

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting      Administration Building      6:01p.m. – 7:31 p.m.      January 15, 2025

### Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)

Bill Brockob (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

Charles Zona

Mary Lenzen

Becky Walters

Sean Mason

Jason Nash

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### ROLL CALL AND

#### VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Griffin Sonntag, James Mukite, Jeanine Arundel, Kathleen Tomei, Sara Poplawski, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Students Patrick Corry, Amelia Zavala, and Kyle Zavala and their parents were present. Additionally, Elizabeth Hennessey from the firm Raymond James and Anna Wiszowaty from the accounting firm Baker Tilly were present.

### PLEDGE OF

#### ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited by members of the cast of the Middle School Musical, Annie. The students were Patrick Corry, Amelia Zavala, and Kyle Zavala.

### OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

### ACTION NO. 21

#### 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 December 18, 2024 regular meeting; minutes of December 18, 2024 closed meeting; payment of December payroll/January warrants; Students (sec. 7) and Community Relations (sec.8) Board Policies; Registration Fees for the 2025-26 School Year; FY26 School Calendar; January 2025 Personnel Report, (Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Mason, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen, and Nash).

### REPORTS AND

#### DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### Facilities Development Update

For the past several months, the Board has been discussing and investigating the possibility of purchasing and renovating the Burr Ridge Village Hall as a way to expand early childhood services, move fifth grade to the elementary school, address current space issues, and provide for future enrollment growth. At this month's meeting, Elizabeth Hennessey from Raymond James presented funding options to cover the cost of the purchase and renovation of the Village Hall. The funding structure would not require a referendum and would include the spending down of reserves, issuance of general obligation bonds, and life safety bonds. The funding

plan allows the district to achieve its goals while keeping the costs low to the taxpayer.

#### School Safety Report

Dr. Palzet presented the annual safety plan update to the Board. The District safety plan was developed in consultation with a school safety expert, Paul Timm, who did a thorough review of the safety features of our buildings and grounds. A district safety committee then reviewed the report to develop the plan based on Mr. Timm's recommendations and their experiences within our district. The district continues to make good progress in implementing the components of the plan and will draft a new plan next year.

#### Parent/Student Handbook Review

Each year, the building principals convene a committee of parents and teachers to review the student/parent handbook and make recommendations for revisions based on new laws and best practices. Pleasantdale Elementary School Principal Kathleen Tomei presented the changes and updates in the Handbook to the Board. The Handbook will be on the February agenda for approval.

#### Audit Report

To ensure that our business and financial systems meet the current best practices and standards of accounting, the district engages an independent auditor to review our financials and business practices. The audit revealed that our practices and procedures are aligned with best practices. Anna Wiszowaty, from the firm Baker Tilly, presented the annual audit to the Board and found no meaningful deficiencies in our business office. Likewise, Ms. Wiszowaty shared that the district continues to achieve the highest financial recognition provided by the Illinois State Board of Education.

#### Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Development Update, Declassify Closed Session Minutes, Board Policy 4:85 Cost Analysis for Programs (written), Review Governance and Planning (sec. 1) Board Policies, and Preliminary Staffing Projections/Recommendations.

#### OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

#### WRITTEN REPORTS

FOIA: Karen Garcia from SmartProcure requested all current employee/staff contact information.

FOIA: DOGE, IL Chapter requested administrative salary information.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, second by Walters, that the regular meeting adjourns at 7:31 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. \_\_ President \_\_\_\_\_ Secretary \_\_\_\_\_