

League of Women Voters of Downers Grove-Woodridge-Lisle

Observer's Report

Governmental Body: High School District 99

Date: June 17, 2013

Please check answers:

Type of meeting: Regular Workshop Public Hearing Other _____

Facilities: Clean Proper Size Could See Could Hear
 Handicap accessible

Media Coverage: Yes No If yes, who was present:

Public Present: Yes No Public Comment: Yes No

PROCEEDINGS	YES	NO	COMMENTS
Meeting start on time?	X		
All members present?	X		
Sufficient staff present?	X		
Presiding officer control meeting?	X		
Members prepared and attentive?	X		
Members respectful and courteous to all present?	X		
Adequate discussion of issues?	X		
Information re issues available to public?	X		
Sufficient opportunity for public input?	X		

Additional observations or concerns:

Reception of Visitors

Downers Grove residents Julie Devine and Steve Bonanno thanked the Board for allowing the Hornets Swim Club to use the District's swimming pools. Mr. Bonanno's two sons are on the Downers Grove high school swim team. His son, Nick, explained to the Board that he started swimming with the Hornets Swim Club and expressed gratitude that the Club was able to use the high school pools.

Superintendent's Report

COMMUNICATIONS: The District published 10 newsletters this year, but readership is down.

District 99 will begin a blog during the next year and is working on an app to increase access via mobile phones.

TRANSITION PROGRAM: This item concerned the District's program for disabled students moving from high school to adult status (T99 program). There are 42 students enrolled in the program for the 2013-14 school year. The District is purchasing a building, located at 4232 Venard St., to house the program. The building requires re-design and re-modeling in order to adapt it for the transition program. Staff updated the Board regarding the status of this project, which is currently ongoing. They anticipate moving into the new location in January 2014. Mr. Staehlin gave budget estimates of \$630,000 for acquisition costs; and \$1,225,000 for improvements costs, for a total estimated cost of \$1,855,000. The estimates did not include replacing the building parking lot or doing landscaping of the site. Mr. Staehlin emphasized that the estimate was based on concept plans and did not represent a final figure.

MASTER FACILITY PLAN: Superintendent McDonald explained that the District's Strategic Plan calls for development of a Master Facility Plan, which must accommodate 21st century students and teachers. Such a plan should delineate where the Board wants the District to go in the future. The plan could reflect a small, incremental view of the future, or it could reflect a broad and visionary view. The Superintendent recommended the larger, longer view, even though he did not know at the moment how the District would pay for it. Although he asked the Board for input on this, only some members responded, and even then with very limited remarks. Dr. McDonald indicated that he would be presenting more detail on this in the near future.

Action Items

1. Board approved
 - (a) continuation of the food service contract with ARAMARK and
 - (b) renewal of the contract with Nonprofit Food Service for food management services.
2. Board awarded contract for purchase of copier paper.
3. Board accepted bid and awarded contract for plaster repairs to the lap tank at South High School swimming pool in amount of \$93, 915.

Other

Dr. McDonald reminded the Board that the Superintendent's evaluation is due.

Meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

For more information, see District 99 website: www.csd99.org

Observer: Peggy Healy Date submitted: July 18, 2013