

Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education
OPEN SESSION
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, February 25, 2008 – 7:05 P.M.

The Board of Education held a Finance Meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2008, in the Board of Education Offices, 6950 N. East Prairie Road, Lincolnwood,

President Davros called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Audience to Visitors – No one was in the audience

Present

Mike Davros, President
David Koder, VP/Secretary
Allen Perl – arrived at 7:10 p.m.
Paul Langer
Georjean Nickell
Richard Ruderman

Absent

Darlene Fourkas

Member Koder moved to recess into Closed Session at 7:10 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Member Ruderman

Purpose of Closed Session:

The Closed Session will be held for the purpose of discussing The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5); and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), as amended by P.A. 93-0057

Those present: Mike Davros, Board President; Dave Koder, VP/Secretary; Paul Langer, Board Member; Richard Ruderman, Board Member; Georjean Nickell, Board Member, Allen Perl, Board Member. Dan Denys, District Financial Planner, Ares Dalianis, attorney for the Board, Scott Jackson, Business Manager, Susan Brandt, Assistant Superintendent; Virginia Clark, former District 74 Business Manager.

Discussion:

☞ The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

☞ The appointment, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District to determine its validity.

Return to Open Session

At 8:05 p.m. Member Ruderman moved to return to open session.

The motion was seconded by Member Koder.

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried.

Action as a result of the Closed Session

Contract and Salary for Superintendent Mark Klaisner

Contract Extension

Member Langer moved to offer to Mr. Klaisner an extension of his employment contract of one more year. In the event Mr. Klaisner so agrees, the Board of Education shall enter into the action to rescind Mr. Klaisner's current contract and enter into a new contract to so reflect the contract extension of one year.

The motion was seconded by Member Ruderman

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried, the vote being:

Ayes: Davros, Koder, Langer, Nickell, Perl, Ruderman
Nays: None
Absent: Fourkas

Superintendent's 2008-2009 Salary

Member Koder moved to approve a 6% increase in salary for Superintendent Mark Klaisner.

The motion was seconded by Member Langer.

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried.

Ayes: Davros, Koder, Langer, Nickell, Perl, Ruderman
Nays: None
Absent: Fourkas

Discussion

Chevron Feasibility Study

Representatives from Chevron, Sharon and Dan, gave an overview of the Chevron Project and the needs and their view of the District long range plans and their ability to work in a step type project.

Combo of wants and needs for Lincoln Hall Middle School

A "man trap" type of configuration is suggested for the entrance of Lincoln Hall. The construction would be located to the west of the current entrance/stairway. Two to three people could be placed in the new area – possibility would be the Principal and Assistant Principle.

East gym improvements - HVAC- AHU, Lights and sound abatement.

West Gym- Building envelope – Roof, decking, crack; HVAC – AHU & Cooling; gym lights

Some windows should be replaced or up graded. Some are safety concerns.

Deferred needs might include, but are not limited to, replacement/upgrades of HVAC in the offices.

Locker Room Considerations: Roofing, tuck pointing, inside doors – not as critical as other items

Hand washing motion monitor sensors would be helpful and cost saving.

Flooring – could be addressed

Bathrooms – need upgrading, some more than others

Similar needs were addressed at Rutledge and Todd as in Lincoln Hall.

Administration Building

HVAC flexible for potential additions, electrical, backup generator, lower level windows should be replaced (the upper level windows were replaced in the summer of 2007). Hand washing motion monitor sensors would be helpful and cost saving. The floors need to be upgraded.

Their plan is constructed as to eliminate financial risk and eliminates technical risk. They will investigate revenue streams, to fund project. Their project would not include an increased tax burden to the residents.

Chevron's goal is to add value to the district buildings and to avoid costly issues. They would begin immediately upon students being dismissed in the summer and would have minimal interruption to student services.

To complete the entire project the cost would be about 10 million dollars. A project phase-in approach can also be-considered.

Summer school could possibly be held in another district.

Chevron guarantees a start-finish date.

March 4, 2008	Board Meeting: Resolution formal public RFP
March 25, 2008	Chevron proposal issued to D74
March 25, 2008	Board of Education packet goes out with selection
April 1, 2008	Board Meeting: Resolution 2 (formally select Chevron as qualified provider) - Publicly engage in discussion with the Board
April 2, 2008	Determine final scope/price exclusive of negotiations w/ qualified provider (changes at this point)
April 2, 2008	Begin final legal review of Agreement
April 29, 2008	Board packet goes out with Agreement
May 6, 2008	Board Meeting to approve Agreement
Summer 2008	Project implementation begins.

Performance Contract - Audit Firm

The Board discussed changing auditors, however, that would bring the District back to square one, with a new firm.

The suggestion was to bring in the firm and share the frustration of the Board of Education and the Administration. An additional concern was that by changing audit firms again the perception may be that the Board was "shopping for an opinion."

Based on the error and the 4 month delay there is precedent for consideration that the firm could be dismissed.

Scott and Richard will meet with a representative from the audit firm of Miller Cooper, to discuss the problems and what to do before going forward.

Financial Advisory Committee

Member Ruderman asked if the Board wanted to re-establish the Financial Advisory Committee. Member Ruderman said he would talk with the people who may be interested in serving on this committee. At this time he is aware that Brian Funai, Sandy Alper, Bruce, Heller, Phil Prale, and Woo Kang may be interested. He will report back to the Board.

Audience to Visitors - No one was in the audience

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Member Ruderman moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Member Nickell.

Upon being put to vote, the motion carried.

Michael G. Davros, President

David Koder, Vice President/Secretary