

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 8:08 p.m. August 16, 2023

Members Present:

Arlene Cabana, Presiding Officer

Bill Brockob

Charles Zona

Mary Lenzen

Becky Walters

Members Absent

Jason Nash

Tarryne Marchione

ROLL CALL AND

VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Kathleen Tomei, Jeanine Arundel, Maura Raleigh, Tousha Summers and James Mukite. Community member Karyn Lisowski and students Michael Natale, Filip Radecki, Caden Schwartz, and Alex Kobylarczyk and their families were also in attendance.

PLEDGE OF

ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Pleasantdale Middle School Students Michael Natale, Filip Radecki, Caden Schwartz, and Alex Kobylarczyk who were recognized for their contributions to the community in the wake of a F1 tornado hitting the community.

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

ACTION NO. 1

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Walters, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of June 21, 2023 Regular Board meeting; payment of June and July payroll/June, July, and August warrants; August 2023 personnel report; Intergovernmental Agreement with Pleasant Dale Park District for Storage Service; Memorandum of Understanding with Teachers Association of Pleasantdale regarding lane advancement of Social Workers and Speech-Language Pathologists. Motion carried by a roll call of 5 ayes (Brockob, Cabana, Zona, Lenzen, Walters - Absent Nash and Marchione).

REPORTS AND

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Back To School Update

Dr. Palzet informed the Board that all summer construction projects were completed on time and within budget. Additionally, the district's buildings are ready for students and staff. Dr. Palzet also mentioned that our new teachers completed their new teacher institute days, and the district hosted two district institute days, allowing teachers to engage in professional development and prepare for students' arrival. The

theme for the start of the year is #GiantLeap, focusing on helping students make giant leaps in their learning.

Safety/Security Update

Dr. Palzet provided an update on new safety and security measures that the district has implemented. These include the removal of mid-room walls in our first-grade classrooms to improve line-of-sight for teachers, security film on windows to prevent shattering, and safety/security training for district office staff. Over the summer, the administration and a Board representative met with first responders to discuss crisis plans and school safety. Finally, members of our administration will attend the Illinois School Safety Conference in September.

Facilities Update

Dr. Palzet reviewed the construction projects that were completed over the summer, including roof replacements and HVAC work. He commended our maintenance teams for their work over the summer. The Board also discussed the upcoming Citizen's Engagement Committee meetings that will help the district determine a path forward regarding large-scale construction projects including the possibility of a new early childhood center.

2024 Summer HVAC Projects

Business Manager Griffin Sonntag presented a plan for the district's summer 2024 maintenance projects. These projects include replacing the Pleasantdale Elementary School's Unit Ventilator system, replacing three end-of-life roof top air conditioning units, and replacing the district's HVAC controls. The proposal is to replace the district's outdated Unit Ventilators with Displacement Induction System, which provides more fresh air intake, is more energy efficient, and has a longer life cycle. The administration will seek approval for these projects at the September Board meeting.

Superintendent Advisory Team Member Appointments

Each year, the district hosts several Superintendent Advisory teams to provide feedback to the administration and help lead our district. Our Superintendent Advisory teams can include up to two Board members. Below is a list of the Superintendent Advisory Teams and the Board members who were appointed to these teams.

- Finance Team: Charles Zona and Bill Brockob
- Facilities Team: Mary Lenzen and Arlene Cabana
- Student Services Team: Tarryne Marchione and Becky Walters

Summer Academy Update

The Summer Academy administrator, Almir Emso provided the Board with an update on our 2023 Summer Academy. The District's Summer Academy is open to District students in grades Kindergarten through 7th grade. The report focused on the variety of classes offered, the total number of students served, the financial outcomes of the program, and steps to improve the program in the future. This year 175 students participated in over 20 courses.

Tentative Budget

In compliance with state law, the administration presents a tentative budget to the Board of Education each August. This tentative budget reflects our district's priorities as we seek to make responsible financial decisions. District Business Manager Griffin Sonntag presented the tentative budget to the Board. The tentative budget will remain on display for community inspection at the district office (7450 S. Wolf Rd., Burr Ridge IL) for the required 30 days.

Review Board Policy (sec. 5) Personnel

The Board frequently reviews policies to ensure the policies reflect the realities of running a district. At the August 16, 2023 meeting the Board reviewed policies from section 5, Personnel. These policies will be on the September 20, 2023 agenda for approval.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Update; Annual Curriculum Cycle Review; Budget Hearing; Adopt Annual Budget; Staff Introductions; Approval Personnel (sec. 5), Review Curriculum (sec.6) Board Policies; Declassify Closed Session Minutes; Class Size Update; Board Discussion on Elected Official Meetings.

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No members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

WRITTEN REPORTS

The district submitted the Hiring Status report and an Enrollment Report to the Board. Additionally, the Board fulfilled Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests from SmartProcure for records related to district purchases and from Vince Espi regarding substitute teacher compensation.

ACTION NO. 2 Closed Session

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Zona, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss the following items: the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); Motion carried by a roll call vote of 5 ayes (Cabana, Lenzen, Zona, Walters, Brockob. Absent: Marchione, Nash).

The Board came out of closed session at 8:08 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Zona, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:08 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____