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PUBLIC HEARING MEETING MINUTES

TINLEY PARK HIGH SCHOOL ~ TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2009

1 President Stearns called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Call to Order

2 Board of Education

Roll Call

Present: Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Kirkton, Pastor Mensing, Mr. Turner, Ms. Stearns

Absent: Mr. Browne, Mrs. Riester

Central Office & Principals

Present: Mr. Kendall, Dr. Mendenhall, Dr. Williams, Dr. Corbin,
Mr. Strietelmeier, Ms. DeVos, Dr. Kibelkis, Dr. Zielinski,
Mrs. Simms, Dr. Wilson

Absent: Mr. O'Malley

3 Mr. Kendall provided the following introduction to the public hearing for the South Suburban College Preparatory Charter School.

Superintendent's Introduction to Public Hearing

Tonight, Dr. Shirley Morris will present the South Suburban College Preparatory Charter School to the Bremen High School District 228 Board. Dr. Morris is asking the School Board to authorize the Charter School to serve the students of our school district.

The decision to authorize the Charter School rests in the hands of the School Board. This decision must be made with great care and due diligence on the part of the Charter School Administration, the Bremen High School District 228 Administration and finally, the District 228 School Board.

Tonight is the first step in the process. Dr. Morris will present her proposal to the School Board and public. This presentation will take no more than one hour. During the presentation, I would ask our Board members and administrators to take diligent notes and forward any questions to me. After the presentation, members of the public will be allowed to make a statement or ask a question of Dr. Morris. Questions must be in writing on the form provided. Please note that these forms are numbered and we will proceed in that order. Members of the public do not have to speak to have their comments heard by the Board. Dr. Corbin will happily take your written comments, and I will be sure to forward them to each Board member.

The public hearing will also last no more than one hour from the completion of Dr. Morris' presentation. Because of the time restraint, I would ask that you keep your comments succinct and avoid repeating comments already stated.

On May 26, 2009 the Board of Education will hold a special meeting at Tinley Park High School at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this meeting will be to answer the questions compiled from this evening. Also, the administration and Board attorney will provide an evaluation of the Charter School proposal. After the evaluation, the Board may choose to vote or hold an additional meeting for final consideration. This meeting would be held June 2 at Tinley Park High School at 7:00 p.m.

For our Board members, the questions that you must consider are:

1. Does the Charter School offer a viable alternative to the students of Bremen High School District 228?
2. If the program does offer a viable alternative, what will be the impact of supporting the Charter School on the Bremen District 228 community?

Mr. Kendall then introduced Dr. Shirley Morris to present the charter school proposal.

- 1 Dr. Shirley Morris, founder of the SSC Preparatory Charter School, provided a presentation regarding the proposal. Information was presented on the background of charter schools, the mission and vision of this charter school, its curriculum (including math, reading, writing, grammar, technology/business), skill gap assessments, staff development, and programs including Reading Across the Curriculum (RAC), Understanding by Design (UbD), and the TRIBES Mentoring Program. Dr. Morris also spoke regarding personalized educational plans, extra-curricular activities, summer school options, enrollment plans, staff, parental and community involvement, partnerships, and finances. Lastly, she provided the proposed location of the school, which would be in the current St. Emeric's Catholic School at 4300 West 180th Street in Country Club Hills.
- 2 Due to the fact that many comments and questions were received from the public, Mr. Kendall read them aloud. They included topics regarding:
 - Experience and qualifications of staff.
 - Why District 228?
 - Research and data to show this program would be successful.
 - Finance.
 - Concern for the lack of courses offered in special education, health and physical education, science, and sports.
 - What are the differences between what this charter school proposes and what District 228 already offers?
 - Words of encouragement from the Illinois Network of charter Schools.
- 3 Mrs. Stearns thanked the Charter Committee for their presentation and noted the Board of Education will meet again on May 26 at Tinley Park High School at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the proposal and receive information from the administration and attorney.

**Charter School
Proposal
Presentation**

Public Comment

**Board President
Comment**

- 1 At 8:35 p.m., Mrs. Gleason made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Turner seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

Adjournment

President

Secretary