

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2009, MEETING OF THE O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION SCHOOL SOUND INSULATION COMMITTEE

The regular meeting of the School Sound Insulation Committee was held on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at School District 59 in Arlington Heights.

Dr. Raymond Kuper, O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission School Committee Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 10:07 A.M. ONCC staff took the meeting minutes.

The following members of the Committee were **present**:

Superintendent Dr. Daniel Schweers, Member, School District 59
Mr. Dan Barrie, Alternate, School District 63
Superintendent Jon Bartlet. Member, School District 85 ½
Superintendent Raymond Kuper, Member - School District 86
Mr. Grant Sabo, Alternate, School District 87
Ms. Debra Parenti, Alternate, School District 214
Mr. Seymour Schmidt, Alternate, School District 214
Superintendent Robert Lupo, Member, School District 234
Ms. Lynn Crivello, Alternate, School District 299

The following members of the Committee were **absent**:

School District 80
School District 81
School District 84
School District 84 ½
School District 88
School District 89
School District 401

There being a majority of members were present, a quorum was present for the transaction of business.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – NOVEMBER 14, 2007

A motion was made by **Dr. Lupo** to approve the November 14, 2007, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by **Dr. Bartelt**.

ELECTION of ONCC School Sound Insulation Committee Vice-Chairperson

Dr. Kuper reported that the current Vice- Chairperson of the ONCC School Sound Insulation Program, Dr. Susan Knight, will be retiring, leaving the position of Committee Vice-Chairperson vacant. Dr. Kuper nominated Dr. Robert Lupo of School District 234 as the next Vice-Chairperson of the ONCC School Sound Insulation Committee.

A motion was made by Dr. Bartelt to accept the nomination of Dr. Lupo. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sabo.

2009 O'HARE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

A) FAA Reauthorization Bill and Impacts on Sound Insulation Program

Ms. Butler reported that the FAA Reauthorization Bill was reintroduced. Originally, the bill was introduced two years ago. The FAA will not have a budget as of March 6, 2009, and would not be allowed to spend past March 31, 2009, unless another extension is given. She said that they are hopeful to pass another extension beyond March 31, 2009, with the Stimulus Package being presented by President Obama.

Mr. Gilligan asked if the ONCC should again lobby for FAA Reauthorization.

Ms. Butler said that everyone is aware of the issue since it has national effects.

B) Current Status of Funding – O'Hare School Sound Insulation Program

Mr. Frame reported that he has met with CPS officials regarding Hitch Elementary in Chicago regarding design. He said that when the grant is ready, he anticipates moving ahead with sound insulating Hitch Elementary.

Ms. Butler stated that she has requested more funds for the school sound insulation program and would like for all eligible schools to be sound insulated by the full Build-Out of the OMP. They will then determine if there are any other eligible schools that may have been missed.

Ms. Butler suggested that the ONCC continue to support sound insulating the schools that have the highest DNL levels first.

Mr. Frame said that he is currently working on the request of Ms. Parenti to have the school list updated.

Dr. Lupo requested that staff identify the private schools that have been sound insulated and have closed.

Mr. Schwartz asked about the funding status for Elk Grove High School.

Dr. Kuper stated that the ONCC has always supported the funding for sound insulation of Elk Grove High School and Ridgewood High School. He mentioned that Ridgewood High School in Norridge was tested and deemed eligible until certain rules were put into place, causing consideration of the school as no longer eligible for sound insulation.

Ms. Butler explained that the rules did not change. She said that the FAA always looks at the 60 DNL for school sound insulation. She noted that the schools measured slightly lower than the 60 DNL and that the ONCC passed a resolution to have the 60 DNL lowered. The scrutiny came from FAA headquarter regarding the DNL levels.

Mr. Frame asked if any stimulus dollars will supplement AIP funds.

Ms. Butler replied that no prior projects can be rolled into the stimulus dollars.

Mr. Schwartz asked why Elk Grove High School was not on the list of schools provided at the meeting.

Mr. Frame replied that the list is for schools that have requested inclusion in the program.

Mr. Gilligan noted that Elk Grove High School was one of the schools approved for sound insulation.

Mr. Frame said that the list needs to be updated and that Elk Grove High School is one school that has been referenced in a letter.

Ms. Schwartz asked what the status of funding is for Elk Grove High School.

Mr. Frame replied that he has asked the FAA to clarify funding eligibility for Elk Grove High School.

Dr. Kuper asked that Mr. Frame explain to what he was referring in regards to Elk Grove High School.

Mr. Frame explained that he has concerns regarding the funding for Elk Grove High School and using previous contours. That is why he has asked that the FAA explain the eligibility of Elk Grove High School.

Ms. Parenti noted that Elk Grove High School received a letter from the FAA stating that it is eligible for sound insulation.

Dr. Kuper expressed his concerns and asked why the eligibility of sound-insulation funding is being questioned for Elk Grove High School especially since a letter from FAA was

received stating that the school is eligible. He said that as far as the ONCC is concerned, Elk Grove High School remains eligible for sound insulation.

Mr. Gilligan wondered why the FAA Reauthorization wouldn't be passed this year or beyond.

Ms. Butler said that because different people want to add additional language making the re-authorization process a bit complicated.

Dr. Kuper asked if the re-authorization affects school funding.

Ms. Butler replied that funding is need in order to work past March 31, 2009.

Ms. Butler noted that the attorneys need to review the stimulus package for provisions. She mentioned that AIP comes from a trust fund and the rules are very specific. She said that the stimulus has different provisions and until the attorneys sort out the details of the stimulus package it would be hard to say what can be used for certain projects.

Dr. Lupo asked what the timeframe is for attorneys to complete reviewing the stimulus package.

Ms. Butler replied that within 30 days the reviewing process should be complete and she should have more information to share.

Mr. Frame suggested meeting again within a couple of months to followup on the discussions from today's meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. "Noise 101" Program – April 17, 2009

Mr. Gilligan mentioned that a "Noise 101" session will take place on April 17, 2009. He encouraged members and alternates to attend the session.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Mr. Wuerffel commented that Carpenter Elementary School was also on the list slated for sound insulation eligibility. He said that he would like further explanations regarding funding eligibility for Carpenter Elementary School in Park Ridge.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by **Mr. Sabo** and seconded by **Ms. Parenti** to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote and the meeting adjourned at 11:36 A.M.