

Minutes of the Board Retreat
July 30, 2011
Emerson Middle School – Conference Room
8101 N. Cumberland Avenue
Niles, Illinois

Board President John Heyde called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Other Board members present were Scott Zimmerman, Eric Uhlig, Sharon Lawson, Pat Fioretto, Dan Collins and Anthony Borrelli. Also present was Superintendent Philip Bender. John Cassel and Laurel DiPrima facilitated the discussion.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

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DISCUSSION AND AFFIRMATION OF OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Because of the amount of time and enthusiasm for setting the Board/District goals, President John Heyde directed Board members to read over the Operating Principles and suggest changes, if any, directly to him for consideration at the August 8th Special Board meeting.

Discussion and
Affirmation of Operating
Principles

DISTRICT/BOARD GOALS

Mr. John Cassel, Field Representative for the Illinois Association of School Boards recapped information for the Board members from the previous evening. President John Heyde then led the Board members in a discussion of Board goals. He covered the history of Board goal setting from 2007 to present, including SMART goals. He presented information on the strategic plan and its objectives, as well as the strategies and parameters. He revisited the Mission Statement from the Strategic Plan and all Board members expressed an interest that the Mission appear on the Home Page of the District 64 website. Interest was generated around how financial information is received and requesting that it be put in a form so that the general public can understand.

District/Board
Goals

The Board spent a great deal of time discussing goals, making sure that they reflect what it is that we really care about, that being the development of the whole child. The list of goals was narrowed to four for Board consideration. Each member was to indicate to the President over the course of the next week some bullet points relating to the goals to be approved at the Special Board meeting on August 8.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:29 p.m. it was moved by Board member Dr. Anthony Borrelli and seconded by Board member Dan Collins to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed by consensus.

August 8, 2011
Date

President

Secretary