

MINUTES

1. Call to Order of Regular Board meeting at 6:00 p.m. by Kris Arduino, Recording Secretary
2. Roll Call: Kurt Thompson, Sue Berogan, Sharon Ranieri, Larry Smith, Evelyn Meeks
(absent-Jill Berogan, Vice President and Mike Sterling, President)

Other Attendees:

Kris Arduino, Recording Secretary

Dr. Terrell Yarbrough, Superintendent

Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Dr. Shelley Wagner, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

Josh Aurand, Chief School Business Official

3. Pledge of Allegiance: Olson Park Elementary students led the pledge via video

Motion to appoint Sue Berogan as President Pro Tem

1st Thompson 2nd Smith

Thompson, S. Berogan, Ranieri, Smith, Meeks – 5 ayes

Motion carried

4. Harlem School District Mission Statement:

The Mission of the Harlem Consolidated School District, as a vital part of the community, is to help diverse learners realize their unlimited potential by providing an educational program dedicated to academic excellence and the development of strong character in a safe and respectful learning environment.

Presenter: Dr. Terrell Yarbrough

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the Agenda with changes: No Travel Requests 11 A and 12 B

1st Thompson 2nd Meeks

Thompson, Ranieri, Smith, Meeks, S. Berogan – 5 ayes

Motion carried

6. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes:

Motion to approve

Regular & Closed Minutes of August 23, 2021

Regular & Closed Minutes of September 1, 2021

1st Thompson 2nd S. Berogan

Ranieri, Smith, Meeks, S. Berogan, Thompson – 5 ayes
Motion carried

7. Awards and Recognitions

Presenter: Jason Blume, Director of Equity & Community Engagement

none

8. Comments from the Community

1. Rebecca Carlson addressed the Board regarding taxpayer issues in the District and other administration that are employed in the District. These people at the top are not living in the District and Board members must be living in the District. She also brought up Cook County Districts. She believes the District is paying administrators that not live in the District and the money goes out of the District from taxpayer money. She asked the Board to consider the mandate for administrators to live in the District.

9. Approval of Bills

9.A. Payables Summary \$ 1,317,131.46

9.B. Voided Checks

9.C. Payroll Voucher(s) \$3,051,488.88

9.D. Accounts Payable Warrants \$4,368,620.34 total expenditures

Mr. Aurand reviewed total expenditures by fund balance in the sum of \$4,368,620.34

No questions asked

Motion to approve Bills as reviewed

1st Meeks 2nd S. Berogan

Ranieri, Smith, Meeks, Berogan – abstain, Thompson - 4 ayes 1 abstain

Motion carried

10. Communications and Committee Reports

10.A. Michael Sterling, President report given by Sue Berogan

10.A.1. Next Regular Board Meeting: September 27, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

10.A.2. Recommendation to approve Career/Technical Education Committee meeting dates

- Thanked everyone for coming

10.B. Jill Berogan, Vice President report given by Sue Berogan

10.B.1. Next Policy Committee Meeting: October 18, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

10.C. Evelyn Meeks, Secretary

- Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting

- Thanked the individual for the public comment

- Noted the student artwork looks great

- Thanked the Olson Park students for the Pledge video

 - 10.C.1. Next Equity & Social Justice Meeting: September 30, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m., Harlem High School Commons

- 10.D. Kurt Thompson, Board member

 - Thanked the Pledge students

 - Thanked the community for their support

 - Plugged the Podcast

 - Go Huskies!

 - 10.D.1. Next Business Services Committee meeting: October 6, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

- 10.E. Larry D. Smith, Board member

 - Thanked the Olson Park students

 - Thanked the Winnebago County Sheriff's Office

 - Thanked Mr. Yarbrough and Mr. Blume for communications that go out as it has been great

 - 10.E.1. Next Education Committee meeting: October 19, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

- 10.F. Sue Berogan, Board member

 - Thanked Olson Park students for the Pledge

 - Go Huskie's attended the game Friday night and it was nice to see he is still announcing the games (Bill Dredge)

- 10.G. Sharon Ranieri, Board Member

 - Thanked the community

 - Thanked Olson Park students

 - Noted Rock Cut School supported an ill student by wearing gold to school last Friday

11. Administrative Reports

- 11.A. Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

 - 11.A.1. Recommendation to approve Student Travel Requests:

- 11.B. Josh Aurand, Chief School Business Official

 - 11.B.1. Recommendation to approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Property:

 - Harlem Tech Department, Machesney, Maple and Parker Center

 - 11.B.2. Recommendation to approve Facility Requests:

 - (1) High School Girls' Basketball and (2) Cheer team requests

11.B.3. Recommendation to approve a three-year subscription with Hudl online services starting December 2021 to December 2024 at \$13,500 per year for a total amount of \$40,500 paid by the Athletic Budget

11.B.4. Recommendation to approve Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Industrial Tax Appeal 2020-06691-001 for Property Index Number 08-34-477-006 for Tax Year 2020

Kurt noted that there is a \$900,000 discrepancy on the Northwest Bank so it is important that we proceed on this

11.B.5. Discussion of FY22 Tentative Budget

The next meeting will have the public hearing at 5:40 p.m. reviewing the final changes and taking questions from the public

11.B.6. Recommendation to approve an agreement with Challenger Learning Center to provide five mission expeditions to Mars for Machesney Elementary 5th Grade for a total cost of \$3,500

11.B.7. Recommendation to approve the School Maintenance Project Grant Opportunities two years ago we applied for the auditorium project and we are asking for the matching grant for wall repairs at the high school as a Life Safety piece. Larry asked if there are regular limits. Josh noted typically it is \$50,000

11.C. Dr. Shelley Wagner, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

11.C.1. Recommendation to approve Personnel Agenda & Addendum

Reviewed as Rachel **STARK-LOFTON**, has a new effective date of September 13.

Reviewed 32 Employments, 21 Transfers, 3 requests for leave of absence, 1 HFT Sick Bank

11.C.2. Informational only: Resignations

10 Resignations since the last meeting

11.D. Dr. Terrell Yarbrough, Superintendent

11.D.1. Recommendation to appoint Diane Leeson as the District's Due Process Hearing Officer to replace Norm Alpers.

11.D.2. Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA) dated August 3, 2021, submitted by Attorney Michael Weber on behalf of Philadelphia Indemnity Insurance Co. requesting information relating to contractual relationship with FFP Origination LLC (a/k/a Forefront Power LLC) as to services provided to the Energy Services Agreements and Site License Agreements between the District and FFP for school projects and the District's five-day extension request dated August 11, 2021 and partial response on August 17, 2021. This FOIA is still partially outstanding.

11.D.3. Freedom of Information Act Request (FOIA) dated July 8, 2021 received from Mark Seibold requesting records for teacher/staff trainings from January 1, 2018 through January 8, 2021 relative to various subjects and authored books, the Requestor's narrowed

request dated July 15, 2021 and the District's response dated July 22, 2021 and final response dated August 20, 2021

12. Consent Agenda

12.A. Approve Personnel Agenda & Addendum

12.B. Approve Student Travel Request(s)

12.C. Approve Facility Request(s)

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item A including the Addendum

1st S. Berogan 2nd Thompson

Meeks, S. Berogan, Thompson, Ranieri, Smith – 5 ayes

Motion carried

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Item C, facility requests

1st Thompson 2nd S. Berogan

Smith, Meeks, S. Berogan, Thompson, Ranieri – 5 ayes

Motion carried

13. ACTION ITEMS

13.A. Motion to Approve Career/Technical Education Committee meeting dates

1st Thompson 2nd S. Berogan

S. Berogan, Thompson, Ranieri, Smith, Meeks – 5 ayes

Motion carried

13.B. Motion to Approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Property

1st S. Berogan 2nd Thompson

Thompson, Ranieri, Smith, Meeks, S. Berogan – 5 ayes

Motion carried

13.C. Motion to Approve a three-year subscription with Hudl online services starting December 2021 to December 2024 at \$13,500 per year for a total amount of \$40,500

1st S. Berogan 2nd Thompson

Ranieri, Smith, Meeks, S. Berogan, Thompson – 5 ayes

Motion carried

13.D. Motion to Approve Resolution Authorizing Intervention in Industrial Tax Appeal 2020-066910-001 for Property Index Number 08-34-477-006 for Tax Year 2020

1st S. Berogan 2nd Meeks

Smith, Meeks, S. Berogan Thompson, Ranieri – 5 ayes

Motion carried

13.E. Motion to Approve an agreement with Challenger Learning Center to provide five mission expeditions to Mars for Machesney Elementary 5th Grade for a total cost of \$3,500

1st Thompson 2nd S. Berogan

Meeks, S. Berogan, Thompson, Ranieri, Smith – 5 ayes
Motion carried

13.F. Motion to Approve the School Maintenance Project Grant Opportunity

1st Meeks 2nd S. Berogan

S. Berogan, Thompson, Ranieri, Smith, Meeks – 5 ayes

Motion carried

13.G. Motion to Approve appointment of Diane Leeson as the District's Due Process Hearing Officer

1st Meeks 2nd Thompson

Thompson, Ranieri, Smith, Meeks, S. Berogan – 5 ayes

Motion carried

14. Announcements and Discussion: None

Motion to go into Executive session to discuss Employment of Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) at 6:24 p.m.

1st Thompson 2nd Meeks

Meeks, S. Berogan, Thompson, Ranieri, Smith – 5 ayes

Motion carried

The Board took a brief recess and went into closed session at 6:20 p.m.

15. Executive Session to discuss Employment of Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Self-Evaluation, Practices and Procedures or Professional Ethics (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), Security Procedures (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), Establishment of Reserves or Settlement of Claims as provided in Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12), and Discussion of Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

16. ACTION ITEMS AFTER CLOSED SESSION

16.A. Consideration and appointment of Olson Park Principal, Marya Nelson

Motion to approve appointment of Olson Park Principal, Marya Nelson

1st S. Berogan 2nd Thompson

Ranieri, Smith, Meeks, S. Berogan, Thompson – 5 ayes

Motion carried

17. Motion to adjourn

1st Smith 2nd S. Berogan

All voted aye

Motion carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Arduino,
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:

President

Secretary

Dated: _____