

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting      Administration Building      6:00 – 8:52 p.m.      February 8, 2023

### Members Present:

Arlene Cabana, Presiding Officer

Bill Brockob

Charles Zona

Becky Walters

Mary Lenzen

Tarryne Marchione

### Absent

David Negron

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### ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Beth Parker, Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Jeanine Arundel, Kathleen Tomei, Brianne Malatt, Karyn Lisowski, Juliette Mararri. Community members Kathy Distasio and Stephanie Farmer were also in attendance.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members of the Pleasantdale Elementary Coding Club. Students provided the Board with examples of various mini robots they have created during their time in Coding Club. Pledge sayers included Lawrence Mason, Joe Distasio, Elizabeth Nicolae, Sukhmani Kapur, Penelope Cordova, Mia Freeman, Evan Engel, and Barrett Fichter.

### OPEN FORUM

Kathy Disasio and Stephanie Farmer both addressed the Board and thanked the Board and administration for their advocacy regarding the sale of the LTHS property in Willow Springs.

### ACTION NO. 19

#### *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 18, 2023 Board meeting; payment of January payroll/February warrants; February personnel report containing the hiring of Emma Frye as a building secretary at PES at a rate of \$20.98 per hour; the retirement letter from Dan Pisanko (custodian at PMS); and salary adjustment for Paula Berger from MA12/Step 7 to MA24/Step 7; declassification of closed session minutes; overnight field trips: Outdoor Education, Student Council Conference, and 8th Grade Trip. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen). Absent Negron.

### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### *Facilities Development*

Dr. Palzet informed the Board that much of the work this month focused on reacting to the sale of Lyons Township High School's Willow Springs property. He also

thanked the Board for continuing to advocate for the health, safety, and well-being of our students and community. Additionally, the administration is working with the District architect to develop the costs of potential projects. This cost will help the district to better understand the tax implications for residents

Preliminary Staffing Update

Dr. Palzet presented the current staffing plan for the 2023-24 school year. The plan reflects the District's focus on meeting the needs of students, maintaining class sizes within Board guidelines, and being fiscally responsible. The staffing plan reflects a slight increase in staffing to support our English language learners, special education students, and emerging readers.

Transportation Report

Business Manager Griffin Sonntag presented an overview of our transportation program. This presentation focused on the history of transportation within the District, our current transportation challenges, and solutions for next year.

Five-Year Financial Projections

The District Business Manager, Griffin Sonntag, presented the five-year financial projections to the Board. Financial projections are a tool that is used to ensure the financial stability of the district. Financial projections are developed using a variety of financial assumptions about costs and revenue and allow the district to forecast spending and maximize taxpayer dollars.

Student/Parent Handbook

Each year the building principals convene a committee of parents and teachers to review the student/parent handbook and make recommendations for revisions based on new laws and best practices. The handbook was reviewed and approved by the Board. The handbook will be available on our website and will also be available in our online registration system.

ACTION NO. 20

Approve Parent/  
Student Handbook

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Walters that the Board of Education approves the 2023-24 school year Parent/Student Handbook. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen). Absent Negron.

Review/Revision to Select Policies

Each month the Board reviews a section of the policy manual to ensure that the current policies reflect the realities of running our district. At the February Board meeting, the Board reviewed section 1 (Governance and Planning) and section 3 (School Board). The following policies will be on the March consent agenda for approval (1.10, 1.30, 3.10, 3.30, 3.50, and 3.60)

NEXT AGENDA

Facilities Development; Superintendent's Advisory Team: Facilities, School Improvement Plan 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 Summer Work Bids.

OPEN FORUM

Stephanie Farmer provided the Board with information about a school district that owns a bus fleet. Additionally, she asked if there is an employment concern or plan for contractual loyalty agreements for bus drivers. She thanked Business Manager, Griffin Sonntag for his hard work managing our transportation. Finally, she let the Board know that she has a photo of a home with a metal roof which she can provide to the Board if needed.

ACTION NO. 32

Closed Session

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Zona, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 7:33 p.m. to discuss the following items: 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. (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); 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 a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); and student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9). Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Cabana, Lenzen, Zona, Walters, Brockob, Marchione) absent – Negrón.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:52 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marchione, seconded by Lenzen, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:52 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. \_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_