

**Regular Board Meeting  
Board of Education School District No. 6  
Lake County, Illinois  
2800 29<sup>th</sup> Street, Zion, IL 60099  
November 11, 2024 at 6:00 PM**

**Roll Call**

President Taylor called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., and held the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members present:** Latoya Barnes, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, and Margie Taylor.

**Absent:** Ken Fielding and Robert Surano.

**Administration and staff present:** Julious Lawson, Superintendent, Stephen Carnes, Director of Human Resources, Jennifer Hoppen, Interim CFO, Julio Ugarte, Director of Buildings and Grounds, Erik Youngman, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Kimberly Hall, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board of Education Secretary.

**Approval of Agenda**

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Agenda as presented.

**Motion** made by Denise Lear, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Margie Taylor, Wesley Walker, and Latoya Barnes.

Nays: None.

**Motion carried.**

**Public Participation**

There were no public comments.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which involves one roll call vote for all recommendations including the minutes for the October 21, 2024 Board Meeting.

*It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the following resignations.*

- **Goss, Donna**, intent to retire from the position of Special Education Teacher at Elmwood Elementary School, effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.
- **Lozano, Gisel**, resignation from the position of Paraprofessional at West Elementary School, effective immediately.

*It is the Superintendent's recommendation to approve employment of the following personnel for the positions and dates of employment as indicated, subject to successful completion of the medical examination and forms, as required by Section 24-5 of the Illinois School Code, successful completion of a criminal background investigation as required by Section 1-21.9 of the Illinois School Code, a Child Abuse Registry check, and submission of all forms, documents and certifications required by law and/or requested by the District.*

- **Stockstill, Devyn**, for the position of Supervisory Aide, for Beulah Park Elementary School, previously held by Delia Karpes, effective October 18, 2024  
Classified: Step 1, \$17.86 per hour
- **Ulloa, Adriana**, for the position of Paraprofessional, for Shiloh Park Middle School, previously held by Stephanie Boyle, effective October 21, 2024  
Classified: Step 0, \$20.03 per hour

**Motion** made by Latoya Barnes, seconded by Denise Lear.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Latoya Barnes, Denise Lear, Wesley Walker, Netya Perez Rivera, and Margie Taylor.

Nays; None.

**Motion carried.**

**President's Report**

President Taylor reviewed the December calendar with the board. Member Lear shared that the next SEDOL meeting is December 4th. There were no updates regarding taxing bodies and TIF. Jennifer Hoppen stated that the Finance Committee met on Thursday to review the levy presentation and the vehicle purchase.

**Superintendent's Report**

**Business Office Update**

Jennifer Hoppen, Interim CFO, presented data and information on the Final Tax Levy for 2024.

**Teaching and Learning Update**

Erik Youngman, Director of Teaching and Learning presented data and information on IAR and School Designations.

**Strategic Planning Update**

Dr. Lawson updated the board that the first strategic planning meeting took place on November 6<sup>th</sup> and the next meeting will be on December 4<sup>th</sup>. The November and December meetings are focusing on the Mission and Vision statements and the Portrait of a Learner.

**New Business**

***Final Tax Levy 2024***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the 2024 Tax Levy and related documents as presented.

**Motion** made by Denise Lear, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Latoya Barnes, Margie Taylor, and Wesley Walker.

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Debt Service Abatement***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Abating Taxes for the year 2024 to Pay Debt Service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2007B and General Obligation Refunding School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2017, as presented.

**Motion** made by Denise Lear, seconded by Wesley Walker.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Denise Lear, Wesley Walker, Netya Perez Rivera, Margie Taylor and Latoya Barnes.

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Property Tax Abatement Grant Year 2024***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Resolution Abating Property Taxes levied for the 2024 Levy Year as presented.

**Motion** made by Latoya Barnes, seconded by Denise Lear.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Latoya Barnes, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Margie Taylor, and Wesley Walker.

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Annual Audit 2024***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Annual Audit Report Documentation for School Year 2024 as presented.

**Motion** made by Latoya Barnes, seconded by Wesley Walker.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Latoya Barnes, Wesley Walker, Margie Taylor, Denise Lear, and Netya Perez Rivera.

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Annual Financial Report 2024***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the State Form of the Annual Financial Report for School Year 2024 as presented.

**Motion** made by Denise Lear, seconded by Netya Perez Rivera.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Wesley Walker, Latoya Barnes, and Margie Taylor.

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Walk-In Freezer Purchase***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve Kolpak replace existing walk-in freezer at a cost of \$30,617 at Zion Central Middle School as presented.

**Motion** made by Denise Lear, seconded by Wesley Walker.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Denise Lear, Wesley Walker, Latoya Barnes, Netya Perez Rivera, and Margie Taylor.

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***Vehicle Purchase***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the purchased of two (2) Fleet Vehicles from Kunes Country at a total cost of \$106,000 as presented.

**Motion** made by Denise Lear, seconded by Wesley Walker.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Denise Lear, Wesley Walker, Netya Perez Rivera, Margie Taylor, and Latoya Barnes.

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

***PRESS Policy Updates***

President Taylor asked for a motion to approve the First Reading of PRESS Policy Updates 2:105, 2:120, 4:30, 4:60, 4:170, 5:10, 5:20, 5:90, 5:100, 5:125, 5:230, 6:60, 6:135, 6:270, 7:10, 7:100, 7:180, 7:200 and 8:10 as presented.

**Motion** made by Wesley Walker, seconded by Denise Lear.

**Roll Call:** Ayes; Wesley Walker, Denise Lear, Netya Perez River, Margie Taylor, and Latoya Barnes.

Nays; None.

**Motion carried**

**Communication**

Dr. Lawson acknowledged it was Veterans Day and recognized Veterans in the attendance at the board meeting. Schools in the district participated in activities for Veterans Day. There is a community meeting scheduled for March 3, 2025 regarding the Start Early Project. More details will be shared closer to the date. November 15<sup>th</sup> is Board Member Appreciation Day and Dr. Lawson presented the board members with a gift and certificate in recognition for their service and dedication to the school district and community.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the board motioned to adjourn.

**Ayes;** All in favor.      **Nays;** None.

**Roll Call:** Latoya Barnes, Denise Lear, Netya Perez Rivera, Margie Taylor, and Wesley Walker.

**Motion carried** unanimously and the meeting stood adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education