

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 8:14 p.m. December 18, 2024

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 Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, James Mukite, Jeanine Arundel, Kathleen Tomei, Sonja Uzelac, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Students, Andrija Novakovic, Lazar Novakovic, Maksim Novakovic, Milica Uzelac, Mila Dordevic, and Teodor Misic and their parents were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited by members of the Serbian club from Pleasantdale Elementary School. The students' were Andrija Novakovic, Lazar Novakovic, Maksim Novakovic, Milica Uzelac, Mila Dordevic, and Teodor Misic.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

ACTION NO. 16

Levy Hearing
Opening

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Brockob, that the Board of Education open the levy hearing at 6:07 PM. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

ACTION NO. 17

Levy Hearing
Closed

Motion by Lenzen, second by Walters, that the Board of Education close the levy hearing at 6:20 PM. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

ACTION NO. 18

Levy Hearing
Adoption

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education adopt the 2024 Tax Levy and related resolutions as presented in the Public Hearing and authorize the President and Secretary of the Board to sign all appropriate documents. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

ACTION NO. 19
Consent Agenda

Motion by Brockob, second by Lenzen, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of the November 20, 2024 regular meeting; minutes of November 20, 2024 closed meeting; payment of November payroll/December warrants; December 2024 Personnel Report. (Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Facilities Planning Update

Dr. Palzet provided the Board with answers to questions posed at last month's meeting regarding the potential development of the Burr Ridge Village Hall as an early childhood center. The update included the possibility of annexing the location into our district, the loss or gain of grant funding, and a more detailed cost of renovation.

Update on Strategic Road Map

The Board approved the District's long-term strategic plan called *The Strategic Road Map* last March. The Strategic Road Map includes four goal areas: Student Success, Safety and Well-Being, Responsible Resource Management, and Community Connection. Dr. Palzet provided an update on some of the work in each of the four goal areas. These included improvements to our academic support systems, additional community outreach, and new safety updates at our schools.

Review Fees

Registration fees help offset the cost of the programs the District delivers to students. Dr. Palzet reviewed the proposed fees for the 2025-26 school year. The District registration fees will increase by \$5.00 per grade level (kindergarten through seventh grade) and remain the same for eighth grade. The tuition for the Bright Beginnings Preschool program will increase by 4%. The fee schedule will be voted on at the January Board of Education meeting.

Preliminary Review of District Calendar

Each year, the District convenes a committee made up of teachers, ESPs, administrators, and parents to review the following year's school calendar. On December 5, this committee met to review a draft of next year's calendar. The administration presented the draft calendar for the Board's consideration. We work to mirror the Lyons Township Calendar when developing our calendar. The official school calendar will be approved at the January Board of Education meeting. A copy of the draft calendar can be viewed on our district website.

Students (sec. 7) and Community Relations (sec. 8) Board Policies

Each month, the Board reviews its policies to ensure that the current policies reflect the current realities of running a school district. This month the Board reviewed Students (sec.7) and Community Relations (sec. 8). These policies will be on the January Consent Agenda for approval.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Development, School Safety Report, Audit Report, Five-Year Financial Update, Approve District Fees, Approve Students (Sec. 7) and Community Relations (Sec. 8) Board Policies, Approve 2025-26 District Calendar.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN
REPORTS

Review of Service Provider Contracts and Operational Funds Expenditure Report.

ACTION NO. 20

Closed Session

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Brockob, second by Lenzen, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:14 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____