

# Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting

## The Board of Trustees Joliet Township High School District 204

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A Board of Education Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Joliet Township High School District 204 was held Tuesday, April 16, 2019, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Administrative Center Board Room, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet IL 60436.

### **I. Call to Order and Roll Call - 5:30 PM**

President Pierson called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Superintendent's Conference Room at the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois. Members Present: Mrs. Cappel, Dr. Spesia, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Pierson, Mr. Edmon, Mr. June, and Mr. Contreras. Absent: None.

### **II. Closed Session**

*Closed Session is to discuss and consider items such as student discipline, collective negotiating matters, acquisition of land, pending legal matters, and/or personnel for the appointment, employment, pay, discipline, performance, or dismissal as designated by school board policy 2:200.*

Mrs. Cappel moved that the board go into Executive Session for the purpose of personnel, negotiating matters, placement of individuals students in special placement, and student discipline matters. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skorupa and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Pierson, Mrs. Cappel, Dr. Spesia, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Edmon, Mr. June, and Mr. Contreras. Absent: None.

### **III. Call to Order and Roll Call - Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM**

President Pierson reconvened the meeting into Regular Session at 7:02 p.m. in the District Administrative Center, 300 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, Illinois and asked for Roll call. Members Present: Mrs. Cappel, Dr. Spesia, Mr. Contreras, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. Pierson, Mr. June, and Mr. Edmon. Absent: None.

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Welcome Visitors

Mr. Pierson welcomed all visitors.

### **IV. Public Comment on Any Agenda Item**

*Members of the public may make comments to the Board of Education on any item listed on the agenda. The time allotted to comment is limited to five minutes, unless the Board President decides to shorten public comment to conserve time and give the maximum number of individuals opportunity to speak as designated by school board policy 2:230.*

No Public Comment.

### **V. Consent Agenda**

*The Consent Agenda is used for those items that usually do not require discussion or explanation before Board of Education action. It may also include items for which the law requires board action but which the board rightfully delegates to the staff.*

- A. Minutes of March 19, 2019 Regular Board Meeting
- B. Payroll, Organizations & Activity, and Cafeteria Report - *Policy 4.60*
- C. Check Register - *Policy 4:60*
- D. Freedom of Information Request(s) - *Policy 2:250*
- E. Service Agreement Between Hillmann Pediatric and Joliet Township High School

A motion was made by Mrs. Cappel to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. June and carried. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Pierson, Mrs. Cappel, Mr. Edmon, Dr. Spesia, Mr. Contreras, Mr. Skorupa, and Mr. June. Nays: None.

## **VI. Superintendent Reports**

### **A. Correspondence**

Dr. McCarthy shared that she received correspondence with a request to name the wrestling room at Joliet Central, the Eural McLaughlin and Pat O'Connell Wrestling Room. The second correspondence Dr. McCarthy received was a request for a room at the Transportation Center be called the David Gray Training Room.

### **B. Legislative Report**

Dr. McCarthy shared that the new State Superintendent, Dr. Carmen Ayala will host one of her four meet and greet sessions at Administrative Center on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Dr. McCarthy also shared that she extended an invitation to Dr. Carmen Ayala to attend the Kermes event at Joliet Central on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Ayala accepted the invitation and will be attending the event.

## **VII. Recognition and Awards**

### **A. Central Campus**

#### Mr. and Mrs. J finalists 2019

Justin Baran, Kora Bernhard, Kiara Brown, Benjamin Chambers, Francisco Chavez, Callista Cromwell, Micaela Delgado, Alexander Gregurich, Danial Hamidi, Destiny Jackson, Lauryn Luangsomkham, Emilio Miranda, Sebastian Pantoja, Ruth Pina, Ronald Pinnick, Hannah Rausch, Nathaniel Schultz, Sydni Smith, Jaiden Towry, Aidan Walsh. Sponsor: Ms. Dina Zmuda

### **B. West Campus**

#### Alpha Omega Finalists

Benedicta Anighoro, Emma Baxter, Morgan Beene, Makenna Clark, Brandyn Collins, Tashi Dillon, Taylor Hogg, Michael Lenci, Diego Mateo. Madeline Meyer, Jennifer Meza, Samuel Munson, Alyna Navarrete, David Olaya-Mojica, Mary Pelzer, Hugo Quintana, Daniel Small, Teresa Spesia, Michael Turone

### **C. Alternate School - *No Recognition This Month***

D. District

Dr. McCarthy presented President Pierson with an award of appreciation for the service he has given to the Board of Education.

President Pierson presented an award of appreciation to Mr. Skorupa for the service he has given to the Board of Education.

President Pierson presented an award of appreciation to Mr. June for the service he has given to the Board of Education.

2018-2019 Lively Hope Tutors

Morgan Beene, Kiara Brown, Francisco Chavez, Dupri Covington, Callista Cromwell, Tashi Dillon, Hannah Eldred, Elizabeth Haljean, Taylor Hogg, Samantha Lara, Michael Lenci, Lauryn Luangsomkham, William Duffy Mastin, Diego Mateo, Madeline Meyer, Alejandra Medina, Guadalupe Medina, Savannah Moser, Hannah Nordquist, Mario Pantaleo, Sebastian Pantoja, Mary Pelzer, Ronald Pinnick, Hugo Quintana, Lydia Richardson, Nate Schultz, Sydni Smith, Rebecca Somoza, Tess Spesia, Angela Vazquez, Amanda Wyzykowski

JTHS Staff Support

Isabel Gloria and Karla Manzo

Lively Hope Leadership

Linda Richardson-Jones, Beverly Edmon, and Jharita Jordan

**VIII. Action Items**

A. Disposal of Equipment - *Policy 4:160*

B. Donation(s) - *Policy 8:80*

C. Course Proposals - *Policy 6:40*

1. Advanced Integrated Maintenance Program – Mechanical Power Transmission
2. Introduction to Band
3. Kinesiology Courses through Joliet Junior College
4. Advanced Placement Physics
5. Conditioning
6. Physical Education Leadership Training
7. Transition to College Math

A motion was made by Mr. Skorupa to approve the Course Proposals as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. June and carried. Question and discussion. Roll call vote. Ayes: Dr. Spesia, Mr. Contreras, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. June, Mr. Pierson, Mr. Edmon, and Mrs. Cappel. Nays: None.

D. Amended 2018-2019 School Calendar

E. 2nd Reading of Disciplinary Guidelines - *Policy 7:190*

A motion was made by Mr. June to approve Action Items: A, B, D & E. The motion was seconded by Mr. Skorupa and carried. Discussion. Ayes: Mr.

Contreras, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. June, Mr. Pierson, Mr. Edmon, Mrs. Cappel, and Dr. Spesia. Nays: None.

F. Personnel Reports - *Policy 5:30; 5:180; 5:185; 5:210*

1. Professional Leave of Absence Request(s)
  - a. Kerri Chavez, Human Services, Instructional, West Campus, requesting a leave of absence effective February 15, 2019 through March 20, 2019 Medical-Personal
  - b. Laura Boyle, Freshman Academy, Instructional, Central Campus, requesting a leave of absence effective June 13, 2019 through September 20, 2019 Medical-Maternity
  - c. Rebecca Stortz, STEM, Instructional, West Campus, on an approved leave of absence, requesting an extension through April 26, 2019 Medical-Family
  - d. Erin Wagner, Arts & Communications, Instructional, West Campus, requesting a leave of absence effective October 10, 2019 through January 6, 2020 Medical-Maternity
  - e. Brian Pellegrini, Arts & Communications, Instructional, Central Campus, requesting a leave of absence effective May 7, 2019 through May 21, 2019 Medical-Paternity
  - f. Margarita Cuevas, BMIS, Instructional, Central Campus, on an approved leave of absence, requesting an extension through April 16, 2019 Medical-Personal
  - g. Jacqueline Moon, Freshman Academy, Instructional, Central Campus, requesting a leave of absence effective April 8, 2019 through May 6, 2019 Medical-Personal
2. Professional Resignation Request(s)
  - a. Deisha Marshall, West Campus, FACS Teacher, effective June 5, 2019
3. Professional Change of Status Request(s)
  - a. Kevin Michaels, PE Teacher - Arts & Communication, West Campus to Guidance Counselor, West Campus, – effective August 15, 2019, Step E-14, Salary \$82,981; due to new position
  - b. John Ciolkosz, Math Teacher – Health & Medicine, Central Campus to Instructional Math Coach, West Campus – effective August 15, 2019, Step B-5, Salary \$56,962; Due to replacement of Kathy Lingafelter
4. Professional Employment Recommendation(s)
  - a. Jennifer Stansbury, Director of Alternative Services, Pathway Campus, effective July 1, 2019, Salary \$85,232.00; due to status change of LaTanya Harris
  - b. Vivian Helwich, Guidance Counselor, Central Campus, effective August 15, 2019, Step C-1, Salary \$60,402; due to new position
  - c. Mathilde Gleizes, World Language Teacher, Central Campus, effective August 15, 2019, Step C-7, \$69,029; due to retirement of Jeanne DeLucio
5. Professional Extra Pay Recommendation(s)

Activities, Athletics & Volunteers

Central Campus

- a. Patrick McGovern, Head Wrestling Coach

West Campus

- a. William Lech, Head Football Coach
  - b. Al Mart, Head Girls Volleyball Coach
  - c. Neil Lucchetti, Assistant Boys Volleyball Coach
  - d. Matt Almon, Head Girls Cross Country Coach
  - e. Brian Newman, Head Boys Cross Country Coach
  - f. Adam Conard, Assistant Boys Cross Country Coach
  - g. Nicole Cracraft, Head Sideline Cheer Coach
  - h. Jeremy Kreiger, Head Boys Basketball Coach
  - i. John Placher, Head Girls Basketball Coach
  - j. Charles Rumpf, Head Wrestling Coach
  - k. Nicole Cracraft, Head Competition Cheer Coach
  - l. Jennifer Cryder, Head Poms Coach
6. Professional Summer Work Recommendation(s)
- a. Janette Trueblood, Summer Bridge Reading/.5 – West Campus, effective July 8, 2019
  - b. Shannon Christ, Summer Bridge Reading/.5 – West Campus, effective July 8, 2019
  - c. Misty Uher, Summer Bridge Math – West Campus, effective July 8, 2019
  - d. Jennifer Dooley, Summer Academy Teacher, West Campus, effective July 8, 2019
  - e. Stephen Visser, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
  - f. Jeffrey Biernacki, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
  - g. Holly Camerano, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
  - h. Dale West, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
  - i. Nesreen Sadi, Summer Academy Teacher, West Campus, July 8, 2019
  - j. Feba Thomas, Summer Academy Teacher, West Campus, July 8, 2019
  - k. Corinne Zimmerman, Summer Academy Teacher, West Campus, July 8, 2019
  - l. Arianne Johnston, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
  - m. Rochelle Heavener, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
  - n. JoAnne Bratkovich, Summer Academy Teacher, West Campus, July 8, 2019
  - o. Brian Bell, Summer Academy Teacher, West Campus, July 8, 2019
  - p. Steven Pyter, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019

- q. Brigette Bloomfield, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
- r. Lauren Kline, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
- s. Karen Blunk, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
- t. Bethany Wendt, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
- u. John Ciolkosz, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
- v. Don Stinson, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
- w. Joseph Holoubek, Summer Academy Teacher, West Campus, July 8, 2019
- x. Jennifer Flynn, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
- y. Elizabeth Short, Summer Academy Teacher, Central Campus, July 8, 2019
- z. Anne Savickas, Summer Academy Teacher, West Campus, July 8, 2019
- aa. Audrey Mintari, Summer School Advanced Algebra, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
- bb. Laura Seper, Summer School Honors Adv Algebra, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
- cc. Ashlee Catalani, Summer School Algebra, Session 2, West Campus, July 8, 2019
- dd. Matt Mullin, Summer School Geometry, Session 2, West Campus, July 8, 2019
- ee. Laura Seper, Summer School Honors Adv Algebra, Session 2, West Campus, July 8, 2019
- ff. Andrew Flaherty, Summer School American Government, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
- gg. Kelsey Duranty, Summer School American Government, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
- hh. Kenneth Poort, Summer School American Government, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
- ii. Andrew Flaherty, Summer School Economics, Session 2, West Campus, July 8, 2019
- jj. Gandhi Schlote, Summer School Economics, Session 2, West Campus, July 8, 2019
- kk. Kenneth Poort, Summer School Economics, Session 2, West Campus, July 8, 2019
- ll. Arianne Johnston, Summer School English 1, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
- mm. Steve Seper, Summer School English 2, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019

- nn. Alexandra Strahanoski, Summer School English 3, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
  - oo. Colleen Kelley, Summer School English 3, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
  - pp. Israel Velazquez, Summer School Algebra 1, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
  - qq. Timi Hensel, Summer School Geometry, Session 1, West Campus, June 10, 2019
7. Classified Resignation Request(s)
    - a. Ricky Brown, Cafeteria Monitor, Student Security, West Campus, effective June 5, 2019
  8. Classified Retirement Request(s)
    - a. Patricia Militello, Supervisor, Food Services, West Campus, effective June 5, 2019
    - b. Daryl Williams, Cafeteria Monitor, Student Security, West Campus, effective May 28, 2019
  9. Classified Leave of Absence Request(s)
    - a. Joel Thuringer, Bus Driver, Transportation, requesting a leave of absence effective April 1, 2019 through April 5, 2019 Medical-Family
    - b. Annette Duke-Williams, Para-Professional, Security, Central Campus, requesting a leave of absence effective February 28, 2019 through May 31, 2019 Medical-Personal
    - c. Nicole Lambert, Tutor, Central Campus, requesting a leave of absence effective April 27, 2019 through June 10, 2019 Medical-Maternity
    - d. Christine Ebenroth, Clerical, West Campus, requesting an intermittent leave of absence effective April 1, 2019 through May 5, 2019 Medical-Family
    - e. Sarah Barabe, IT Services, District, requesting a leave of absence effective June 12, 2019 through September 12, 2019 Medical-Maternity
    - f. Chasiti Kruckow, Bus Driver, Transportation, requesting a leave of absence effective April 15, 2019 through May 3, 2019 Medical-Personal
    - g. Richard Furlane, Bus Driver, Transportation, on an approved leave of absence, requesting an extension through June 1, 2019 Medical-Personal
    - h. Georgene Jaback, Bus Driver, Transportation, on an approved leave of absence, requesting an extension through March 25, 2019 Medical-Personal
  10. Classified Summer Employment Recommendation(s)
    - a. Barbara Campbell, Summer School Clerical, West Campus, effective June 10, 2019
  11. Classified Employment Recommendation(s)
    - a. Daniel Gabor, Bus Driver, District Transportation, Step 1, \$15.45 per hour, effective April 17, 2019

- b. Maria Luisa Gonzalez, Bus Driver, District Transportation, Step 1, \$15.45 per hour, effective April 17, 2019
- c. Lisa Scarcelli, Service Worker, Food Services, West Campus, Step 1, \$10.55 per hour, effective April 17, 2019
- d. Sandra Guzman, Office Staff II, PPS, Central Campus, Step 12, \$15.31 per hour, effective April 17, 2019
- e. Dara Pierre, Office Staff 1, Educational Services, Step 8, \$14.69 per hour, effective April 17, 2019

A motion was made by Mr. Skorupa to approve Personnel Reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. June and carried. Ayes: Mrs. Cappel, Dr. Spesia, Mr. Contreras, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. June, Mr. Pierson, and Mr. Edmon. Nays: None.

G. Student Discipline Recommendation(s) - *Policy 7:190*

Dr. Spesia began by saying, “after receiving and deliberating the information contained in the hearing officer’s report, the Board of Education is charged with deciding:

1. Whether removing the child from his or her learning environment is in the best interest of the school;
2. What the rationale is for the specific duration of the recommended expulsion;
3. Whether all appropriate and available behavioral and disciplinary interventions were exhausted; and
4. Whether the continued presence in school would either; (a) pose a threat to the safety of other students, staff, or members of the school community, or (b) substantially disrupt, impede, or interfere with the operation of the school.

The Board of Education must then convene into public session to formally vote on the motion to expel, if the expulsion is the consensus arrived at during executive session.”

A motion was made by Dr. Spesia that Student C181930 be expelled from all District 204 programs until August 2020. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student C181930 may continue his education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion. Student C181930 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in August 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. June and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mr. Contreras, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. June, Mr. Pierson, Mr. Edmon, Mrs. Cappel, and Dr. Spesia. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Dr. Spesia that Student C181931 be expelled from all



District 204 programs until January 2021. Student C181931 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in January 2021. The motion was seconded by Mr. June and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Dr. Spesia, Mr. Contreras, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. June, Mr. Pierson, Mr. Edmon, Mrs. Cappel. Nays: None.

A motion was made by Dr. Spesia that Student C181932 be expelled from all District 204 programs until August 2020. The Board of Education then stayed the expulsion so Student C181932 may continue his education through Lincoln School for the duration of the recommended expulsion or the completion of JTHS graduation requirements. Student C181932 may reenroll at Joliet Township High School District 204 in August 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. June and carried. Roll call vote: Ayes: Mrs. Cappel, Dr. Spesia, Mr. Contreras, Mr. Skorupa, Mr. June, Mr. Pierson, and Mr. Edmon. Nays: None.

**IX. Unfinished Business**

No Unfinished Business

**X. New Business**

No New Business

**XI. Board Reports**

**A. Foundation/Alumni Report**

Mrs. Cappel reviewed the following:

- JTHS Foundation Golf Outing will be held on June 13, 2019

**XII. Announcements/Public Comment**

- Dr. McCarthy announced that a Special Board meeting will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> at the District Administrative Center for the seating and swearing in of new officers for the Board of Education.
- Mr. Contreras thanked Mr. Pierson, Mr. Skorupa and Mr. June for their service to the Board of Education.

Upon a motion by Mr. Skorupa and seconded by Mrs. Cappel, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes: Mr. Pierson, Mrs. Cappel, Mr. Edmon, Dr. Spesia, Mr. Contreras, Mr. Skorupa, and Mr. June.

Mr. Jeff Pierson,  
President

Dr. Tracy Spesia,  
Secretary