

Public Participation Comments/Questions
March 18, 2015 BOE Meeting

- Resident Kara Blomquist spoke about the Loaves and Fishes program. This program benefits homeless, veterans, and others in the community. In the last three weeks, each SD81 school has taken turns to help with Loaves and Fishes. Mrs. Blomquist shared her appreciation for the SD81 educators who modeled charity, fellowship, kindness and respect.
- Resident Rex Morioka spoke about a letter he received on March 11 from a police officer regarding a situation in the Village. Member Desecki explained that the letter was written and disbursed because Dr. Boryszewski and the Board wanted to communicate with the parents regarding the situation to make sure they knew that the kids were safe. She stated that the delivery of the letter to Mr. Morioka's home could not be addressed by the District, but by the Police Department.
- Alumnus of SD81 Theresa Coomer stated that it is because of the fantastic foundation created by the community schools that she is a successful professional today. Mrs. Coomer stated that she is concerned that the dysfunction of the BOE will diminish the integrity of the educational opportunities available in SD81. She asked the following questions of the BOE:
 1. Will the Board continue to accept the role of president to be filled by someone who A) shrugs off his responsibility by missing more than 25% of the meetings since accepting this job,
 2. B) does not provide leadership which is the primary directive of the position and C) shows repeatedly his incompetence at the position by not being able to follow meeting procedures as well as the agenda?
 3. Will the Board take official action against Dave Stachura and Pat Godziszewski for the unethical and more importantly illegal actions they took by writing the letter?
 4. Will the Board ask for Dave and Pat to step down from their positions after A) writing an unethical and illegal letter and B) not taking responsibility for their actions by using avoidance measures along with trying to move blame to others with blatant lies, such as accusing the lawyer of not getting a response back when she clearly had, C) Wasting the Board's and community's time by dragging out this issue for five months?
- Resident Diana Caffero thanked the BOE, and especially Dr. Boryszewski, for being ever-vigilant in the safety and well-being of the children in the community. Mrs. Caffero addressed an item of concern for her found within the document submitted by President Stachura and Vice President Godziszewski answering the questions posed to them by Member Desecki regarding the letter they had written November 4th (Agenda item.) Mrs. Caffero read from page 54 of that document which referred to a need to really look at the budget and provide relief for taxpayers. She stated that from the time she has served on the Finance

Committee, she has not seen any communication coming from the President or Vice President during Finance Committee meetings regarding the budget. She also stated that is good for the District to have savings not only for the District's ISBE ratings, but also for the ability to address security work and facility improvements without borrowing. Mrs. Caffero stated that they claim a desire to provide relief to tax payers, but do not offer any concrete ideas on how to do so. Mrs. Caffero offered that any discussions regarding funding should focus on the economic conditions of the community. Regarding the letter written November 4th, she stated that all tax payers are affected, and that it looks like Darcy (BOE Attorney) is the new target. Mrs. Caffero then stated that many people have been victims, including bus drivers, maintenance staff, administrators, teachers, parents, and herself.

- Resident Maria Mouloupoulos stated that her daughter attended SD81 schools from the PATS (Parents As Teachers) program through eighth grade. She graduated in the top 20% of her class from LMS last year. LMS teachers recommended that she go into all Honors classes in high school, including Honors Algebra 2. She has been on high honor roll both semesters this year. She is in the top 6% of her class in all honors classes. Mrs. Mouloupoulos believes that this could not be done without the support of a person who was then a principal, who taught her how to advocate for her child. This was also possible because of the administrators who hire the teachers who make SD81 an amazing district. Mrs. Mouloupoulos thanked the teachers and administration for all that they do to make the district amazing. Member Flanagan added that all the people who were named are professionals with degrees, and it is the BOE's job to bring them in, and then let them do their job.
- Resident Jennifer Yarnell stated that in regard to the letter dated November 4th, it proved was that the District has an excellent superintendent, an excellent attorney, a family with an ax to grind, and a President and Vice President who want to help grind the ax. Ms. Yarnell stated that she was saddened to see that the President and Vice President did not interact or engage with anyone other than the their fellow candidates and their leader at the pancake breakfast. She asked Vice President Godziszewski why she asked a member of the ABC Parent Group if the Pancake Breakfast was an ABC sponsored event. She asked if Vice President Godziszewski was unaware it was the 13th Annual Music Booster's Pancake Breakfast, or if she was trying to harass and antagonize the parent. Ms. Yarnell stated that she was tired of talking about the shortcomings, and wanted to talk about all of the good going on in the District, including:
 1. National recognition for the District's Stand Up for Public Schools video
 2. SD81 students placing into Honors courses at Leyden
 3. ELL students making AMAO's according to the state
 4. Dr. Boryszewski nominated as Superintendent of the Year Award
 5. Dr. Kopta nominated for the Golden Apple Leadership Award
 6. District 81 received the highest financial recognition for 2014

7. Partnership with Village of Schiller Park Recreation Department to offer Kids Club
afterschool care
 8. Increased transparency through Board Highlights, Videos of Meetings, and Data
Dashboard on the District website
 9. Updated technology with SMART panels
 10. Two National awards for excellence in Communications from National School
Public Relations Association
 11. The District is operating on a zero deficit, balanced budget.
 12. The District received an “unmodified” “clean” auditing decision from
auditing firm
Crowe Horwath
 13. Safe Routes to Schools Grant from IDOT
 14. ABC Parent Group - for the first time in many years
 15. Committees formed including: Superintendent’s Evaluation, Policy, Facilities,
and Finance.
- Ms. Yarnell thanked the district administration for their leadership, and remarked that it is not only children who grow, but the parents as well.

- Resident Diane Morioka asked Dr. Boryszewski to explain what events led her to call the Code Orange. Dr. Boryszewski reported the process that she used that day, which included her conversations with the police department, monitoring news and social media reports, and writing a letter that went out to the parents of SD81. Mrs. Morioka stated that she has 100% trust in Dr. Boryszewski and thanked her for her actions. Mrs. Morioka also addressed Vice President Godziszewski about asking if the Music Booster’s pancake breakfast was an ABC sponsored event.

Second Public Participation:

- Resident Jeremy Hargus apologized for his outburst earlier in the meeting. He then asked President Stachura who wrote the responses to the letter, because the responses did not sound like him. He also addressed that he heard President Stachura slip and said “victim.” Mr. Hargus stated that the students and everyone else in the district are the victims. Mr. Hargus also asked who wrote the responses to the questions regarding the November 4th letter to the district attorney.
- Resident Irene Moskal DelGuidice stated that she was surprised at the meeting tonight, and attended because she had heard from one or two people that they didn’t enjoy coming to the board meetings anymore. Mrs. DelGuidice stated she was past board president, and she has never seen a more disruptive meeting. She addressed the Board stating that they do not belong on the Board if they make it personal. She commented that it reverberates in the village and it is upsetting. Mrs. DelGuidice told the board members to focus on their job. She

stated that during her term the BOE had a contingency of funds and they returned money to the taxpayers. She has written a letter to the Governor to put her on Illinois Association of School Boards. She again addressed the Board, stating that this is a place to come together and work together, and that they have great teachers and great people here, and the Board should work for them and work for the children.