

HARVEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 152
Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 3, 2017
1:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M.

Present at the meeting were: Board members Dr. Kisha McCaskill, Tyrone Rogers

Administration: Dr. Sonya Whitaker, Nichae Whitenhill, Dr. Quintella Bounds

Others: Dr. Robert Grossi

Facilities Usage Request

The following facilities usage requests were submitted: Illinois Bobcats and Harvey Colts Football Organization

Discussion on School Closing

Dr. Whitaker shared with the committee the same concerns from the architects that were expressed at the previous Board meeting. The concerns were that in order to move students from Lowell to Maya Angelou and Whittier capital expenses would need to be made. This then prompted the question of whether to put improvements into the two facilities when the long-term facilities plan calls for the possible closing of Maya Angelou. Mr. Rogers and Dr. McCaskill asked Ms. Whitenhill to share her thoughts on the matter. Ms. Whitenhill stated that based on her analysis, the move can be made without additional capital expenses, other than normal capital expenses that would have been realized in the buildings regardless of the move.

After a brief discussion, it was recommended that the District proceed with the closing of Lowell and the transferring of the students to both Maya Angelou and Whittier. The committee will not recommend any changes related to early childhood students and Riley School for the next school year. The committee also directed the Superintendent to file all necessary life safety amendments, as final decisions for next year appear to be in place. The committee also asked Dr. Whitaker to proceed with the RIF process for the next school year.

Dr. Whitaker informed the committee that she would be meeting with the principals of the affected school districts after the finance committee meeting to develop a plan to divide the current Lowell boundary. Consideration will be given to the number of students on each side of the new boundary line, transportation expenses, hazardous road crossings, and capacity levels at the two facilities. She will also be meeting with the remaining principals and representatives from ELL and special services. The Finance Committee asked that the plan be reported to the Board of Education at its May meeting.

Next Finance Committee Meeting is Monday, May 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

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Action Items:

To be determined:

1. Illinois Bobcats Facility Usage Request for Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School as presented.
2. Harvey Colts Football Organization Facility Usage Request as presented.