



PROSPECT HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 23

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting MacArthur Middle School 7:00 p.m. December 18, 2025

| <u>Members Present</u> | <u>Members Absent</u> |
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| Spencer Long, Vice-President Carol Botwinski, Secretary Brian Greidanus Tracey Morrissey Brynn Nordmark | Rebecca McClaney Mari-Lynn Peters |

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| <u>CALL TO ORDER</u> | <p>Dr. Spencer Long called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>This meeting was held in the Eisenhower School Library and a link was made available for those who wanted to view virtually.</p> <p>Link to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3A8o0joa6QutTKwq5C3pg</p> |
| <u>ROLL CALL</u> | <p>PRESENT: Mrs. Botwinski, Mr. Greidanus, Dr. Long, Mrs. Morrissey, and Mr. Nordmark.</p> <p>Absent : Mrs. McClaney, Mrs. Peters</p> <p>Also present: Dr. Don Angelaccio, Superintendent, Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, Dr. Craig Curtis, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Dr. Chrys Sroka, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.</p> |
| <u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE</u> | We were led in the Pledge of Allegiance by the Principal's Advisory Partnership Group. |

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| <u>RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION</u> | No one addressed the Board. |
| <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> | <p><u>Immunization Compliance Report</u></p> <p><u>Transfer of Engagement - Kriha Boucek to Fagen Friedman & Fullfrost, LLP</u></p> <p><u>Early Childhood Program - Gold Circle Rating</u></p> <p><u>MacArthur Middle School Improvement Team Presentation</u></p> <p>We were joined by Dr. Nystrom, Mr. Kaper, and members of the MacArthur School Improvement Team who will share their annual SIP presentation.</p> |
| <u>COMMITTEE REPORTS</u> | <p><u>BUILDINGS AND SITES</u></p> <p>Mrs. Botwinski reported that Mrs. McPartlin provided an update on the two large scale summer construction projects, MacArthur Windows, siding and doors and the Eisenhower addition. There was also an update on the Tech team summer plans. Mr. Gonzalez provided an update on snow removal services following our first snow and he provided custodial and maintenance expectations for this winter season and has communicated with the staff. He also provided an update on the custodial cleaning products. Funds from Senator Mark Walker's office have been released and are to be utilized for a "bondable, capital project." The committee will discuss our options for utilization.</p> <p><u>FINANCE</u></p> <p>Mr. Greidanus reported that there was discussion on the FY25 Audit and the final draft is now available. There is a plan to have 3 presentations at the January, February and March Board meetings that will highlight our strategies around budgeting, projections/staffing and fund balances, as we work towards the goal of communicating the plan for sustainable financing. January will focus on a look back at fund balances and financial impacts driving positive and negative effects. February will provide a snapshot of current budgetary needs and practices. This will provide a new "baseline" of revenue and expenditure expectations. March will project forward using different scenarios that</p> |

include reductions, maintaining levels, and sustainable increases. The plan was discussed to increase EDP Fees in alignment with the December, 2025 CPI for the 2026-27. There was discussion on our registration fee study with plans to bring a recommendation to the Board next month. The final tax levy for the 2025 tax year was discussed and there have been no changes since the November meeting. There was discussion on the Budgetary Variance with McKinney Vento Student Transportation. While we always budget for a limited number of McKinney-Vento students in need of temporary transport, we have seen a significant increase this year. We currently have a total of 14 MKV students and just over half are in need of district-provided transportation. There was discussion about the need to increase the part-time LPN to full-time starting in January due to an unanticipated student placement. There was some discussion regarding the funds from Senator Mark Walker that have recently been released from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) to begin our planning. Funds are to be utilized on a "bondable, capital project" The committee will discuss our options for utilization.

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Mrs. Botwinski reported that 4 Shining Stars from different member districts were honored. Dr. Schnoor shared updates from all of the programs and included what each program is doing to celebrate and support families during the holiday season. The Articles of Agreement have been approved by all of the member districts and will go into effect in the new year. The member superintendent meetings will begin January 8th and will operate under the Open Meetings Act. There was discussion and the approval of Press Policy 120. The current teachers contract expires at the end of this school year, preliminary work is being done ahead of negotiations. There was discussion from the Business Department regarding that their audit had no findings. Institute day will be held at Harper College on January 5th.

POLICY

Mr. Greidanus reported that Press Policy 120 will be adopted as presented. There was some discussion on how high school credit is applied to middle school, and the way technology affects bullying.

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| | <p><u>IASB</u></p> <p>The Board members shared their key takeaways from the Triple I Conference that was held in November. All board members expressed positive experiences. They enjoyed the variety of topics offered and networking with their peers.</p> |
| <p><u>CONSENT AGENDA</u></p> | <p>The Consent Agenda included the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting on November 13, 2025 and the December Personnel Report.</p> <p>Motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on November 13, 2025 and the personnel report. This motion, made by Spencer Long and seconded by Brynn Nordmark, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: McClaney, Peters</p> |
| <p><u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u></p> | <p>Board member Botwinski reviewed and approved the vouchers this month.</p> <p>Motion to approve the financial report as presented. This motion, made by Mrs. Botwinski and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: McClaney, Peters</p> |
| <p><u>PUBLIC HEARING ON 2025 TAX LEVY</u></p> | <p>On November 13, 2025 the Board of Education adopted an estimated tax levy for 2025 as developed by the Finance Committee.</p> <p>The Board conducted a Truth-in-Taxation Public Hearing for the purpose of allowing anyone to address the Board regarding the 2025 Certificate of Tax Levy.</p> <p>A motion was made to open the public Hearing on the 2025 Certificate of Tax Levy.</p> |

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| | <p>Moved: Botwinski Seconded: Morrissey Voice Vote: 6-0 Time: 8:30 pm</p> <p>A motion was made to close the Public Hearing on the 2025 Certificate of Tax Levy.</p> <p>Moved: Morrissey Seconded: Greidanus Voice Vote: 6-0 Time: 8:43 pm</p> |
| <p><u>SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT</u></p> | <p><u>BBD23 - Finances and Facilities Update</u> Dr. Angelaccio and Mrs. McPartlin continued the Building a Better D23 Campaign regarding operational needs and cost reductions. Regarding the Eisenhower construction project, the Administration shared an update on the financing, budgets, construction design, eliminations and reductions, and the potential "Add-Alternates" for the Board's consideration.</p> <p><u>Trusted Learning Environment in D23</u> The Director of Technology and Information Services provided an overview of the District's pursuit of the Trusted Learning Environment (TLE) Seal, including updates to policies, procedures, and the development of AI Use Guidelines.</p> <p><u>Award of Job Order Contract to FH Paschen for MacArthur Middle School Windows, Siding, and Door Replacements</u> As discussed with Buildings and Sites and Finance, the contract documents for the MacArthur Windows, Siding, and Door replacements are attached for the Board's consideration. The Administration has requested approval of the base bid in the amount of \$2,192,768 and direction on the deductive alternate #3, as proposed. Pricing on alternates 1 & 2 will be held until the Eisenhower bids are opened, in order to allow ample time for the Board to discuss and reach a decision.</p> <p>Motion to award the contract for MacArthur Window, Siding, and Door Replacements to FH Paschen at a base cost of</p> |

\$2,192,768. This motion made by Mrs. Morrissey, seconded by Mr. Greidanus, passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Abstain.

Yea: 4 Nay: 0 Abstain: 1

Absent: McClaney, Peters

Final Tax Levy and IMRF Resolution for the 2025 Tax Year

Following the presentation of the tentative tax levy and discussion with the Finance Committee, the 2025 Tax Year Levy and the Resolution for IMRF have been included for approval.

Motion to approve the 2025 tax levy and the Resolution for IMRF, as presented. This motion made by Mr. Nordmark, seconded by Mrs. Morrissey, passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Absent: McClaney, Peters

Extended Day Program (EDP) Fees for 2026-27

Following conversations with the Finance Committee, Administration is recommending an increase to the fees for the Extended Day Program in alignment with the December CPI.

Motion to approve the increase of EDP fees by the December CPI rate. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea.

Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0

Absent: McClaney, Peters

Nania Energy Contract Renewal

Following the Board's November approval to negotiate and execute an electricity supply agreement for a term not to

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| | <p>exceed 48 months, the Board memorandum and executed agreement have been attached as an information item.</p> <p><u>Impact Contract Renewal</u> Mrs. McPartlin and Mr. Alms have prepared an informational memo to share the progress toward a renewal of our Printer and Copier contract with Impact, Inc. The negotiations have resulted in an anticipated reduction of costs for the District and improved efficiency of the devices. Reductions in printing quantity and color copying are also necessary to meet the new threshold. The draft agreement has been included for review.</p> <p><u>Curriculum and Instruction Update</u> Dr. Curtis provided an update on curriculum and instruction. This second of three updates provided to the Board is a mid-year snapshot of the work being done in the Teaching, Learning, and Innovation Department.</p> <p><u>Sustainable Financing Overview</u> Dr. Angelaccio provided an overview of upcoming discussion items provided to "set the stage" for the sustainable financing presentations to come in January, February, and March.</p> |
| NEW BUSINESS | <p><u>Press Policy 120</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy 2:120 Board Member Development 2. Policy 2:150 Committees 3. Policy 2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited 4. Policy 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management 5. Policy 4:30 Revenue and Investments 6. Policy 4:80 Accounting and Audits 7. Policy 4:140 Waiver of Student Fees 8. Policy 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention Program 9. Policy 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment 10. Policy 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting 11. Policy 5:100 Staff Development Program 12. Policy 5:190 Teacher Qualifications 13. Policy 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal 14. Policy 5:220 Substitute Teachers 15. Policy 5:280 Duties and Qualifications 16. Policy 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year 17. Policy 6:20 School Year Calendar and Day |

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| | <p>18. Policy 6:40 Curriculum Development 19. Policy 6:60 Curriculum Content 20. Policy 6:130 Program for the Gifted 21. Policy 6:160 English Learners 22. Policy 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs 23. Policy 6:315 High School Credit for Students in Grade 7 or 8 24. Policy 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities 25. Policy 7:70 Attendance and Truancy 26. Policy 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment 27. Policy 7:190 Student Behavior (formerly known as Student Discipline) 28. Policy 7:290 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention 29. Policy 7:310 Restrictions on Publications; Elementary Schools 30. Policy 7:340 Student Records 31. Policy 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property 32. Policy 7:150 Agency and Law Enforcement Requests 33. Policy 6:280 Grading and Promotion</p> |
| <p><u>EXECUTIVE SESSION</u></p> | <p>An Executive Session is needed for the purpose of discussing personnel. There will be no action after Executive Session.</p> <p>Motion to adjourn to Executive Session at 10:17 p.m. There will be no action after Executive Session. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey, and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: McClaney, Peters</p> <p>Motion to adjourn Executive Session at 10:45 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Nordmark, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0</p> |

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| | Absent: McClaney, Peters |
| <u>ADJOURN</u> | <p>Motion to adjourn at 10:46 p.m. This motion, made by Mrs. Morrissey and seconded by Mr. Greidanus, Passed.</p> <p>Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Tracey Morrissey: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea.</p> <p>Yea: 5 Nay: 0 Abstain: 0</p> <p>Absent: McClaney, Peters</p> |

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Board Secretary