

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 8:04 p.m. August 14, 2024

Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)
Bill Brockob
Charles Zona
Mary Lenzen
Becky Walters
Jason Nash
Sean Mason

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Sara Poplawski, James Mukite, Jeanine Arundel, and Maura Raleigh and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Community members in attendance included Samantha Mason. Students in attendance included Max Mason and Oliva Mason.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited by the Board of Education members.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

BOARD MEMBER APPOINTMENT

Presiding officer, Tarryne Marchione delivered the Illinois School Board Member oath of office to Mr. Sean Mason.

ACTION NO. 3

Appointment of President Pro Tempore (Until the Election of President)
Motioned by Marchione, second by Brockob that the Board appoint Dr. Palzet as President Pro Tempore and lead the Board through the election for president and vice-president. The Board unanimously elected Tarryne Marchione president and Becky Walters vice-president. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, Marchione, Nash, and Mason).

ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

With the resignation of president Arlene Cabana the Board elected a new president and subsequently a new vice-president. By a unanimous vote (show of hands) Tarryne Marchione was elected president and Becky Walters was elected vice-president. (7 ayes by show of hands - Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, Marchione, Nash, and Mason).

ACTION NO. 4

Approve the Transfer of \$600,000 from Operations and Maintenance to the Capital Projects Fund
Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$600,000 from the Operations and Maintenance fund to the Capital

Projects Fund. This is an expected transfer as outlined in the FY25 budget and required to pay summer construction bills. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, Marchione, Nash, and Mason).

ACTION NO. 5

Approve the Transfer of \$500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund

Motioned by Walters, second by Lenzen that the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$500,000 from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. This is an expected transfer as outlined in the FY25 budget and required to pay summer construction bills. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, Marchione, Nash, and Mason).

ACTION NO. 6

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of the June 18, 2024 regular meeting; minutes of June 18, 2024 Closed meeting; minutes of the July 24, 2024 Special meeting; minutes of the July 24, 2024 Closed meeting; payment of June and July payroll/June, July, and August warrants; August 2024 Personnel Report. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Nash, Walters, and Mason).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Back To School Update

Dr. Palzet provided the Board with a brief overview of the academic and professional activities that took place over the summer. Specifically, he reported that our Summer Academy had over 170 students and offered 38 unique courses. He noted that Summer Academy posted only a \$400 surplus which indicates that the program was appropriately priced. He shared that teachers across the district engaged in professional development and summer curricular projects. Finally, he shared an update on our new teacher orientation days that were held on August 12 and 13 for our 12 new teachers and their mentors.

2024 Summer Construction Projects

Construction began the Monday after school was let out last year and has steadily continued throughout the summer. Successful summer projects include a new HVAC system at the elementary school, new PA and phone systems at both schools, upgraded internet service resulting in faster internet speeds and cost savings to the district, and safety and security upgrades at both schools. The construction teams and maintenance departments have been working hard all summer to prepare our buildings for the start of the year.

Superintendent Advisory Team Appointments

Below is a list of the Superintendent Advisory Teams and the Board members appointed to them.

- Finance Team: Charles Zona and Sean Mason
- Facilities Team: Bill Brockob and Becky Walters

- Student Services Team: Mary Lenzen and Tarryne Marchione
Board member Jason Nash will serve as an alternate for any Board member who cannot attend a meeting.

Spring Testing Report

Dr. Ban provided the Board with an update on the results of the District’s standardized assessments, which include the two administrations of the MAP test, the state’s Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), and the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT). Overall, our students continue to achieve at high levels and are well-prepared as they matriculate to high school. Highlights of the data include improved IAR scores in reading and math.

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. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Griffin Sonntag presented the tentative budget to the Board. A copy of the tentative budget will be on display for community review in the district office for the required 30 days

Review Board Policy (Sec. 5) Personnel

The Board reviewed selected policies from Section 5 (Personnel). The changes made to policies reflect suggested and required changes from the PRESS policy service.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Update, Annual Curriculum Cycle, Budget Hearing, Adopt Annual Budget, Staff Introductions, Approve Personnel (sec. 5) Board Policies, Declassify Closed Session Minutes, Class Size Update.

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No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN REPORTS

The following written reports were shared with the Board: Hiring Status Update, Enrollment Update, Summer Academy Update, and FOIA Requests

ACTION NO. 7

Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board move into closed session at 7:11 PM. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Nash, Walters, and Mason).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:04 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. ___ President _____ Secretary _____