

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:01 – 8:03 p.m. May 17, 2023

Members Present:

Arlene Cabana, Presiding Officer
Bill Brockob
Charles Zona
Becky Walters
Mary Lenzen
Tarryne Marchione
Jason Nash (Arrived at 6:07pm)

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Brianne Malatt, Jeanine Arundel, Beth Parker, and James Mukite. New assistant principal Maura Ralieggh was present. Additionally, community member Karyn Lisowski was present. Finally, students Ana Avramova, Joanna Szczawinski, Emma Garcia Enriquez, Fionah Arshad, Mackenzie Borowicz and their parents were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members of our elementary school *Girls on the Run* team. These students were Ana Avramova, Joanna Szczawinski, Emma Garcia Enriquez, Fionah Arshad, Mackenzie Borowicz.

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

ACTION NO. 36

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Walters, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of April 19, 2023 Board meeting; closed session minutes of April 19, 2023; meeting minutes of the special meeting of April 26, 2023; payment of May payroll/June warrants; May personnel report; Intergovernmental Agreement between Pleasantdale 107 and West40 Intermediate Service Center for participation in the Alternative Learning Opportunities Program (ALOP); Food Service Contract and Hot Lunch Fees FY24; Cleaning Services FY24; Transportation Contract FY24. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Nash).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Introduction of New Administrators

Two new administrators were introduced to the Board. First was Technology Director, Mr. James Mukite. Mr. Mukite brings a wealth of technology experience to the position and will help advance our technology goals. Second was the new middle school assistant principal, Maura Raleigh. Mrs. Raleigh comes to Pleasantdale from Central Middle School in Evergreen Park, where she serves as an instructional coach. Mrs. Raleigh is also a graduate of Lyons Township High School.

Facilities Update

Dr. Palzet informed the Board that the district continues to work to identify the right project for the district. When/if that project is identified, the administration will launch a plan to engage the community and conduct research on the project. The district has contacted two research consultants who could help the district collect data from the community when and if the time is right. While no commitments have been made to either consultant, the district will be ready to pivot to the next phase of this project when and if the time is right.

IASB Resolution Proposal

Board member Becky Walters led the Board through a discussion of a proposed resolution to be submitted to the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for consideration. The proposed resolution considers the environmental impacts of constructing an industrial complex close to a school. The proposed resolution looks to limit exposure of harmful contaminants from young children.

ACTION NO. 37

IASB Resolution
Proposal

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Brockob, That the Board approves the proposed resolution and approves the submission of the resolution to the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Nash).

Literacy Resource Recommendation for Approval (K-5) and Science Resource Recommendation for Approval (5th Grade)

Dr. Jennifer Ban provided the Board with an overview of our year-long literacy and science pilots. Over the course of the year the district's teachers piloted resources in K-5 Literacy and 5th grade science. After extensive research and feedback from teachers, parents, and students Dr. Ban recommended the Board approve Amplify CKLA K-4 and EL Education for grade 5 literacy. She also recommended the Board approve McGraw-Hill -- Inspire Science for grade 5. Both recommendations were approved by the Board.

ACTION NO. 38

Literacy Resource

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Nash, That the Board approves Amplify CKLA for grades K-4 and EL Education for Grade 5. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Nash).

ACTION NO. 39

Science Resource

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Brockob That the Board approves McGraw-Hill -- Inspire Science for Grade 5. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, Nash).

Amended Budget Presentation

Griffin Sonntag, District Business Manager, presented an amended budget to the Board. The district has been planning significant facilities repairs, including new roof sections and upgrades to our HVAC. To pay for these necessary repairs, the district

