

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:01 – 7:43 p.m. September 18, 2024

Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)

Bill Brockob

Charles Zona

Mary Lenzen

Becky Walters

Sean Mason

Absent

Jason Nash

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Sara Poplawski, James Mukite, Jeanine Arundel, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Students Stella Cordova and Lucy Newton were in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited by Stella Cordova and Lucy Newton, members of the Middle School Student Council.

BUDGET HEARING FY25

Board President Marchione declared the budget hearing open at 6:04 p.m.

The budget for FY24 meets the Board policy financial guidelines of the district. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Griffin Sonntag presented an outline of the major components of the budget. The FY25 proposed final budget projects revenues at \$18,629,970 and expenses at \$20,779,431. The short-term deficit is due to increased capital projects throughout the district. Mr. Sonntag explained that the district takes a very conservative approach to budgeting and looks to spend tax dollars wisely. He let the Board know that the majority of the district's budget goes directly to students through the education fund. The district continues to be in good financial standing due to the excellent stewardship and vision of the Board of Education. This vision includes being mindful of maintaining quality programs, reasonable class sizes, and sufficient fund balances as a safeguard in case of decreased government funding, economic downturns, and/or urgent facility repairs. There were no public comments.

Board President Marchione declared the budget hearing closed at 6:09 p.m.

ACTION NO. 7
Budget Approval

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board adopt the 2024-25 school district budget as presented.

OPEN FORUM
ACTION NO. 8

No public comment was made at this time.

Consent Agenda Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of the August 14, 2024 regular meeting; minutes of August 14, 2024 Closed meeting; payment of August payroll/September warrants; Declassify Closed Session Minutes; September 2024 Personnel Report; Section 5 (Personnel) Board Policies; Overnight Field Trips per Board Policy 6:240. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, and Mason. Absent - Nash.).

REPORTS AND
DISCUSSION ITEMS

Facilities Development

Dr. Palzet shared that the district is working on developing a project list for next summer. The 2025 summer will focus on security updates per our long-term security plan. Additionally, the district will complete planned projects that are part of the District's five-year facilities plan.

ACTION NO. 9

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Member

Appointment

Appoint A District Official to Serve on the Lyons Township Treasurer's Office Board of Trustees.

In July, the Governor signed HB 0305 into law. This new law gives school districts who are members of Township Treasurer's Offices more control over the governance structure. The Board approved a resolution appointing Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Griffin Sonntag, to the Board of the Lyons Township Treasurer's Office. Motion by Lenzen seconded by Brockob that the Board of Education approve the resolution appointing Griffin Sonntag to serve as trustee on the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, and Mason. Absent-Nash.).

Review Superintendent 2024-25 Goals

Each year, the Board approves the superintendent's goals, which become part of the superintendent's contract. Dr. Palzet presented this year's goals to the Board of Education. The District follows a philosophy of cascading goals, which means that the Strategic Plan goals become the Superintendent's goals, which become the building goals, and so on. The superintendent's goals are pulled directly from the Strategic Roadmap. The Superintendent's goals will be on the October agenda for approval.

Curriculum Review Cycle Update

Each year Dr. Ban and the Curriculum Council implement our curriculum review cycle. The purpose of the review cycle is to ensure curriculum and resources used in classrooms meet the needs of our students and state requirements. Dr. Ban provided the Board with an update on our progress and areas of focus for the year.

Class Size Update

Ms. Tomei and Dr. Arundel updated the Board on class sizes at both schools. The goal is to ensure that class sizes remain at or near the guidelines that are established

in Board policy 7:65. As stated in Board policy, if any class goes over the Board guideline, support will be put in place for the teacher and students within that class.

Review Board Policy (Sec. 6) Curriculum and Instruction

The Board reviewed selected policies from Section 6 (Curriculum and Instruction). The changes made to policies reflect suggested and required changes from the PRESS policy service.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Update, Approve Superintendent 2024-25 Goals, Approve Curriculum and Instruction (sec. 6) Board Policies, Elementary/Middle School Improvement Plans, Adopt Proposed Tax Levy, Review Superintendent Evaluation Tool, Review Finance (sec. 4) Board Policies.

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN
REPORTS

The District complied with five Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) requests this month.

ACTION NO. 10

Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board move into closed session at 6:49 PM. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, and Mason. Absent - Nash.).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 7:43 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____