

**SEVERSKY STUDY MEETING NOTES  
WEST FRANKFORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
OCTOBER 5, 2009**

1. Approximately 70 residents were in attendance.

The following district administrators were also in attendance:

Robert F. Reina – Superintendent  
Christopher Abdoo - Business Administrator  
Frank Saraceno – Principal, West Frankfort  
Joyce Dayton – Principal, Reese Road  
Jack Bono – Board of Education Member

2. Mr. Reina presented a review of the Seversky Study and Enrollment Data via the use of a Power Point presentation.

3. The presentation was followed by a period of questions, comments and answers. A summary of those presented follows:

- The deed for the West Frankfort property, which indicates that if the land, purchased by the Kull family in 1958, was not used for educational purposes within 10 years, it would be returned to that family.
- Concerns with, and disapproval of, Option G – the closure of West Frankfort Elementary and one campus at the Reese Road site.
- Many comments were made in support of the “Neighborhood School” concept.
- Concerns regarding K – 2, 3 – 5 scenario were expressed, focusing primarily on transportation issues; the possibility of a family having children in each elementary building; and the loss of the Neighborhood School concept.
- Many comments were made about the excellent education the children are receiving at West Frankfort; and, the desire to maintain that.
- The availability of Pre-K programs at West Frankfort.
- Concerns about the continued availability of the after-school program; and how children could access the West Frankfort program if they are assigned to Reese Road.
- Discussion about the transparency of this process; and the desire of the Board of Education to receive comments and feedback from the community.
- Clarification that the Board of Education has not made any decision regarding the Seversky Study Scenarios. The timetable calls for Mr. Reina to present a report to the Board of Education by the end of November. The Board members will then discuss and identify the next steps in this process.