

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 8:20 p.m. April 17, 2024

Members Present:

Arlene Cabana, Presiding Officer
Bill Brockob
Charles Zona
Mary Lenzen
Becky Walters
Jason Nash (arrived at 6:08)
Tarryne Marchione

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Beth Parker, James Mukite, Jennifer Weiler, Kathleen Tomei, Jeanine Arundel, and Maura Raleigh. Students in attendance included Mackenzie Borowicz and Matej Naunov, along with their family members.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by our School Citizen of the Year (SCOTY) award winners, Mackenzie Borowicz and Matej Naunov.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made.

ACTION NO. 21

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of March 20, 2024 Regular Board meeting; minutes of the March 20, 2024 Closed meeting; payment of March payroll/April warrants; April 2024 Personnel Report; Transportation Contract FY25; and Cleaning Services FY25. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, and Marchione. Absent Nash).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Freshman Preparedness/Outcomes

This year, the LTHS class of 2027 completed a survey on how well-prepared they felt they were for the rigors of high school. Dr. Palzet presented this information and an overview of our graduates' first-semester grades to the Board. Our graduates rate themselves high, with over 90% of students rating themselves as either "great" or "good" when asked how well prepared they are for the academics of high school. Likewise, most of our students earned As and Bs in their core classes.

School Improvement Plan Update

Ms. Tomei and Dr. Arundel shared their schools' progress on their school improvement plans. The school improvement plans contain goals that are aligned with the District's Strategic Blueprint and contain school-specific goals. Our schools

are making good progress in accomplishing their goals. Some notable goals include the implementation of the new ELA program and new methods of community engagement at PES and improvements to social/emotional learning programs and school-wide behavior systems at PMS.

Facilities Update

Dr. Palzet updated the Board on a recent meeting with the Chief of Police and Fire Department about access to the elementary school in an emergency situation. The Board discussed how first responders would access our property if an emergency occurred and School Street was blocked to vehicle access. The takeaway from the discussion was that first responders are comfortable with our soft barrier access from Howard Street, if needed. Over the next several months, the district and first responders will develop a more detailed and robust emergency response plan. Additionally, the annual safety meeting will be held at the elementary school to review and reassess the emergency access area. The Board directed Dr. Palzet to further investigate solutions to ensure safe entry from Howard Street.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Update; Review School Board (sec. 2) Board Policies; Approve Food Service Contract and Hot Lunch Fees; Student Services Update.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was given at this time.

ACTION NO. 22

Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Brockob, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 7:04 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. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, and Nash, Marchione).

The Board came out of closed at 8:20 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:20 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____