

Lincolnwood School District 74 Board of Education
Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, April 28, 2008 – 5:45 p.m.

The Board of Education will hold a Finance Meeting on Monday, April 28, 2008, in the Board of Education Offices, 6950 N. East Prairie Road, Lincolnwood, IL at 5:45 p.m.

The Closed Session scheduled for this meeting was cancelled.

Members Present:

Michael G. Davros, David Koder, Georjean Nickell, Paul Langer, Richard Ruderman

Others Present:

Mark Klaisner, Superintendent; Susan Brandt, Assistant Superintendent; Scott Jackson, Business Manager; Pam Dorband, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.

Invited Guests: Allen Krakower, Land Use Planner; Ares Delanias, Attorney for the Board.

Audience to Visitors- No one addressed the Board at this meeting.

Discussion Items:

Paperless Board Packet demonstration by Electronic School Boards

A webinar demonstration by representatives from Electronic School Boards was viewed by attending Board Members and administrators. While those present liked the style of the program it is the first program they have viewed. The main consideration is whether the Village of Lincolnwood, where the meetings are held, will allow the District to tap into their internet system. Mr. Klaisner will talk with Tim Clark about the possibilities and if there would be a cost involved for the connection. Other areas discussed were providing the Board with laptops and possibly printers as well. The technology director, MJ Warden, indicated that laptops could be available in the fall of 2008 if this is the desire of the Board.

Land Use Planner Report

Allen Krakower provided an overview report of his findings for the Devon Avenue Overlay and what the possible developments will mean to District 74, related to additional students. In addition, the concern about the village not including user fees was discussed. The Trustees voted against requiring developers to include user fees for the schools, park and library in the sale price of residential property. It appears that the majority of the new construction is focused on multi-family townhomes and possibly some type of senior housing. The Land Planner suggested that the District request a fiscal impact study on all new construction. The Land Planner will review all future construction projects. The change in commercial to residential will cause the taxes to drop substantially. Mr. Krakower stated that the District should try to discourage residential component. The lower density per acre would be of concern as it could attract families with children. Mr. Krakower suggested that the District request the ability to review new construction from the village and be notified of future plans.

Insurance Rates

Mr. Jackson gave an over view of the rates and potential increases. These matters will be brought to the full Board for voting.

- ✍ Life Insurance Rates
- ✍ PPO Health Insurance Rates
- ✍ Dental Insurance Rates

Note: HMO does not renew until September or October.

ISBE Certificate of Financial Recognition

This certificate of recognition has been awarded to the District for the past four years (03-04, 04-05, 05-06, 06-07).

Changes in 403b Rules

The new mandated requirements and regulations will go into effect on January 1, 2009. Mr. Jackson would like to take a proactive approach on this matter and hire a consultant to provide direction to the District. A proposed total amount of \$7,000 is anticipated for Phase I. At this time there are no projections for phase II or III. There is no lock on who would do phase II or III. So, another vendor could be chosen

Salary Increases:

Mr. Jackson gave an overview of the salaries for the Certified Staff (5% increase). This item will be voted on at the May 6, 2008 meeting. In addition, salaries and the evaluation process for other staff members was discussed.

The Administrator and Directors salaries will be discussed at the May 6, 2008 closed session, but, will not be voted on until the June meeting. The Support Personnel salaries will be discussed at the next finance meeting (May 27, 2008) and possibly be brought to the Board at the June 4, 2008 Board Meeting.

The Board requested evaluations and support documents for all of the Administrators and Directors be brought to the Board for review at the May 6, 2008 meeting.

The purchase or lease of real property – Additional discussion was held regarding the Board moving forward with the purchase or lease of real property.

Audience to Visitors – No one was in the audience.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, Member Koder moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Member Ruderman.

Upon being put to voice vote, the motion carried.

Mike Davros, Board of Education President

David Koder, Board of Education VP/Secretary