chris Johnson reviewed the Treasurer's Reports which include three years of Cash Flow Statements, the Financial Statements for October 2017, the Cash and Investments Report, the October Investment Statement and the Historical Cash Balance graph. He noted the increase in the October statements showing local revenues from the final payments of the 2016 Tax Levy. Mr. Johnson also highlighted the weighted portfolio yield which has increased from 1.1% at the end of FY17 to almost 1.3% today.

B. Financial Reports for October 2017

Mr. Johnson reviewed the Financial Report for October noting that revenues were 2.3% higher than at this same time last year. The main reasons for the difference were timely State payments, which came in on time this year, and the on-time collections of student fees. Mr. Johnson stated the Illinois State Board of Education noted their payments will be paid by their due dates. Mr. Johnson responded to Board member's questions on both the Financial Reports and the Treasurer's Reports. The student fee bills are now sent out before school starts as the township sender districts do and this has resulted in earlier collections. Mr. Robitaille asked for clarification on the available cash balance as noted in the Working Cash, Capital Projects and Life-Safety. Mr. Johnson responded noting which were unallocated funds and which are expected to be used for special projects.

C. 2018-2019 Calendar Modification

Dr. Sally reported that as the Calendar Committee was considering future school calendars, it was noticed that the School Year Calendar for 2018-2018 actually had 183 school days. Dr. Sally is recommending a modification to the 2018-19 calendar by taking one day out to meet our contractual 182-day school year. This will move the last day of school forward by one day and the second semester exams by one day. The exams are still contained in one school week and the last day remains in the second week of June. There were no further questions or comments. Mr. O'Donoghue moved and Dr. Glucksman seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 School Year Calendar modifications as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

D. Public Hearing: 2017 Tax Levy

Mr. Robitaille called to Order the Public Hearing on the 2017 Tax Levy. Mr. Chris Johnson provided a PowerPoint presentation on the 2017 Proposed Levy, reviewing the process, timeline and statutory guidelines regarding tax levies. He cited the December 31, 2016 CPI was 2.1% and that figure is used in the calculation of the tax, along with the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law or tax caps. The tax cap law will restrict the total tax amount, regardless of the amount levied. The recommended 2017 Proposed Property Tax Extension is \$102,077,295 which is 3.82% higher than last year which includes an estimate of \$95M in new property. He indicated that year over year percentage increase will likely be less based on the actual amount of new property. He highlighted that the Bond & Interest Levy has already been approved by the voters and that average new property over the past ten years is \$50M. Board discussion followed on the levy. Mr. Johnson offered an extended look at what the levy dollars support in the New Trier education. He highlighted the continued commitment to excellence in education, a broad and deep curriculum tailored to individual student interests and needs, strong student services and supports, an extracurricular program that encourages high levels of student participation and competitive salaries to attract and retain top faculty and staff. Mr. Johnson also pointed out the diligent fiscal stewardship with the levy by providing a strong history of balanced budgets and appropriate reserves. Mr. Johnson thanked the community and the Board for their strong support of New Trier. Mr. Robitaille asked if there was anyone in the audience wishing to speak publicly on the 2017 Tax Levy. No one came forward to speak. Mr. O'Donoghue moved to adjourn the Public Hearing on the 2017 Tax Levy. Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

Board discussion followed with Mr. Johnson and Mr. Robitaille responding to Board members' comments on the levy process.

E. Resolution to Abate a Portion of Bond & Interest

Mr. Johnson reviewed the background on the Resolution to Abate a Portion of Bond & Interest which is the annual debt service for bonds the District issued for the NSSED construction project in 2008. He reminded the Board that each year they approve a resolution to abate the Debt Service on these bonds which reduces the amount of the levy each year by about \$200,000. The type of bond issued in 2008 stipulates that if the District can make payment from Operations, then that is preferable and done by the District. Mr. Johnson noted abating this debt service is done annually to notify the County Clerk to not levy this amount to the taxpayers. Mr. O'Donoghue moved that the Board of Education approve the Resolution abating the tax heretofore levied for the year 2017 to pay debt service on \$2,245,000 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2008B of New Trier Township High School District 203, Cook County, Illinois. Ms. Albrecht seconded the motion.

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

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

F. 2017 Tax Levy Approval

Mr. Robitaille asked if there was any further discussion on the Tax Levy. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve. Ms. Albrecht moved that the Board adopts the Resolution Approving the 2017 Levy in the amount

Of \$102,077,295 to be distributed as follows:

The Educational Fund	\$ 88,358,107
The Operations & Maintenance Fund	\$ 7,655,797
The Transportation Fund	\$ 1,429,082
IMRF Fund	\$ 2,551,932
Social Security Fund	\$ 2,082,377
Total Extension:	\$102,077,295

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

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

G. Public Hearing: Driver Ed Fee & Banked Time

Mr. Robitaille opened the Public Hearing for the Driver Ed Fee and the Banked Time Waivers with the Illinois State Board of Education. Mr. Peter Tragos provided background on these two requests for waivers, noting they are a renewal of previously approved Waiver/Modifications of state mandates. The School Code restricts school districts authority to assess a reasonable student fee for driver's education by establishing a set amount that the fee is not to exceed. This waiver seeks to increase that amount from \$250 to \$500. The increase almost covers the cost of the course and the current waiver from the State is set to expire at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. The second waiver seeks to continue to waive the requirement that minutes must be accumulated "between" scheduled sessions for staff development of more than three hours, but less than five. We ask for the modification because the District uses two paired

professional development days on consecutive Fridays and Mondays, so no time can be accumulated between the staff development days. These “paired days” are used for improved student performance and school improvement. Mr. Robitaille asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to address the Board publicly on these two waiver requests. No one came forward to speak. Ms. Goldstein moved and Dr. Glucksman seconded the motion that the Board moves to adjourn the Public Hearing on the Driver’s Ed Fee and Banked Time. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

Mr. Tragos responded to Board members’ questions on the Driver’s Ed Fee and the Banked Time.

H. Summer 2018 Projects

Mr. Chris Johnson provided an update report on the Facilities Projects to be completed in 2018, noting the original list of projects has been reduced in scope with several projects delayed so they can be incorporated into the long range facilities plan. The proposed projects include student services and administrative offices at the Winnetka Campus, athletic improvements and a parking lot replacement at the Northfield Campus. Mr. Johnson invited comments and questions by the Board members and responded on the parking lot, the Adviser Chair office suite and the Technology Department. Discussion followed on the bleacher expansion decision, use of alternates, and the West Parking lot renovation with storm water detention. Mr. Johnson noted the costs are still estimates and he will continue to monitor and look for areas for reduction.

I. Public Hearing: Resolution on the Issuance of Working Cash Fund Bonds not to exceed \$7,000,000

Mr. Greg Robitaille called the Public Hearing to order on the Resolution on the Issuance of Working Cash Fund Bonds not to exceed \$7,000,000. He asked Mr. Chris Johnson to provide an overview of the resolution noting that this is the second public hearing on the debt issuance fulfilling the legal requirements. This issuance is for the Summer 2018 Projects discussed earlier in the meeting. The Board will be asked to approve the issuance at the December Regular Board meeting allowing time for the bond sales to take place in January or February. Mr. Johnson reviewed the various benefits of public bond sales vs. private sales. Mr. Robitaille noted that the action today does not obligate the District to either path nor does it obligate the District to a specific amount. Mr. Robitaille asked if there was anyone in the public audience interested in addressing the board on this resolution. No one came forward to speak. Mr. O’Donoghue moved to close the Public Hearing on the Resolution on the Issuance of Working Cash Fund Bonds not to exceed \$7,000,000. Ms. Albrecht seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

There was no further Board discussion on the Working Cash Fund Bonds. Mr. Robitaille and Mr. Johnson reiterated that at the December Regular Board meeting the Board will be asked to approve the resolution of intent to issue the Working Cash Fund Bonds where the Board authorized the Board President and Treasurer, Mr. Johnson to sell the bonds in January.

VIII. Consent Agenda

- Bill List for the Period October 1-31, 2017
- Personnel Report
- Board Policy – Second Reading – Policy 7-305
- Ratification of Change Order #27
- New Course Proposals

- Network Server & Storage Upgrade

Mr. Robitaille asked if any Board member would like to remove items from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Dr. Glucksman requested the Network Server & Storage Upgrade be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion. Mr. Robitaille asked for a motion to approve the items left on the Consent Agenda. Ms. Ducommun moved and Ms. Goldstein seconded the motion that the Board approved the Consent Agenda which includes the Bill List for the Period, October 1 – 31, 2017; the Personnel Report; Board Policy 7-305 as presented for Second Reading; that the Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District 203 Ratifies Budget Change Order #27 to the contracts managed by Pepper Construction Company; and furthermore, deducts the amount of \$483,731 from the West Side Project Owner's Contingency line item. The Board of Education also ratifies expenditures of \$21,715 to the Essex and Capital Improvements Projects budget (to be deducted from contingency) and approves Capital Expenditures of \$85,394; and the New Course Proposals as presented. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

Mr. Robitaille requested that Mr. Johnson respond to Dr. Glucksman's question for more information on the Network Server and Storage Upgrade. Specifically he asked whether FlexPod from NetApp can integrate with our current systems and would it be less expensive. Mr. Johnson noted Dr. Helfand was unable to attend the meeting and he responded to Dr. Glucksman's query. Mr. Johnson reviewed the vetting process for vendors noting replacement systems had been looked at and the benefits of each option evaluated. Ms. Albrecht also inquired about the details of the 4 and 5 years lease to own and maintenance package. Dr. Glucksman agreed his question did not preclude his voting on the upgrade and Mr. Robitaille requested the FlexPod question be resolved by the next meeting. Dr. Glucksman moved and Ms. Albrecht seconded the motion that the Board of Education approves the contract with Dell/EMC and Sentinel as presented and authorize the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations to execute the agreement. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

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

NAY: none

The motion passed.

IX. Board Member Reports

Dr. Glucksman reported for the *Traffic & Parking Committee* which met on October 17. He noted those in attendance which included the Winnetka Police Commander, Denise Dubravec, Niki Dizon, Jim Burnside, Chris Bell as well as three community members. The security staff mitigates many of the busy traffic situations such as athletic events, arts performances and parent teacher conferences and continues to be responsive to the neighbors.

Ms. Albrecht shared information on the *New Trier Educational Foundation Liaison Committee* met and continue their discussions on new financing projects and fundraising; adding new board members as the open vacancies have not yet been filled and they are looking to hire a part time administrative assistant to free up time for the Foundation Director. The next meeting is December 12.

Ms. Goldstein reported on the news from the *NSSSED* meeting where they announced the new Joint Department of Learning. This new department integrates the Director of Instructional Design and Innovation and the Next Generation Technology & Data Services. Next month they will present what services and program the combined departments will provide. She also noted there was a presentation of the Association of Parents & Staff, which is similar to a PTO and provides parent leadership for the district.

Mr. Robitaille noted most of the *Finance Committee* meeting last week was already covered by other agenda items, but two were not. First, TIF discussions are moving ahead at the Village of Winnetka and District

Administrators and Board members are in communications with the Village on anticipated impact of TIF regulations on District wide taxpayers. Mr. Robitaille also reported on the Property Tax freeze update as discussed at the Finance meeting. He stated the Committee is monitoring it closely. The House has passed the freeze; however, it is currently sitting in the Senate. The last issue taken up by the Committee was an update on the Five-Year Plan. Discussion included important properties included in a Five-Year Plan. He and Mr. Johnson noted that the Board will get a look at the Five-Year forecast at the December or January Regular meeting.

Ms. Ducommun reported for the *New Trier Fine Arts Association* highlighting the press release of the Association's awarding of \$48,000 in grants and scholarships. Their fundraising is on track for the year and they are planning the Fine Arts College Night.

The *New Trier Parents Association* is breaking new ground in combining a new programming structure with the ECGC Parent Group. They are looking to address whole school endeavors with the new Parent University. They have also added a seat to their board for the ECGC component. The Parent Association Annual Pie Day is scheduled for tomorrow, November 21. The Association provides holiday pie to faculty and staff for Thanksgiving and their gratitude. The Association will also have tables at the Parent Teacher Conferences with pertinent information, programs and flyers for interested parents.

Mr. Dronen reported for the *All School Forum Committee* on their two most recent meetings on October 18 and November 8. The October meeting discussed technology with students sharing their uses of technology and the iPads in school. The November meeting focused on student stress and coping mechanisms. The next meeting will be in December.

Mr. O'Donoghue reported on the *Booster Club* meeting. The fundraising goal for this year is showing near completion at the half year mark. Ideas for spending the funds are being discussed with interest in the 2018 Projects.

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

- Calendar of Events

Dr. Sally reviewed the events of the coming weeks which include Thanksgiving this week. Thursday and Friday there is no school or work and the buildings are closed. November 30 the Board and Superintendent will attend the IASB Workshop for Board & Superintendent Self Evaluation. Early December holds many committee meetings for Board liaison assignments. Dr. Sally highlighted December 17 as a wonderful special event for the Music Department as they celebrate the 100th Annual Winter Music Festival. He recommended attending the grand celebration which will be held at 3:00 p.m. in the Gates Gym.

-Requests for Staff Research & Future Agenda Items

Ms. Ducommun requested research on historical patterns of operating costs as compared to our peer schools. She also asked for a report on current one semester course offerings and their adequacy in meeting student program needs.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Anne Kelly, Secretary

Gregory Robitaille, President