

**Community Unit School District #95 - Board of Education**  
**Committee of the Whole - Regular Meeting**  
January 15, 2009 –Lake Zurich High School

6:00 PM Regular Meeting

Board President Kathy Brown called the regular meeting to order at 6:05 pm, and a call of the roll showed:  
Members Present: Mrs. Brown, Mr. Hussey, Mrs. Putbress, Mr. Pietro, Mr. Finn, and Mr. Kropf.  
Members Absent: None

Mrs. Brown announced that the meeting this evening would produce no decision on the boundary realignment. Any questions or comments about the recommendation would be around the process, and that they were not questioning the decisions or recommendation. She thanked the committee and the administration for their many hours of work, and noted the three community forums that are scheduled for community comment on the recommendation.

**Public Comments**

Mrs. Mall, Principal of Charles Quentin School came forward to share the some thoughts on the closing of Charles Quentin school and thank the community and staff for their understanding and support of all the families affected. She also expressed her gratitude to the Boundary Study Committee for their work.

**Superintendent's Recommendation for the Realignment of Middle and Elementary School Boundaries**

Dr. Knutson shared his recommendation with the Board with a PowerPoint presentation to illustrate various points and maps used during the formulation of the recommendation. Using the End Statements provided by the Board, a Boundary Study Committee comprised of 20 community members selected from all over the district, began meeting in June 2008 to create a recommendation to the Superintendent for the new elementary and middle school boundaries. As each of the end statements had equal value, the committee rated them as such in their deliberations. Mark Lindner, community member who facilitated the effort, explained the process of creating options, how they were considered by the group, and how suggestions for improvement were handled. He noted that committee members met 20 times, had multiple homework assignments, and took a more than 3 hour bus tour to visualize the impact of their recommendation on the length and time of bus rides, all amounting up to a 150 hour commitment by each member. Various methods were used to reduce the 25 options down to the two that were submitted to the Superintendent on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. The options fell into 6 separate themes or concepts, the "C", "Grade Level Concept", "Omega", "Split", "Old Mill Grove", and the "West of Ela" theme.

Dr. Knutson recommends Option 13, and explained the various reasons why that option would work best for the entire community as opposed to the other option submitted to him by the committee. He noted the strengths and weaknesses of both plans in his presentation. Another option, referred to as the Grade Level Option or concept, got committee support for consideration but was not recommended with the acknowledgment that there wasn't time to implement the plan for the 09-10 school year. He also recommends that the middle school boundaries remain as they are this year, with one minor change to the Rainbow Road area, due to transportation requirements, those students will attend MSN.

All members thanked the committee and administration for their work and the time away from their families in order to bring the best option forward. Board members in turn asked clarifying questions on the process, committee deliberations and formulation of the recommendation of the two options to the Superintendent.

Members of the Boundary Study Committee were in attendance to take questions and offer insights into the effort.

Questions and comments were solicited from the audience, and will be compiled and answered on the Boundary Web Site in the future.

As there were no further items on the agenda for the meeting, President Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

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President, Board of Education  
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Mrs. Jan Putbress  
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*Respectfully submitted, Marsha Smyser, Board Clerk*

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