

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 8:44 p.m. February 21, 2024

Members Present:

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

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Maura Raleigh, Jeanine Arundel, James Mukite, Amy DuVall, Mark Dreher, Eric Busch, Sara Poplawski, Maggie McCarter, and Peg Riordan. Community members in attendance included Anne Cotter. Several students and their parents attended, including Luka Cvetkovski, Andrea Soria, Thomas Gerros, and Bianca Karu.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by students from Pleasantdale Middle School, including Luka Cvetkovski, Andrea Soria, Thomas Gerros, and Bianca Karu.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made.

ACTION NO. 15

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of January 17, 2024 Regular Board meeting; minutes of January 17, 2024 Closed meeting; Declassify closed session minutes; payment of January payroll/February warrants; February 2024 Personnel Report; Parent/Student Handbook; Window replacement contract for PES; Adjust June Board meeting date from June 12 to June 18, 2024. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, Nash, and Marchione).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Strategic Plan Presentation

Members of the District's Strategic Plan Steering Committee presented the draft of the new Strategic Roadmap. The committee, comprised of parents, teachers, administrators, community members, and students, has worked on developing the plan for the past several months. The plan includes four goal areas including: Student Success, Safety & Well-being, Responsible Resource Management, and Community

Connection. Additionally, the plan includes six belief statements, six strategies, objectives and measures of success. Finally, the plan includes an updated mission statement and motto.

Audit Report

To ensure that our business and financial systems meet the current best practices and standards of accounting, the district engages an independent auditor to review our financials and business practices. The audit revealed that our practices and procedures are aligned with best practices. Anna Wiszowaty, from the firm Baker Tilly, presented the annual audit to the Board and found no meaningful deficiencies in our business office. Likewise, Ms. Wiszowaty shared that the district continues to achieve the highest financial recognition provided by the Illinois State Board of Education.

ACTION NO. 16

Approve Audit Report

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Marchione, that the Board of Education approves acceptance of the FY23 audit report as presented by Anna Wiszowaty of Baker Tilly. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Nash).

Facilities Development Update

Dr. Palzet provided the Board with an update on the four priorities that came from the community survey and the community engagement committee. These priorities include expanding preschool, implementing a developmentally appropriate 5th-grade experience, enhancing safety and security, and purchasing land for future growth. The district will implement many of the safety and security measures this summer. The Board determined that they will not move forward with purchasing land. Given the space constraints at the elementary school, the administration will investigate creative solutions to an expansion of preschool and changes to 5th grade.

Review Governance and Planning (sec. 1), General Administration (sec. 3) Board Policies, and Policy 4.60 (Purchases and Contracts)

The Board reviewed three policies, including 1.120 (District Organization and Cooperative Agreements), 3.40 (Superintendent), and 4.60 (Purchases and Contracts). These policies will be on the March consent agenda for approval.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Development; Preliminary Staffing Update; Approve Pleasant Dale Park District Before and After School Program Intergovernmental Agreement; Re-employment of non-tenure personnel and non-renewal of non-tenured teachers, approve the Strategic Roadmap.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was given at this time.

WRITTEN
REPORTS

The Board fulfilled Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from Nathan Mihelich from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association.

ACTION NO. 17
Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Zona, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 6:47 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. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

The Board came out of closed at 8:44 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brockob, second by Lenzen, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:44 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____