

NORTHWEST MUNICIPAL CONFERENCE

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**NWMC Board
Special Meeting
Wednesday, May 23, 2007
6:30 p.m.
Oakton Community College
1600 E. Golf Road
Des Plaines, Illinois**

I. Call to Order

President Van Dusen called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Van Dusen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call

Diane Kopterski called the roll.

Members Present

- Arlington Heights, Mayor Arlene J. Mulder
- Barrington, Manager Denise Pieroni
- Bartlett, President Cathy Melchert
- Buffalo Grove, President Elliott Hartstein
- Carpentersville, Manager Craig Anderson
- Deerfield, Manager Bob Franz
- Des Plaines, Mayor Tony Arredia
- Elk Grove Village, Assistant Manager Matthew Roan
- Fox River Grove, Trustee Duane Figurski
- Glenview, President Kerry Cummings
- Hanover Park, President Rodney Craig
- Lincolnwood, Mayor Jerry Turry
- Mount Prospect, Mayor Irvana Wilks
- Niles, Trustee Louella Preston
- Northfield Township, Supervisor Jill Brickman
- Palatine, Assistant Manager Sam Trakas
- Rolling Meadows, Mayor Ken Nelson
- Skokie, Mayor George Van Dusen, Manager Al Rigoni,
- Trustee Randall Roberts
- Streamwood, Manager Gary O'Rourke
- Wilmette, President Christopher Canning
- Winnetka, Trustee Sandra Berger

Members Absent

Antioch	Lake Forest
Cary	Lake Zurich
Crystal Lake	Libertyville
Elk Grove Township	Lincolnshire
Evanston	Morton Grove
Glencoe	New Trier Township
Golf	Northbrook
Grayslake	Northfield
Harwood Heights	Park Ridge
Hawthorn Woods	Prospect Heights
Highland Park	Roselle
Hoffman Estates	Schaumburg
Inverness	Vernon Hills
Kenilworth	Wheeling
Lake Barrington	

Others in Attendance

Larry Bury, NWMC Policy Analyst
Mark Fowler, NWMC Executive Director
Chalen Hunter, NWMC Program Manager
Edward Johnson, City of Lake Forest
Diane Kopterski, NWMC Executive Secretary
Larry Widmer, NWMC Deputy Director

IV. President's Report – George Van Dusen, NWMC President and Mayor, Village of Skokie

Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Education Funding Reform Suggestions

President Van Dusen thanked members for taking time out to attend the special meeting which was called to discuss the MMC Education Funding Reform program. The NWMC Executive Committee and Legislative Committee met previously and heard Mayor Ed Schock of Elgin, chairman of the MMC Education Reform Task Force, give a presentation of the report. The Legislative Committee and Executive Board approved a recommendation to call a special meeting of the NWMC Board on May 23 to support the concepts, but not the dollar amounts, as outlined by the Mayors Caucus.

Mayor Van Dusen stated that he felt that the NWMC should adopt its own program. President Van Dusen outlined three alternatives that the Conference can take: endorse the MMC Program; endorse the concept without associating specific dollar amounts, or do nothing. The members in attendance participated in extensive discussion on the MMC Funding Reform document and made suggested changes to the document.

A motion was made by Mayor Nelson to adopt the following support statement and principles that the General Assembly should consider when debating funding and accountability measures for Illinois's school system. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Brickman and approved by membership. The Village of Elk Grove voted no and Buffalo Grove, Barrington and Winnetka abstained.

The Conference support of the key elements for educational funding reform is as follows:

“The NWMC applauds the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus for its hard work on comprehensive education funding reform and goes on record in support of the following key elements to be included in any educational funding reform legislation:

“Metropolitan Mayors Caucus Education Funding Reform Suggestions*

Revenue Source

- Revenue Enhancement Goal (1)
- Close Tax Loopholes for Corporations

Additional Education Operating Funds

- Increase Foundation Level to EFAB Recommended Level
- Special Education (2)
- Early Childhood
- Poverty Grants
- Rapidly Expanding Districts
- Accountability Efforts

Property Tax Relief

- Property Tax Relief: Guaranteed Minimum 25% of School Operating Levies (K-12) (3)

School Capital Projects

- Debt Payment on Bond Issue for School Construction

***The Metropolitan Mayors Caucus strongly believes that any funding reform proposals must be accompanied by fiscal accountability reforms as outlined in its report, *Strengthening the Financial Accountability of Illinois School Districts*.**

Considering that three quarters of the state’s pension liability is related to education pensions, the Northwest Municipal Conference expects that the state will address this issue and find a method to reduce this liability while containing future costs. The Northwest Municipal Conference further encourages additional input from the education community, municipalities and other interested parties to address their concerns and refine the details of any said legislation.

Footnotes:

- (1) There are several revenue options available to achieve this goal. The option(s) selected, however, must be sustainable and subject to a continuing appropriation.
- (2) Increase the per teacher allocation for special education from the current \$8,000 to \$19,000.
- (3) The Mayors Caucus believes that any education funding plan must provide property tax relief of at least 25 percent of the operating levies for K-12 school districts. “

V. Priority Issues

Legislative Committee – Elliott Hartstein, President, Village of Buffalo Grove, Co Chair and Karen Darch, President, Village of Barrington, Co-Chair

House Bill 1500 – The Cable and Video Competition Law of 2007

Mr. Bury stated that the Attorney General and Speaker Madigan’s staff have drafted an amendment to HB 1500 that addresses many of the concerns expressed by local

governments. However, the amendment is still incomplete and did not get called in the House Telecommunications Committee. The Attorneys Committee will meet to discuss and provide an opinion as to how it would interact with existing franchise agreements. The Conference is currently opposed to HB 1500.

VI. Other Business

None.

VII. For the Good of the Order

None.

VIII. Next Meeting

The next NWMC Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 12, at 7:00 p.m. at the Radisson, Northbrook.

IX. Adjournment

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by President Cummings. It was seconded by Mayor Mulder and approved by membership. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.