

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 8:29 p.m. March 20, 2024

Members Present:

Arlene Cabana, Presiding Officer
Bill Brockob
Charles Zona
Mary Lenzen
Becky Walters
Jason Nash (arrived at 6:01)

Absent

Tarryne Marchione

ROLL CALL AND

VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Beth Parker, James Mukite, and Linda Sheridan. Students in attendance included Addison Leuzzi, Vanya Trebse, Mina Dragasevic, Caroline Izycki, Giada Galarza, Sloan Hanna, Desmond Zavala, and Samantha Plucinski, along with their family members. Community members in attendance included Karyn Lisowski, Ethan Bosley, and Collin Bosley.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by students from Pleasantdale Elementary School's Shamrock Club, including Addison Leuzzi, Vanya Trebse, Mina Dragasevic, Caroline Izycki, Giada Galarza, Sloan Hanna, Desmond Zavala, Samantha Plucinski.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made.

ACTION NO. 18

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of February 21, 2024 Regular Board meeting; minutes of the February 21, 2024 Closed meeting; payment of February payroll/March warrants; Pleasant Dale Park District Before and After School Program Intergovernmental Agreement; Governance and Planning (sec. 1.20), General School Administration (sec. 3.40), and Purchases and Contracts (4.60) Board Policies; March 2024 Personnel Report; and the Strategic Road Map 2025-2029. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, and Nash. Absent Marchione).

REPORTS AND

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Superintendent Advisory Team: Facilities

Board president Arlene Cabana gave an update on the Facilities Team meeting held on March 15. At the meeting, the team discussed the upcoming HVAC project scheduled for this summer. The unit ventilators (UniVents) at the elementary school will be replaced by an induction system that will increase the amount of fresh air in

classrooms, give teachers more control over temperature, and make less noise than our current system. Construction will begin on June 3 and is expected to be completed by August 2.

Summer Construction Update

Business Manager Griffin Sonntag shared an update on the projects slated for this summer. In addition to the HVAC project at the elementary school, the district will complete school safety projects, technology upgrades, and general maintenance and upkeep work.

Professional Learning Update

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning Dr. Jennifer Ban updated the Board on the district's professional learning plan. This year, 54 teachers attended workshops, 14 completed our PD (professional development) Pathways program, and 7 engaged in professional coaching. Professional development topics included math/reading instruction, cooperative learning strategies, de-escalation training, and CPR/First Aid training.

Preliminary Staffing Plan 2024-25

Superintendent Dr. Dave Palzet shared the preliminary staffing plan with the Board. When developing the staffing plan, the administration develops a plan that focuses on students' needs, includes class sizes that fall within Board guidelines, and is fiscally responsible. The plan includes a reduction of one classroom teacher at PES, the reduction of one special education teacher at PMS, and the reduction of one aide at each school.

ACTION NO. 19

Honorable Dismissal
of Full-Time
Probationary
Teachers

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Brockob, that the Board of Education adopts the attached resolution for dismissal of full-time probationary teachers: Julianne Pinta; and that written notice be given in accordance with the resolution and the Illinois School Code. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, and Nash. Absent Marchione).

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Development; School Improvement Plan Update; and Freshman Preparedness Report.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was given at this time.

ACTION NO. 20

Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Brockob, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 7:03 PM to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired; The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who

serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in an educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; student disciplinary cases; Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, and Nash. Absent Marchione).

The Board came out of closed at 8:29 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:29 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____