

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Grodsky Administration Building 7:00 p.m. November 14, 2024

Members Present
Brian Greidanus, Vice President
Rebecca McClaney, Secretary
Spencer Long - Virtual
Brynn Nordmark
Mari-Lynn Peters arrived at 7:12 p.m.

Members Absent Kevin Novak Carol Botwinski

CALL TO ORDER	Brian Greidanus, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. This meeting was held at the Grodsky Administration Building and a link was made available for those who wanted to view virtually. Link to: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL3A8o0joa6QutTKwq5C3pg
ROLL CALL	Present: Mr. Greidanus, Dr. Long, Mrs. McClaney, Mr. Nordmark, and Mrs. Peters Absent: Mr. Novak, Mrs. Botwinski Also present: Dr. Angelaccio, Superintendent, Dr. Craig Curtis, Assistant Superintendents for Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, and Dr. Chrys Sroka, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services.
ASSIGN PRESIDENT PRO TEM	In Mr. Novak's absence the Board must assign a President Pro Tem to preside over the meeting. A motion and second, followed by a vote is necessary.

Motion to nominate Mr. Greidanus as President Pro Tem in Mr. Novak's absence. This motion made by Mari-Lynn Peters, seconded by Becky McClaney, passed.

Carol Botwinski: Yea, Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Rebecca McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, and

Kevin Novak: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Absent: Novak, Botwinski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

We were led by students from MacArthur Fall Musical, Ghost in the Graveyard in reciting the pledge.

COMMUNICATIONS

District 23 Summative Designations

All four of the District 23 schools have all been designated as Commendable by the Illinois State Board of Education.

School Board Appreciation Day - November 15

We publicly recognized and thanked our School Board members for their dedication and service to District 23. These volunteer positions are elected to represent the community in setting policy and the vision for our District. This requires continuous training, active participation in committees and meetings, and hours of preparation. On November 15, we celebrated School Board Member Appreciation Day as designated by the Illinois Association of School Boards. We thank:

Board President, Kevin Novak
Vice President, Brian Greidanus
Secretary, Becky McClaney
Members: Carol Botwinski
Mari-Lynn Peters

Mari-Lynn Peters Brynn Nordmark Spencer Long

American Education Week

November 18-22 is designated as American Education Week. This year, we celebrated during the week of November 4th with a baked potato bar and salad at each of the schools.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS AND VISITOR PARTICIPATION

Tracey Morrissey addressed the Board regarding the referendum.

Natasha Raginskiy addressed the Board regarding the referendum.

Bethaney Brinkworth addressed the Board regarding the referendum.

Carina Santa Maria addressed the Board regarding the referendum.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUILDINGS AND SITES

Mrs. McPartlin provided an update on the remaining window installation at Ross and Sullivan. A new 3 year bid for landscaping services has been issued following a disappointing year with the current vendor. There was discussion and a proposed renewal of the agreement with the PHYBS. Mrs. McPartlin provided an update on the LED lighting retrofit work from Commonwealth Edison. An update was provided on the Ross Sullivan Community Garden. There was discussion on a memorial bench donation for two benches at the front entrances of Ross and Sullivan from the Hahn Family. A spring and summer 2025 facilities update was provided by Mr. Romero, the Director of Operations. After discussion with the Arlington Heights Park District, an update was provided on the Carousel Park - Patriot Park parcels.

FINANCE

Mr. Nordmark reported that Mrs. McPartlin provided an update from Baker Tilly as well as an update on the year to date revenues and expenditures. There was discussion of the audit services and costs to date, and provided feedback following the completion of our initial agreement with Baker Tilly. There was discussion on the estimated tax levy for 2024. A public hearing was scheduled for the December Board meeting to approve the levy. There was also discussion on the Wheeling Township Treasury. There will be revision of the IGA following a change in the assignment of Treasurer, and the departure of Wheeling CCSD21 from the Treasury pool, the existing IGA has been updated. There was discussion of the non-renewal and upcoming bid for landscaping services. Also, there was discussion of the renewal of the IGA with Prospect Heights Youth Baseball and Softball Association.

N.S.S.E.O

Dr. Sroka reported on the NSSEO Meeting. The Governing Board was recognized as the Shining Star this month. There was discussion on writing of the strategic plan. Each member district will provide help creating the plan. We are having our superintendent, and a couple of our assistant superintendents spend two days in December at NSSEO to help in developing the plan. There was discussion on the many projects/improvements that need to be made at the NSSEO buildings. The high priority HVAC project has seen bids have come in 2M lower than expected. The FY26 Budget has been opened. The NSSEO fundraiser, Harvest Fest, was a success.

Calendar Committee

The Calendar committee met and provided a draft calendar for the 2025-26 School year. Also, no changes were made in the current year's calendar.

Community Relations

Mr. Greidanus reviewed the proposals from two consulting groups to support referendum efforts through the district's information campaign. Strategies and timelines for community outreach were also discussed. Mr. Greidanus provided dates of fundraising events, school concerts and other meetings through the end of the year.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda included the approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting on October 10, 2024, the Special Meeting on October 20th, 2024, the Special Meeting on November 7th, 2024, the Personnel Report and the November Tuition Report.

Mari-Lynn Peters asked to split the items in the Consent Agenda. Motion to approve items A & C as presented. This motion, made by Spencer Long and seconded by Brynn Nordmark, Passed.

Mari-Lynn Peters: Abstain (Without Conflict), Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney:

Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea

Yea: 4, Nay: 0, Abstain: 1

Absent: Novak, Botwinski

Motion to approve Items B, D, & E as presented. This motion, made by Mari-Lynn Peters and seconded by Spencer Long, Passed.

Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Rebecca McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, and Mari-Lynn

Peters: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Absent: Novak, Botwinski

FINANCIAL REPORT

Board member Novak reviewed and approved the vouchers this month.

Motion to approve the Financial Report as presented. This motion, made by Brian Greidanus and seconded by Mari-Lyn Peters, Passed.

Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Absent: Novak, Botwinski

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Building a Better D23 Referendum Recommendation

We were joined by our partners from ARCON, and Nicholas and Associates to provide the Board with an update on planning, projections, and financing for an addition at Eisenhower. Administration presented a recommendation to place a referendum question on the April 1, 2025 ballot to secure needed funding for this project to provide Full-Day Kindergarten, enhance safety and security, and for other capital needs.

Motion to approve a Resolution providing for and requiring the submission of the proposition of increasing the District's limiting rate to the voters of the District at the consolidated election to be held on April 1, 2025. This motion, made by Spencer Long and seconded by Brynn Nordmark, Passed.

Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Absent: Novak, Botwinski

CAGE Engineering, Inc. - Agreement for Permitting Coordination, Final Stormwater Detention and Engineering Construction Documents

At our meeting on October 20th, we discussed the conservative next steps to continue the planning and design process for the potential expansion of Eisenhower School. In doing so, the Board expressed support for coordination to continue with CAGE Engineering, Inc. for permitting and design with MWRD, the City of Prospect Heights, Cook County Department of Transportation, Illinois EPA, and Commonwealth Edison. The proposal for these services has been attached with funding to come from the District's Working Cash Fund.

Motion to approve the contract to CAGE Engineering in the amount of \$35,980. This motion, made by Becky McClaney and seconded by Brynn Nordmark, Passed.

Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Absent: Novak, Botwinski

2024-25 Capital Projects Overview

A summary of planned facility projects for the 2024-25 school year and summer of 2025 was provided.

Student Success Report

We were joined by Dr. John Breusch from our partners at ECRA, who provided our annual report on student growth and proficiency.

IASB Resolutions

The board provided a directed vote to empower our District delegate representative, Mrs. McClaney, to vote on behalf of the Board at the IASB Delegate Assembly.

Motion to grant authority to Mrs. McClaney to vote at the 2024 IASB Delegate Assembly solely in accordance with the consensus of Prospect Heights School District 23 as presented. This motion, made by Mari-Lynn Peters and seconded by Brynn Nordmark, Passed.

Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Absent: Novak, Botwinski

Student Fundraising/Service Projects for 2024-25

Annually, the Board approves the planned student fundraisers and service projects for that school year. Dr. Angelaccio shared a memo that outlines the planned events for this year.

Motion to approve the 2024-25 Fundraising and Service Learning Projects as presented. This motion, made by Mari-Lynn Peters and seconded by Becky McClaney, Passed.

Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Absent: Novak, Botwinski

Calendar Committee Update

The Calendar Committee met on October 29, 2024 to review the current year calendar and DRAFT the calendar for 2025-26. These calendars were presented tonight for Board Action.

Motion to approve the DRAFT 2025-26 calendar as presented. This motion, made by Spencer Long and seconded by Brynn Nordmark, Passed.

Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea

Yea: 5, Nay: 0

Absent: Novak, Botwinski

Renewal of IGA with the Prospect Heights Youth Baseball & Softball Association

	The proposed renewal of the agreement with the Prospect Heights Youth Baseball & Softball Assoc. has been attached for review and action. Motion to approve the renewal of the intergovernmental agreement between School District 23 and the Prospect Heights Youth Baseball and Softball Organization. This motion, made by Mari-Lynn Peters and seconded by Spencer Long, Passed. Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0
ADJOURN	Absent: Novak, Botwinski Motion to adjourn at 9:14 p.m. This motion, made by Mari-Lynn Peters and seconded by Becky McClaney, Passed. Brian Greidanus: Yea, Spencer Long: Yea, Becky McClaney: Yea, Brynn Nordmark: Yea, Mari-Lynn Peters: Yea Yea: 5, Nay: 0 Absent: Novak, Botwinski

Board President		
Board Secretary	 	