

MINUTES

LOCAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 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 Members Marianne Begy, Adolph Galinski, Alan Hruby, Clair Kovar, Betsy Levy, Cindy Mottl, Paragi Patel, and Becky Singh. Committee Member Vivek Ghai was also present telephonically

Also Present: Village Administrator Doug Pollock and Village Attorney Scott Uhler

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Begy made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting. The motion was seconded by Co-Chair Mottl and unanimously approved by a voice vote of the Committee.

DICUSSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT FILING

Co-Chair Mottl described the draft complaint prepared by the Village Attorney. Attorney Uhler reviewed the draft and emphasized that this was a draft based on limited information and that as additional information is provided by Committee members, he will add to the document.

Committee Member Hruby presented a graphic showing the geographic line that is equidistance from each of the two high schools. He described how some students were permitted to go to one school even though they may be closer to the other school. He said that as a result of these boundaries, there is a greater racial imbalance between the schools. He concluded that this is evidence that the draft complaint has merit.

Attorney Uhler said he would need to know the exact number of students that are enrolled at Central but whose residence is closer to South.

After further discussion by the Committee, Co-Chair Mottl suggested that the Village Attorney work with the members of the Committee to further develop the draft complaint.

Committee Member Hruby presented a video that described in detail the imbalance in curriculum between the schools.

Attorney Uhler suggested that the complaint would be more effective if it contained signatures from residents including residents of Burr Ridge as well as other parts of the District. He added that he will need the facts in writing regarding proximity to schools, racial diversity, and curriculum differences.

Co-Chair Mottl summarized that each Committee member should forward their comments on the complaint to Mr. Pollock who will share those with Attorney Uhler; Mr. Uhler would then update the draft complaint document for further review by the Committee at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION OF ADVISORY REFERENDUM

Co-Chairs Mottl and Mital suggested that each member of the Committee forward their suggestions for the wording of the advisory referendum to Mr. Pollock and the Committee could review the suggestions at the next meeting.

Attorney Uhler said that the state law requires that referendum questions be able to be answered with either a Yes or a No, that it be a simple sentence that is not compound, and that it not be leading the voter in any direction.

There was some discussion on how to get the referendum question on ballots throughout the district. Attorney Uhler said that if the Village sponsors the referendum, it would only be for voters in Burr Ridge. It was suggested that the committee work to get Darien to sponsor a referendum or that the Committee members get signatures to get the question on the ballot throughout the district.

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 Committee Member Singh to adjourn the meeting. The motion was **seconded** by Co-Chair Mottl and **approved** by a vote of 11-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Respectively submitted,



Doug Pollock
Village Administrator

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