

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting      Administration Building      7:00 p.m.– 9:01 p.m.      April 17, 2019

### Members Present:

Mark Mirabile, Presiding Officer  
Jon Buralli  
Vipul Dedhia  
Mary Lenzen  
David Negron  
Michael Rak  
Kristin Violante

### ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Erika Sawosko, Jennifer Ban, Frank Adams, Kathleen Tomei, Debbie Lubeck, Griffin Sonntag, Brianne Malatt, Karyn Lisowski, Jill Beronio and Tanya Kim; and Kevin Gordon, Kriha Law.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The middle school student council led the pledge of allegiance.

### ACTION NO. 26 Consent Agenda

Motion by Buralli, seconded by Lenzen, that the Board of Education approve the amended (due to a change in a bill amount) consent agenda consisting of: regular meeting minutes of March 20, 2019; closed session meeting minutes of March 20, 2019; payment of March Payroll/April Warrants; Board Policy 2:230; FY20 Parent Student Handbook; Intergovernmental Agreement with LaGrange Library; April 2019 Personnel Report containing the resignation of Stephanie Pragides, instructional aide, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year; hiring of James Nichin, instructional aide effective April 1, 2019; and a Resolution of Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel for Reasons other than Reduction in Force; and Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Part-Time Educational Support Personnel. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante).

### REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### *Strategic Blueprint*

Superintendent Palzet updated the Board on the progress made in the area of Building Learning Environments of our Strategic Blueprint. In the area of safety and security, installation of the hardware for our crisis bags has begun. The purposes of these crisis bags are to provide first aid support in the event of an active crisis within our schools. Likewise, monitors have been installed in both school offices. These monitors will broadcast the view from each buildings' cameras and will allow staff and administration to oversee happenings around the campus. This will act as a deterrent to wrongdoing. The district continues the evolution of flexible use of classroom spaces within our schools, and our third grade teachers will pilot new furniture next year. Third grade teachers developed a plan that outlines how updated furniture would impact instruction, and then met with a classroom designer to select items that would help them accomplish these instructional goals.

Library Update

For the better part of this year, the district has been working on a plan to update the libraries in both schools. To develop this plan, the district convened a Library 2.0 committee to study the idea of updated libraries and make recommendations to the Board. Additionally, the district published a special newsletter and hosted a town hall meeting to better inform the community. Over the course of the past month, a pre-bid meeting and a bid opening was held. Dr. Palzet informed the Board that the district had five bid-submitting contractors. The library update project was awarded to the lowest qualified bidder, FBG Corporation of Elmhurst, IL for a cost not to exceed \$1,628,000.

ACTION NO. 27

## Library Construction

Motion by Rak, seconded by Negron, that the Board of Education approve the bid from FBG Corporation for library renovations in the amount of \$1,628,000. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante).

Middle School Schedule Recommendation

Over the course of the school year, middle school principal Griffin Sonntag has been working with his staff to achieve our strategic blueprint action step *to establish building and district schedules allowing staff the time to have the greatest impact on teaching and learning*. The new schedule would allow for a 10-period day and would allow for daily Spanish as well as resource and math/reading lab on a daily basis. Likewise, all students would have additional time for math. Finally, the new schedule allows for teachers to have team and department plan time which was not possible in the previous schedule. To make the new schedule work, an additional teacher would need to be hired.

Middle School Gym Floor Update

The district administration has spent the last two years focused on improvements to the failing gym floor in the North Gym at the Middle School. During this time, we have worked to hold the contractors and the installers of our current gym floor accountable for installation issues that have caused the floor to de-bond from the slab. The administration also considered a new floor bid package that would allow us to obtain the true price of a synthetic athletic floor and a wood athletic floor. The cost of a synthetic athletic floor is \$229,800 and the cost of a wood athletic floor is \$260,800. Both options include appropriate moisture mitigation.

ACTION NO. 28

## Middle Gym Floor

Motion by Violante, seconded by Dedhia, that the Board of Education approve the middle school wood athletic flooring replacement bid from Top Performance in the amount of \$260,800. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante).

Review School Board (sec. 2) Board Policies

The Board reviews its policies to ensure that the current policy reflects the current realities of running a school district. This month the School Board (sec. 2) Board Policies are up for review. Once reviewed, these policies will be on the May Consent Agenda for approval.

Review of Service Provider Bids/Contracts

In an effort to ensure that the District is getting the best value from contracted service providers, District contracts are reviewed annually. Business Manager Frank Adams reviewed our contracts and made recommendations for paper, transportation, auditing, food, and custodial services.

Board of Education Information Requests

No requests were made at this time.

NEXT AGENDA

Items submitted for the Organizational meeting:  
Proclamation of Results; Oath of Office; Election of President, Vice President, and Secretary;  
Appointment of Recording Secretary; Establish Regular Meeting Day, Time and Location.  
Items submitted for the May agenda include:  
Approve Middle School Schedule Recommendation; Approve FY19 Final School Calendar;  
Spanish Program Update and Recommendation; Summer Construction Update; Approve  
Paper Bid; Approve Cleaning Service Contract; Approve Transportation Contract; Approve  
Auditing; Approve Food Service Contract; Approve Grants; Approve School Board (sec. 2)  
Board Policies; Food Service Update and Hot Lunch Fees.

ACTION NO. 29

Closed Session

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Buralli, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the findings shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes; . Motion carried by a roll call vote of 7 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak, Violante).

The Board came out of closed session at 9:00 p.m.

ACTION NO. 30

Ltr re: TTO Lawsuit

Motion by Buralli, seconded by Lenzen, that the Board of Education approve direction to legal counsel to work with Board President, Superintendent and their designees to collect information regarding Lyons Township Treasurer Office (TTO) operational activities and costs and litigation costs related to TTO/District 204 lawsuit. Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Buralli, Dedhia, Lenzen, Mirabile, Negron, Rak) abstain - Violante.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Rak, seconded by Dedhia, that the regular meeting adjourns at 9:01 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

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