

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FOR THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EVERGREEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
March 16, 2011

1. A Regular Meeting for the Board of Education of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. on March 16, 2011 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Central Junior High School, Evergreen Park, IL.

The following Board Members were physically present at roll call:

Mr. John Kennedy
Mr. Bob McDonald
Mrs. Beth Amado
Mrs. Kathy Rohan
Mrs. Joan Boss
Mr. Tom Schergen

Absent at roll call: Mr. Terry MacDonald

Also present: Dr. Diane Cody, Mrs. Kathy Hatzel, Mrs. Fran LaBella, Mrs. Jennifer Volpe, Mr. Bill Smith, Mr. Tony Le, Mr. Jeff Nightingale, Mr. John Stanton, Ms. Shaton Wolverton, Rita Sparks, and recording secretary, Mrs. Jan Stanton.

2. Mrs. Rohan led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consideration to approve the agenda was made by the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded by Mr. McDonald to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea
Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea
Mr. Tom Schergen	yea

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

4. Mr. MacDonald arrived at 7:07 p.m.
5. Under Student Highlights the following students were recognized:

Evergreen Park Public Library Bookmark Contest Winners:

- ◆ Karalyn Burke – Kindergarten
- ◆ Emily Ryan – 2nd Grade

PTA Reflections Winners:

- ◆ Miguel Madrigal – 4th Grade – Photography
- ◆ Audrey Fetcho – 5th Grade – Visual Arts
- ◆ Morgan Markowicz – 3rd Grade – Visual Arts

Under Staff Highlights, Central Junior High School math teachers, Camille Dickey and Jennifer Slivoski with the assistance of Central Junior High students, Edith Morales, Grace Reynoso, Sarah Dickey, and Snow Adams, provided the Board with a presentation on Pi and instructed Members of the Board on how to calculate Pi. Mrs. Dickey told members of the Board that students participated in a cross curricular project regarding Pi on March 14th.

Additionally, Mrs. Dickey reported on a forensic activity that took place at Central Junior High School where math/science students determined through data analysis 'who done it'!

6. Dr. Cody provided an update from the March 14, 2011 District Improvement Team Meeting noting that Celebrations, Professional Learning Communities, Technology, Power School, MAP meeting, and Special Education were all discussed. Dr. Cody reported that she emphasized the district is not bringing back all students from out-of-district placements, only those students that the district can support. Additionally, Dr. Cody talked about the need to have the right services for students in the least restrictive environment.
7. Mrs. LaBella provided the Board with a mid-year financial update (PowerPoint attached)
8. Under Staff Reports:
 - Dr. Cody:
 - ◆ Reported that the next 'Conversations and Coffee with Cody' will be held on April 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.
 - ◆ Provided a recap of staffing needs for the 2011-12 school year.
 - ◆ Reported that the Finance Committee would like to create a Financial Task Force to look at all aspects of the district's finances.
 - ◆ Recommended the addition of a Certified School Nurse for the upcoming school year due to a growing number of student health needs/legal requirements.
9. Amy Poore, Communication Committee member, reported on the work, survey summary results, and recommendations of the Communication Committee (PowerPoint attached)
10. Under Public Comments former Board President, Jim Flanagan, recognized Joan Boss for her 14 years of service to the District 124 Board of Education. Mr. Flanagan spoke of how he learned from Mrs. Boss and was inspired by her.
11. Consent Agenda items 1 through 7 were reviewed by the Board and, thereafter, a motion was made by Mrs. Boss and seconded by Mr. Schergen to approve the following items as recommended:
 1. Approve Monthly Transaction Reports for February, 2011
 2. Approve Fund Balance Reports for February, 2011
 3. Approve Expenditure Report and Projected Payroll Report for March, 2011

4. Approve Board Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2011
5. Approve Closed Session Minutes of February 16, 2011
6. Approve Destruction of Closed Session Tape from September, 2009
7. Revised Personnel Recommendations - (see attached)

FUND	EXPENSE S Mar, 2011	EXPENSES Mar 2011	IMPREST ACCOUNT	PROJECTED PAYROLL March 2011	TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES March 2011
EDUCA- TION	0.00	253,879.32	2,843.55	958,247.25	1,214,970.12
TITLE I	0.00	1,323.17	0.00	14,892.36	16,215.53
Pre-K	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,877.10	7,877.10
TPI	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,157.15	3,157.15
TITLE II	0.00	2,824.00	0.00	0.00	2,824.00
DRUG FREE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
READ. IMPROV.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ext. Day	0.00	0.00	111.07	11,674.42	11,785.49
PL94-402	0.00	3,911.08	100.00	0.00	4,011.08
BUILDIN G	0.00	62,628.20	352.09	52,741.13	115,721.42
BOND/IN T	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANS.	0.00	66,105.16	0.00	0.00	66,105.16
IMRF	0.00	0.00	0.00	42,883.21	42,883.21
TORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WK. CASH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE PREV. & SAFETY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS:	0.00	390,670.93	3,406.71	1,091,472.62	1,485,550.26

A roll call vote was taken with the following response:

Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea (abstain - .5 Registration & Residency Coordinator)
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea
Mr. Tom Schergen	yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

12. Consideration was made by the Board to approve a Resolution dismissing part-time non-tenured teachers. A motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded

by Mr. Schergen to approve the Resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea
Mr. Tom Schergen	yes

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

13. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the revised 2010-12 school calendar due to the use of emergency days. A motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded by Mrs. Rohan to approve the revised calendar as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea
Mr. Tom Schergen	yes

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

14. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the recommendations of the Communication Committee. A motion was made by Mr. McDonald and seconded by Mr. MacDonald to approve the recommendations of the Communication Committee. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea
Mr. Tom Schergen	yes

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

15. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the date/time of May 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. for the Board Organizational meeting. A motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. for the Board Organizational meeting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea

Mrs. Joan Boss yea
Mr. Tom Schergen yes

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

16. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the Crisis Plan. A motion was made by Mr. MacDonald and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the Crisis Plan. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado yea
Mr. John Kennedy yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea
Mr. Tom Schergen yes

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

17. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the employment of a Certified School Nurse for the 2011-12 school year. A motion was made by Mrs. Amado and seconded by Mr. Kennedy to approve the employment of a Certified School Nurse for the 2011-12 school year. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado yea
Mr. John Kennedy yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea
Mr. Tom Schergen yes

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

18. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the creation of a Financial Task Force for the 2011-12 school year. A motion was made by Mrs. Rohan and seconded by Mr. Schergen to approve the creation of a Financial Task Force. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado yea
Mr. John Kennedy yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald yea
Mr. Bob McDonald yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan yea
Mrs. Joan Boss yea
Mr. Tom Schergen yes

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

19. At 8:36 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Rohan and seconded by Mrs. Boss to recess to Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the district or legal counsel for the district, including hearing testimony on a

complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the district to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea
Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea
Mr. Tom Schergen	yes

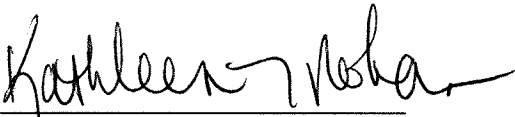
MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

20. There being no further business, at 10:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Schergen and seconded by Mrs. Rohan to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Kathy Rohan	yea
Mr. John Kennedy	yea
Mr. Terry MacDonald	yea
Mr. Bob McDonald	yea
Mrs. Beth Amado	yea
Mrs. Joan Boss	yea
Mr. Tom Schergen	yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

21. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on April 20, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administrative Office, 9400 South Sawyer, Evergreen Park.



President



Secretary

REVISED

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

March 16, 2011

Certified Personnel

Leave of Absence - FLMA

Name	Date	Position
Emily O'Leary	May 13, 2011	Special Education Teacher – SW

Classified Personnel

Leave of Absence – Extended

Name	Date	Position
Mary Alice Augustinas	3-28-11	Teacher Aide – SW

Leave of Absence

Name	Date	Position
Mary Beth Daker	3-22-11	Building Secretary – SE

Rescind Retirement

Name	Date	Position
Margaret Senf		Food Server NE/CJH

Addition

Name	Date	Position
Mary MacDonald	8-11	.5 Registration and Residency Coordinator
Deborah Michicich	7-1-11	Director of Food Services

Evergreen Park Elementary
School District 124
Mid-Year Financial Update

Property Taxes

Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124
Property Tax Revenue Budget by Fund
Fiscal Year 2011

	97% collection		Totals
	Levy 2009	96% of 1st install Levy 2010	
Education	\$5,709,013	\$7,260,004	\$13,999,018
Special Ed	\$48,762	\$51,363	\$100,142
Tort	\$131,195	\$139,280	\$270,475
O&M	\$746,516	\$792,017	\$1,538,533
Transportation	\$157,434	\$167,135	\$324,569
SS	\$131,195	\$139,280	\$270,475
IMRF	\$131,195	\$139,280	\$270,475
Working Cash	\$0	\$0	\$0
Life Safety	\$52,478	\$55,712	\$108,190
Total	\$8,107,809	\$8,774,063	\$16,881,872
Building Bonds	\$251,285	\$143,465	\$394,750
Limited Bonds	\$325,058	\$436,538	\$761,596
B&I Totals	\$576,343	\$580,003	\$1,156,346
Grand Totals	\$8,684,152	\$9,354,066	\$18,038,218

Actual To Date

- 2009 Levy
 - Extended: \$17,811,331
 - Collected: \$17,211,158
 - Percent: 97%
 - Prior Yr Refunds: \$733,746
 - Taxes Received: \$16,487,411
 - Percent: 93%

Tax Refunds by Levy Year	Budget Year	
	2011	2010
2009	\$ (112,474.08)	\$ (112,529.02)
2008	\$ (248,870.47)	\$ (91,982.55)
2007	\$ (356,152.99)	\$ (111,777.72)
2006	\$ (452,798.47)	\$ (56,566.20)
2005	\$ (605,648.04)	\$ (19,092.93)
2004	\$ (281,587.23)	\$ (6,775.70)
2003	\$ (273,600.79)	\$ -
2002	\$ (248,955.82)	\$ -
	\$ (2,580,087.89)	\$ (398,724.12)

Adjusted Property Tax Estimate

	93% collection		Totals
	Levy 2009	93% of 1st install Levy 2010	
Education	\$6,432,353	\$7,062,186	\$13,494,540
Special Ed	\$46,770	\$49,755	\$96,525
Tort	\$125,785	\$134,827	\$260,612
O&M	\$715,732	\$787,266	\$1,482,998
Transportation	\$150,842	\$161,812	\$312,654
SS	\$125,785	\$134,827	\$260,612
IMRF	\$125,785	\$134,827	\$260,612
Working Cash	\$0	\$0	\$0
Life Safety	\$50,314	\$53,971	\$104,285
Total	\$7,773,467	\$8,499,673	\$16,273,140
Building Bonds	\$243,432	\$138,982	\$382,414
Limited Bonds	\$314,806	\$422,884	\$737,690
B&I Totals	\$558,238	\$561,866	\$1,120,104
Grand Totals	\$8,331,705	\$9,061,539	\$17,393,244

Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124
Fiscal Year 2010
State Obligations Held at the Comptroller's Office
As of February 28, 2011

	Approved Amount	Paid Amount	Vouchered & Held
SpEd Private Facilities	\$230,925.98	\$230,925.98	\$0.00
SpEd Funding (Extraordinary)	\$255,104.99	\$255,104.99	\$0.00
SpEd Funding (Extraordinary HH)	\$80,175.57	\$80,175.57	\$0.00
SpEd Personnel	\$553,670.00	\$553,670.00	\$0.00
SpEd Orphanage	\$51,212.05	\$51,212.05	\$0.00
SpEd Summer School	\$2,279.83	\$2,279.83	\$0.00
TPI	\$81,392.00	\$81,392.00	\$0.00
State Free Lunch	\$9,480.00	\$9,480.00	\$0.00
SpEd Transportation	\$348,613.80	\$348,613.80	\$0.00
Early Childhood Block	\$106,151.00	\$106,151.00	\$0.00
Reading Improvement Block	\$72,600.00	\$72,600.00	\$0.00
ADA Safety & Ed Block	\$15,327.36	\$15,327.36	\$0.00
Total	\$1,786,912.58	\$1,786,912.58	\$0.00

Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124
Fiscal Year 2011
State Obligations Held at the Comptroller's Office
As of February 28, 2011

	Approved Amount	Paid Amount	Vouchered & Held
SpEd Private Facilities	\$132,624.14	\$0.00	\$132,624.14
SpEd Funding (Extraordinary)	\$125,792.96	\$0.00	\$125,792.96
SpEd Personnel	\$286,782.50	\$0.00	\$286,782.50
SpEd Orphanage	\$16,323.84	\$0.00	\$16,323.84
SpEd Summer School	\$1,400.69	\$0.00	\$1,400.69
State Free Lunch	\$4,969.60	\$129.70	\$4,739.90
SpEd Transportation	\$221,093.60	\$0.00	\$221,093.60
Early Childhood Block	\$33,400.00	\$0.00	\$33,400.00
Total	\$822,287.33	\$129.70	\$822,157.63

- ### And the Word from Springfield??
- General State Aid
 - Mandated Categoricals
 - \$1.4 million owed
 - Expect \$350,000 – maybe
 - Other Grants
 - ????
 - And the increase in State Income Tax
 - Not big enough to fill the hole

- ### The good news...
- The District's assumptions projected less money from the State.
 - But..
 - More money from local property taxes.
 - So...
 - About break-even

Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124
Projections Worksheet - All Funds

	Budget		Actual		Estimate	
	2011		February 2011		Year End 2011	
Revenue						
Property Taxes	\$	18,028,216	\$	8,311,422	\$	17,392,847
Corp/Rep Taxes	\$	302,000	\$	257,337	\$	302,000
Interest	\$	396,875	\$	82,961	\$	396,875
Other Local	\$	443,066	\$	296,417	\$	455,066
Extended Day Program	\$	144,000	\$	88,489	\$	144,000
State - GSA	\$	1,023,566	\$	775,988	\$	882,412
State - Categoricals	\$	1,136,700	\$	-	\$	383,147
State - Funds from Prior Year	\$	366,436	\$	1,162,626	\$	1,162,626
Other State	\$	147,732	\$	3,250	\$	70,000
Federal	\$	1,168,022	\$	406,107	\$	1,168,022
Federal SFEE (GSA)	\$	60,364	\$	-	\$	60,364
Unpaid State Funds	\$	(690,000)	\$	-	\$	-
W/Outlawed Abatement	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Subtotal	\$	22,667,729	\$	11,406,047	\$	22,696,811

Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124
Projections Worksheet - All Funds

Expenditures							
Salaries	\$	13,028,874	\$	6,805,682	\$	13,028,874	
Employee Benefits	Employee Benefits	\$	3,677,221	\$	2,083,822	\$	3,477,221
Purchased Services	\$	2,351,000	\$	1,853,839	\$	2,551,000	
Supplies	\$	1,226,953	\$	861,503	\$	1,226,953	
Capital Outlay	\$	366,479	\$	96,377	\$	366,479	
Other	\$	1,372,877	\$	1,042,487	\$	1,372,877	
Tuition	\$	1,340,000	\$	464,192	\$	1,340,000	
Working Cash Adjustment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Subtotal	\$	22,363,304	\$	12,218,002	\$	22,593,304	

Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124
Projections Worksheet - All Funds

	Budget		Actual		Estimate	
	2011		February 2011		Year End 2011	
Revenues						
Subtotal	\$	22,667,729	\$	11,406,047	\$	22,696,811
Expenditures						
Subtotal	\$	22,563,304	\$	12,218,002	\$	22,593,304
Surplus (Deficit)		(61,015,540)		(61,813,565)		(61,018,379)
Beginning Fund Balance		\$16,436,193		\$16,436,193		\$17,421,820
Fund Balance		\$17,422,628		\$16,481,258		\$17,421,820
Beginning Unrestricted Fund Balance		\$16,876,658		\$16,876,658		\$16,876,658
Ending Unrestricted Fund Balance		\$16,340,434		\$16,340,434		\$16,455,153

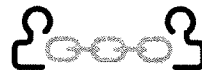
QUESTIONS???

Communications Committee

Recommendations to the School Board
March 2011

The Board Connects with the Community.

- IASB Foundation of Effective Governance states that it is “the board’s responsibility to aggressively reach out to the community”.
- Effective communication is essential to create trust and support among the community, Board, Superintendent and staff.



Purpose & Task

To foster communication for mutual understanding and a shared commitment to the District 124 Mission, Vision and Values.

- Identify current methods for stakeholder communication with the board (staff, parents, community and legislature).
- Identify the board's role and responsibility for communicating with stakeholders and define what types of information should be shared.
- Review recommended industry practices and identify improvements and supports needed.
- Recommend communication strategies to be adopted by the Board including suggestions for who should be involved in the communication.

Committee Members

Co-chairs: Dr. Diane Cody & Kathy Rohan



- **Administrator:** John Stanton, Principal (NW)
- **Staff:** Camille Dickey (CJH) & Debbie Mazrim (SE)
- **Five Parents:** Steve Duffy (NE), Amy Poore (SW), Colleen Klimczak (CJH), Peggy Burke (NW), & Nancy Johnson (SE)
- **Two Community Members:** Rick Schultz & Lauren Kilstrom



Steps the Committee Followed

- #1 Identify all **types of information** stakeholders might want.
- #2 Identify ways we **currently communicate**.
- #3 Identify **new ways** to communicate.



Research & Data Gathering

- ✓ **Guest Speaker** – Dr. Beth Hart shared details about how District 231 has integrated better stakeholder communication into their strategic plan.
- ✓ **Illinois Association of School Boards** – Kathy shared the recommendations from board training and the 2010 annual conference.
- ✓ **Demographic & Past Survey Results** – The committee reviewed census data and survey results from the last climate survey.
- ✓ **Communication Plans from other Districts** – We reviewed an extensive communication plan from Northbrook and publications from other districts.

The Survey



- The survey was developed, tested with a focus group, revised and distributed via SurveyMonkey & hard copy throughout the village.

The response:

- + 16 hard copies
- + 186 on-line
- + 15 in Spanish
- = 202 total responses

Survey Summary Results

Which statement best describes your level of satisfaction with communication from District 124? (select one)

- I am completely satisfied and have all the information I want or need 29.2%
- I am somewhat satisfied but would like more information 43.6%
- I am dissatisfied with communication from District 124 25.2%
- I am not interested in information from District 124 2.0%

Select the option below that best describes you:

- I have a child attending District 124 schools 84.7%
- I do not have a child attending District 124 schools 15.3%

When you receive Perspective, the District's newsletter, do you typically...

- Read all of it 67.8%
- Read only selected stories or news items 25.2%
- Discard or recycle it without reading any of it 3.0%
- I don't receive it 4.0%

Survey Summary Results Continued

On what topic(s) would you like more information from District 124? (select all that apply)

• Budget and finance (proposed budget, tax levy, expenditures)	55.9%
• Curriculum and instruction (textbook adoption, assessment information, programs)	62.4%
• Superintendent's news (District needs, District changes)	57.9%
• Local school info (registration information, preschool options, staff news, special events & activities)	55.9%
• Board of Education actions and policies (meeting schedules and minutes, contracts)	50.0%
• State and legislative issues that impact public education	36.6%
• I am not interested in information from District 124	2.5%

How are you currently obtaining information about District 124? (select all that apply)

• Local newspapers (Southtown Star, Courier, Reporter)	46.0%
• School website	47.5%
• Notes & flyers from the backpack	75.7%
• Attend Board meetings	25.2%
• Attend parent group meetings (PTA, SERVE, ELL, etc)	30.2%
• Friends, neighbors, and District staff members	57.9%
• I do not obtain information about District 124	3.0%

Survey Summary Results Continued

I use the District 124 website to obtain... (select all that apply)

• Latest news	46.0%
• Lunch menus	9.9%
• Calendar of events	49.0%
• To access your child's school information	34.7%
• To access the school handbook & policies	13.9%
• Current job openings	12.9%
• Board of Education news	33.2%
• School closings	32.2%
• To find important educational links	18.8%
• I do not use the District's website	15.8%

How do you prefer the district communicates with you? (select all that apply)

• Post information on the website	60.9%
• Broadcast messages (for example: e-mail blasts)	69.3%
• Receive specially printed newsletters	40.1%
• Have school board members attend parent group meetings	23.3%
• Attend open discussion forums	18.8%
• Not interested in receiving information from the school board	3.0%

Survey Summary Results Continued

How do you prefer to communicate with the District? (select all that apply)

- | | |
|--|-------|
| • Send an e-mail | 67.3% |
| • Make a phone call | 54.5% |
| • Complete a comment form on the website | 29.2% |
| • Contribute to suggestion boxes | 11.9% |
| • Utilize public comment opportunity at School Board meetings | 19.8% |
| • Complete surveys | 36.1% |
| • I do not feel the need to send information to the School Board | 6.4% |

Do you have access to the internet?

- | | |
|-------|-------|
| • Yes | 95.5% |
| • No | 4.5% |

When receiving information, what language do you prefer? (select one)

- | | |
|-----------|-------|
| • English | 91.1% |
| • Spanish | 8.9% |

What is Already Working

Coffee with Cody

The board already accepted this recommendation, implemented November 2010.

Perspective

The survey results revealed that 93% of respondents read some of it or all of it.

Public Comments

Public comments should remain at the end of the board meetings, implemented November 2010.

Recommendations



Publicly celebrate successes more often

Increase communication of the all the positive happenings in the district.

Share legislative information

The BOE receives concise, informative legislative updates as a benefit of our membership in SCOPE.



Educate the public on board work and the chain of command







The committee felt that some stakeholders may not know where to take questions, problems, complaints and suggestions.



Recommendations Continued

Stakeholders desire more electronic information

Our survey showed that 69.3% expressed a desire for broadcast messages. Stakeholders want more information shared electronically.

-  Website
-  E-Mail
-  Power School
-  Google Calendar
-  Financial Information
-  Instant Alerts

Recommendations Continued

Board meeting highlights

There is a desire for more timely information following board meetings.

The Public would like to see more board discussion

We recommend the Board hold working sessions where major issues could be discussed in an open forum. This would also provide an opportunity for stakeholders to speak during public comments before the board votes. These meetings would be called "Committee of the Whole" or COW meetings.

Committee future

The committee members recommend the continuation of this committee.



Future Considerations

- Communications coordinator
- Additional Surveys
- District communications plan
- Communication audits
- Podcasting



Questions from the Board?