

NOVEMBER

League of Women Voters of Downers Grove-Woodridge-Lisle

Observer's Report

Governmental Body: Downers Grove District 58 School Board_ Date: November 12,2012 _____

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: A reporter from The Patch

Public Present: Yes No Public Comment: Yes NoVery little

PROCEEDINGS

COMMENTS

Meeting start on time? Yes

All members present? Yes

Sufficient staff present? Yes

All Administrative Staff and principal from Puffer School

Presiding officer control meeting? Yes

Members prepared and attentive? Yes

Members respectful and courteous to all present? Yes

Adequate discussion of issues? Yes

Information re issues available to public? Yes

Sufficient opportunity for public input? Yes

Additional observations or concerns:

The meeting began promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by the students from Puffer School Student Council who then proceeded to explain their respective activities for the year, eg. bullying awareness. The PTA officers then explained their programs.

Dr. Lawrence, Martin, Superintendent for Curriculum and Development, explained the RTI (response to intervention), which is a program to assess students who appear to be in need of special help.

Superintendent Cremascoli began her report by acknowledging the veterans in attendance. She commended the board for holding a self assessment in a closed session. She praised the staff for attending an Institute Day on Election Day.

One board member reported on the State School Board convention which was held in Springfield.

During the Reception of Visitors, there were no comments.

The one issue on the agenda which took the most time was discussion of the utilization of the 39 million dollars the board had approved in a previous meeting for construction projects on the district's school buildings. The board and staff now believe there is a need to consider an addition to Puffer School. That project was not included in the original list. It was agreed that this issue would be studied further.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.

Observer: Richard Matthies Date submitted: December 6, 2012
For more information, see the District 58 website: www.dg58.org