

Agreement on property
needed to be in writing

I keep reading that the village of Woodridge and the Woodridge Park District want Community High School District 99 to follow the 1978 informal agreement to give the village a right of first refusal over the parcel of land that was to be the site of the District's third high school.

But village and Park District leaders need to keep in mind a quotation from film mogul Samuel Goldwyn, "A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it is written on."

One would think that back in 1978, someone in Woodridge would have thought to put the agreement into writing and to have an authorized person sign it on behalf of the district. It would have made the possible sale of the parcel far less contentious than it will be.

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Superintendent

June 14, 1978

Mr. Mac Manning,
Village Administrator
Village of Woodridge
2900 83rd Street
Woodridge, Illinois 60515

RE: School District 99 - Third High School Site Annexation to Woodridge

Dear Mr. Manning:

This letter is to reaffirm School District 99's desire to have the school district's property, commonly known as the third high school site, annexed to Woodridge with the R-1 zoning classification, and not the R-1A classification. The Board of Education, District 99, has directed me in their behalf to notify the Village of Woodridge in writing:

1. That if at any time in the future the School Board determined that the Third High School Site was no longer needed for school purposes and it would be in the best interests of the district to sell said site, they would so inform both the Village of Woodridge and the Woodridge Park District of this determination and offer same to both entities at the fair market value as determined by independent appraisals obtained by the School District.
2. That this offer would remain outstanding for a reasonable amount of time before the property would be placed for sale pursuant to the public bidding provisions of the statute.
3. That the School Board at that time, also would seriously consider alternatives to an outright cash sale, such as an installment agreement, but the final determination as to the acceptability of an alternative would be dependent upon the School Board's evaluation of the School District's budget needs.

The above action was taken at the Board of Education meeting held at 7:30, June 13, 1978.

Sincerely,

Arthur C. Wiscombe
Superintendent of Schools
cc Mr. John James and Mr. Robert C. Kellen