

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting      Administration Building      6:00 – 8:07 p.m.      August 17, 2022

### Members Present:

Arlene Cabana, Presiding Officer  
Bill Brockob  
Mary Lenzen  
Becky Walters  
Charles Zona  
Tarryne Marchione

### Absent

David Negron

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### ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Beth Parker, Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Jeanine Arundel and Karyn Lisowski. Additional presenters in attendance included Trung Le and Sam Chaltain.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the Board of Education. The brag boards displayed photographs of the district's start of the year activities.

### OPEN FORUM

Karyn Lisowski addressed the Board with questions about the distribution of assessment data to kindergarten parents.

### ACTION NO. 1

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Walters, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of June 15, 2022 board meeting; payment of June and July payroll and June, July, and August warrants; August 2022 Personnel Report containing the retirement of Karyn Lisowski at the end of the 2022-23 school year, the resignation of Anna Ellathorpe (third-grade teacher), Elisa Januz-Hartman (Special Education at PES), Annette Gutierrez (ELA at PMS), Bethany George (EL at PES), Jason Munchoff (Special Education at PMS); the hiring of Christine Tong (Math at PMS), Jessica Pelletire (3rd grade), Cindy Dombkrowski (Resource at PMS), Preston Frye (Custodian at PES), Irene Minik (4th grade), Merideth Spiegel (Resource at PES), Gia Spalla (Aide at PMS), Melody Murphy (Resource at PES), Erin McGuire (Resource at PMS), Sean Diller (Part-time Orchestra), Stacy Kafkes (Aide at PMS), and Shari Remi (Resource at PMS). Approval of a \$2080 bonus for Griffin Sonntag for successful completion of 2021-22 goals. Reject the bid for Pleasantdale Elementary School wall removal. Approve the intergovernmental agreement with Pleasant Dale Park District for storage services. Approve the resolution of the participation agreement in the required TRS (Teachers Retirement System) supplemental savings plan. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Lenzen, Walters, Zona, Marchione -- Absent Negron).

### ACTION NO. 2

Bond Sale Not to exceed \$2.7m

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board approve the resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$2,700,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2022, of the District for the purpose of creating a Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the bonds,

and authoring the proposed sale of bonds to the purchaser thereof. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Lenzen, Walters, Zona, Marchione -- Absent Negron).

## REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

### *Back-to-School Update*

Dr. Palzet provided the Board with an update on the first days of school and the preparation for the return of students on August 17. His update included an overview of the new teacher institute days, the opening days with staff, Kindergarten playdate, and an update on summer maintenance and cleaning.

### *Safety/Security Update*

Dr. Palzet informed the Board of these new safety measures including personal panic buttons for teachers, a ticketing system for large group events, enrollment in the Safe2Help tip line, and an increased police presence at large group events. These new measures align with the District's layered safety plan and fall into one of four safety categories: Access Control, Preparedness, Response to Crisis, and Mental Health Supports.

### *Facilities Development*

The Board heard a presentation on potential facilities improvements. Over the course of the past year, the District has collected information from parents and the community about projects that would enhance the education experience and improve outcomes for students. The presentation reviewed these efforts and the suggestions that came from the community meetings. The Board directed Dr. Palzet to move to the next phase of the plan which includes further developing a facilities plan and broader community outreach.

### *Superintendent Advisory Team Member Appointments*

Each year, the district hosts several Superintendent Advisory teams to provide feedback to the administration and help lead our district. Our Superintendent Advisory teams can include up to two Board members. Below is a list of the Superintendent Advisory Teams and the Board members who were appointed to these teams.

- Finance Team: Charles Zona and David Negron
- Facilities Team: Becky Walters and Bill Brockob
- Social/Emotional Learning (SEL) Team: Arlene Cabana and Becky Walters
- Student Services Team: Tarryne Marchione and Mary Lenzen

### *Summer Academy Update*

The administration provided the Board with an update on our 2022 Summer Academy. The District's Summer Academy is hosted to District students in grades PreK through 7th grade. The report focused on the variety of classes offered, the total number of students served, the financial outcomes of the program, and steps to improve the program in the future. This year 181 students participated in 22 courses.

### *English Language Arts (ELA) Pilot Update*

The administration provided the Board with an update on efforts to identify the next English Language Arts resource for grades Kindergarten through grade five. Piloting educational resources allows the District to test out materials before making a long-term commitment. It is the District's goal to implement curricula that help our students grow and develop and align with our state's educational standards. The district will pilot the *Wit and Wisdom* reading curriculum starting August 2022.

*Tentative Budget*

In compliance with state law, the administration presents a tentative budget to the Board of Education each August. This tentative budget reflects our district's priorities as we seek to make responsible financial decisions. District Business Manager Griffin Sonntag presented the tentative budget to the Board. The tentative budget will remain on display for community inspection at the district office (7450 S. Wolf Rd., Burr Ridge IL) for the required 30 days.

*Sale of Bonds Not to Exceed \$2.7 million*

As part of the District's effort to complete necessary repairs and maintenance to our HVAC systems and roof, the Board approved the sale of bonds not to exceed \$2.7 million. The necessary repairs to our building will take place next summer and will continue over the next several years.

*Review Board Policy*

The Board frequently reviews policies to ensure the policies reflect the realities of running a district. At the August 17, 2022 meeting the Board reviewed policies from section 5, Personnel.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the September agenda include: Annual Curriculum Cycle Review; Budget Hearing; Approve Personnel (sec. 5) policies; Review Curriculum (sec. 6) policies; Declassify Closed Session Minutes; Class Size Update; Facilities Development Update.

OPEN FORUM

Karyn Lisowski addressed the Board and asked the Board to consider any outstanding maintenance projects that need to be addressed before taking on a larger construction project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen seconded by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:07 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. \_\_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_