

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 p.m. – 10:29 p.m. February 19, 2025

Members Present:

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

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Griffin Sonntag, James Mukite, Jeanine Arundel, Kathleen Tomei, Sara Poplawski, Jennifer Ban, Paula Berger, Halah Salah, Jill Berino, Juliette Marrari, Karen Tokarczyk, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Several parents were present, including Mario Zavala, Samantha Washlow, Shannon Leuzzi, and Tania Redina. Community members Tom Arra, Karyn Lisowski, and Tom Lisowski were also present. Students, Fiona Marchione, Lily Nash, Ella Pirgun, Grace Waddell, Kaitlyn Brockob, Peri Smith, Mila Dubak, Stephanie Sidorenko, Isabella Grisoni, Allesandra Iannacco, and their parents were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited by members of the elementary school student council. Students present were Fiona Marchione, Lily Nash, Ella Pirgun, Grace Waddell, Kaitlyn Brockob, Peri Smith, Mila Dubak, Stephanie Sidorenko, Isabella Grisoni, and Allesandra Iannacco.

OPEN FORUM

Tom Arra, Karyn Lisowski, Tom Lisowski, and Samantha Washlow addressed the Board about the potential purchase of the Burr Ridge Village Hall.

ACTION NO. 22 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 January 15, 2025 regular meeting; declassify closed session minutes; payment of January payroll/February warrants; February 2025 Personnel Report, Parent/Student Handbook. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Leadership Recognition

The Board recognized Pleasantdale Elementary School principal Kathleen Tomei as she was awarded the West Cook County Principal of the Year award from IPA. This annual award recognizes the great leadership of principals across the county

and, as an elementary school principal, Ms. Tomei competes in the most crowded field. She will now be nominated as an Illinois Principal of the Year candidate.

One Book, One Community Presentation

The Board heard a presentation by participants of the One Book, One Community book group. The presentation provided an overview of the book *The Anxious Generation* by Jonathan Haidt. Based on findings within the book three recommendations were made; those being to allow for more independent play for our students, more community engagement in our schools, and a push for distraction-free learning environments.

Preliminary Staffing Plan

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 the addition of a District social worker and, with the growth of our orchestra program, a slight increase in the area of music.

Facilities Development

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Griffin Sonntag presented the administration's plan to add a solar array to the roof at the middle school. This plan would allow the district to achieve significant energy savings at a \$0 implementation fee. If approved next month, the solar panels will be installed on the middle school roof this summer.

Review Governance and Planning (sec. 1) and General School Administration (sec. 3) Board Policies

The Board reviewed three policies, including 1.30 (School District Philosophy) and 3.70 (Succession of Authority). These policies will be on the March consent agenda for approval.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Development, Approve Governance and Planning (sec. 1) and General School Administration (sec. 3) Board Policies, Professional Learning Update, Approve Pleasant Dale Park District Before and After School Program Intergovernmental Agreement, Re-employment of non-tenured Personnel and non-renewal of non-tenured teachers.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA: The District received six Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

- Owen Wang from the South Cook News submitted a FOIA seeking information on our students' immigration status.
- Karyn Lisowski requested information about Middle School enrollment for four years, from 2021 through current.
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- Owen Wabg from the South Cook News submitted a FOIA seeking emails and memos.
- Rhonda Norris from ProvenIT seeking information about our copier contracts and maintenance agreements.

ACTION NO. 23

Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board move into closed session at 7:31 PM. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, Mason, and Nash).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brockob, second by Marchione, that the regular meeting adjourns at 10:29 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____