

MINUTES

LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chairpersons Anita Mital and Zach Mottl at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

Present: Co-Chairpersons Anita Mital and Zach Mottl, Committee Persons Marianne Begy, Adolph Galinski, Alan Hruby, Clair Kovar, Betsy Levy, Cindy Mottl, Paragi Patel, and Becky Singh.

Absent: Committee Person Vivek Ghai

Also Present: Village Administrator Doug Pollock and Village Attorney Michael Marrs

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF

Co-Chairs Mital and Mottl each made a statement as to why this committee was created and what the Village Board is hoping that the Committee will be able to accomplish. Both stated that the Village Board recognized the importance of local schools to the overall community and are hoping that this committee will be able to provide information and recommendations that will allow the Village to have a positive influence on local schools.

The Committee members proceeded to introduce themselves and provide some background on their interest in local schools and the Village.

REVIEW OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Attorney Marrs referenced the memo provided to the Committee in its agenda packet. He reviewed the memo and answered questions about the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act relative to this Committee.

DISCUSSION OF COMMITTEE MISSION

The Committee discussed its mission. There was agreement that the primary mission is to provide information to the public and to the Board of Trustees regarding local school matters and to provide a positive influence for local schools and the community.

REVIEW OF LOCAL SCHOOL ISSUES

Each of the Committee members briefly described their concerns regarding local school issues. There was a reference to the memo provided by the Village Attorney and dated January 25, 2018 regarding Attendance Boundary Issues. Committee member Hruby showed a video of recent District 86 school board meetings that he had compiled.

DISCUSSION OF NEXT STEPS AND MEETING SCHEDULE

Co-Chair Mottl said that the Village Board has previously discussed legal options with the Village Attorney and determined that it would be difficult for the Village to establish standing for any type of legal action. He added, however, that the Village Attorney's memo provides a basis for the Village to file a complaint.

Mr. Hruby said that he believes there is evidence to support a violation of federal law based on the memo from the Village Attorney. There was a general discussion on this topic and consensus to ask the Village Attorney to provide a draft complaint for Committee review.

Mr. Hruby also asked if the Committee could recommend an advisory referendum regarding voter's preference for balanced enrollment between the schools before seeking a tax increase.

After further discussion, there was consensus to meet again on Thursday, April 19, 2018 at 7:00 PM and to review a draft complaint and advisory referendum to be prepared by the Village Attorney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a **motion** was made by Mr. Galinski to adjourn the meeting. The motion was **seconded** by Ms. Kovar and **approved** by a vote of 10-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Doug Pollock
Village Administrator

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