

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 7:45 p.m. October 16, 2024

Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)
Bill Brockob
Charles Zona
Mary Lenzen
Becky Walters
Sean Mason
Jason Nash

ROLL CALL AND

VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Sara Poplawski, James Mukite, Jeanine Arundel, Kathleen Tomei, Maura Religh, Melanie Leddy, Claudia Berman, Anna Cooley, Tia Hammon, Lindsay Reese, Kelly Sabatini, Katie McDermott, Jenifer Ruden, Nolan Belschner, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited by the District's new teachers: Melanie Leddy, Claudia Berman, Anna Cooley, Tia Hammon, Lindsay Reese, Kelly Sabatini, Katie McDermott, Jenifer Ruden, and Nolan Belschner.

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No public comment was made at this time.

ACTION NO. 11

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 September 18, 2024 regular meeting; minutes of September 18, 2024 closed meeting; payment of September payroll/October warrants; October 2024 Personnel Report; Illinois School Maintenance Project Grant; Section 6 (Curriculum and Instruction) Board Policies; Superintendent Goals for the 2024-25 School Year; PA 097-0256, PA 097-0609, PA 096-0434. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, Mason, and Nash.).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Facilities Development

Dr. Palzet discussed priorities identified by the District Community Engagement Committee last year. These priorities included enhancing early childhood education offerings, addressing enrollment, safety updates, and moving fifth grade to the elementary school. The Village of Burr Ridge has expressed a desire to relocate to a new village hall from its current facility. The Board directed Dr. Palzet to engage in conversations with village officials to gather information and explore the potential of D107 acquiring the current village hall for use as a third school site.

Strategic Plan Update

Dr. Palzet updated the Board on the progress that the district has made on the Strategic Road Map. To date, the District is moving forward in all four goal areas outlined in the plan. Specifically, the district is making progress in improving academic support for students, offering wellness opportunities to staff, recruiting and retaining teachers, and offering parent education opportunities.

Elementary and Middle School Improvement Plans 2024-25

Building administrators Kathleen Tomei and Jeanine Arundel presented their school improvement plans. These plans are created in collaboration with the schools' building leadership teams and reflect the unique needs of each school. This year's plans include improvements in student social/emotional wellness, positive behavior interventions, and school safety.

Review Board Policy (Sec. 4) Finance

To ensure that the District's policies reflect the realities of running the District, the Board reviews a section of the policy manual each month. This month, the Board reviewed the policy manual's Finance Policies (section 4). These policies will be on the November consent agenda for approval.

Superintendent Evaluation Tool

Each year, the Board reviews the superintendent's evaluation tool and determines if changes are necessary. The evaluation tool focuses on the duties and responsibilities laid out in the superintendent's job description and includes four areas: managing human resources, finance and facilities, communication, and the student experience. The Board asked some clarifying questions about the process but made no substantive changes to the evaluation tool.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Development Update; Preliminary Tax Levy 2024; Approve Finance (sec. 4) Board Policies.

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No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN REPORTS

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

ACTION NO. 12

Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board move into closed session at 7:06 PM. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, Mason, and Nash).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 7:45 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____