

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL
1620 NORFOLK AVENUE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 2010**

The Community Board meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m. in the Westchester Middle School Multi-Purpose Room, at 1620 Norfolk Avenue.

ROLL CALL: Village Trustee Walter Novak on the call of the roll the following members were found to be present: Trustee Brian Sloan and Trustee Nick Steker. President Sam Pulia and Stan Urban, Village Manager arrived shortly after. Village Trustees Boyle and Casey were absent. Also present: Barb Stanger, Melora Christopher, Dr. Marina Pedersen, Kathryn Smith, Dr. David Hill, Sheri Wagner, Marianne Bero, James Boyd, Jennifer Boyle, Barb Brandt, Ron Brown, Joe Christopher, Dr. Nettie Collins-Hart, Bill Ernst, Michael Hetzel, Timothy Hinsdale, Gary Kasanders, Donna Kiel, David McCreery, Kevin McGrier, and Chris Welch.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Mr. Hetzel introduced Mr. Brown and himself as co-chairs of the Village's Economic Development Committee.

COVERAGE IN LOCAL NEWSPAPERS: Discussion was held on the need to get more positive community news into the local newspapers. The Village Board is in preliminary discussions to create a monthly publication for all residents and would invite other organizations to partner with the Village in the project.

CENSUS UPDATE: Mr. McGrier, of the Partnership Program with the U.S. Census, emphasized the importance of counting every resident during the 2010 census. The census results will impact the community's finances and representation for the next 10 years. He also stressed that all personal data received by the census is confidential, and protected by law.

WESTCHESTER PUBLIC LIBRARY AFTER-SCHOOL ASSISTANCE: Mrs. Boyle, Library Board President, asked the Board of Education if the school district allowed after-school tutoring in their buildings. The library is becoming crowded with tutors using priority tables and is currently looking at policy to handle this situation. The Library Board will focus on the after-school student issues after the tutoring situation is addressed.

RECYCLING PROGRAM: The school district has had great success with its recycling program and is encouraging the community to use the recycling bins located in the parking lots at each school.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR: Mr. Hinsdale, Library Trustee, expressed the desire to post all community meetings on one calendar for the community to view. The Village is currently working with a company to update their website and a community calendar could be a component of that upgrade.

Representatives from the Village, Park District, Library, School District 92½, and Proviso Township High School 209 Boards, Divine Infant, Divine Providence, St. Joseph High School, and Chamber of Commerce shared current information occurring within their organizations.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board meeting was adjourned by consensus of the Board of Education at 8:28 p.m.

Trustee Walter Novak, Village of Westchester