

**MINUTES OF A FINANCE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION FOR
LINCOLNWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT 74**

November 26, 2007 – 7:05 p.m.

The Finance Meeting was called to order by Board of Education Vice President/Secretary, David Koder at 7:05 p.m.

Members Present: David Koder, Richard Ruderman, Georjean Hlepas Nickell (arrived at 7:10 p.m.)

Members Absent: Mike Davros, Paul Langer, Allen Perl and Darlene Fourkas

Others Present: Scott Jackson, Business Manager; Pam Dorband, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Education.

Audience to Visitors: No one was in the audience

Audit Update

Mr. Jackson shared the many correspondences he has had with Miller-Cooper and his continued displeasure with their services. Of seven of the neighboring Districts, four Districts do not use the services of Miller-Cooper. The other Districts who are working with Miller-Cooper have not received their audits at this time.

There was discussion regarding the continuation of the contract with Miller-Cooper due to their lack of performance. Member Ruderman offered to conduct a conference call with Mr. Jackson and a Miller-Cooper's partner or their representative.

Busing Update

Mr. Jackson reported that the maps and routes were set up and service was improving. However, Mr. Klaisner attended a Superintendent's meeting where many of the other Districts were displeased with the service. Additional dialogue will continue. Member Nickell is still interested in having our attorney send a letter to Alltown to retrieve our cameras.

It should be noted that at this point the busing costs, with Positive Connections, is well under budget.

Life Safety

Member Nickell stated that there are two doors that need to be addressed. Information from Nick Georgaras, Rutledge Hall Building Engineer: one door at the Lincoln Hall LGI need to be addressed – this has been replaced. There is another door at Rutledge Hall in the gym (South West exit door) is being estimated for repair or replacement – this is being handled on November 29, 2007. Nick Georgaras may be contacted for specifics.

Member Nickell suggested that the Board tour the buildings on a day when children are not in attendance. Mr. Jackson was directed to coordinate a date for a tour. Also included should be Jim Caldwell and the building engineer from each of the buildings.

Levy

Mr. Jackson shared a spreadsheet showing the anticipated percentage increase for the Education Fund, Special Ed. Fund, Tort Fund, Building Fund, Transportation, IMRF/Soc. Sec., Lease Levy, and Life Safety.

Policy Discussion on 7:220 and 7:220 AP

Question for attorney: Are we liable if all buses are not equipped with cameras?

Cost could be about \$1,100 per bus for camera equipment. In addition \$200 tapes will be needed (for all buses).

It was suggested that the question be asked of other Districts as to whether they have installed or will install cameras in their buses.

Cameras would be the property of District 74. The general feeling of the Finance Committee was to install all new equipment in all buses.

This policy will go back to the Policy Committee at their February meeting.

Other

Mr. Jackson shared photographs of the West Gym roof that will need repair.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

David Koder, VP/Secretary