

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 7:17 p.m. January 18, 2023

Members Present:

Arlene Cabana, Presiding Officer

Bill Brockob

Charles Zona

Becky Walters

Mary Lenzen

Tarryne Marchione

Absent

David Negron

ROLL CALL AND VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Beth Parker, Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, Jeanine Arundel, Kathleen Tomei, Brianne Malatt and Carissa Zill. Members of the community in attendance included Karyn Lisowski, Jim Distasio, Carrie Storino, Herman Salgado, Ricky Storino-Salgado, Millie Storino-Salgado, Sue Gainers, Macayla Gainer, and Anna Wiswozwy (district auditor).

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Macayla Gainer and Rikky Storino-Salgado, both students are members of our Special Olympics team. These athletes were introduced by their coach, Carissa Zill and provided the Board with information about their events and success as athletes.

OPEN FORUM

No community members spoke at this time.

ACTION NO. 17

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Walters, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of December 14, 2022 Board meeting; closed session minutes of December 14, 2022; payment of December payroll/January warrants; January personnel report containing the hiring of Daniela Treneska as a Lunchroom Aide at PES at a rate of \$16.18 per hour for 2.45 hours per day; approval of Board Policies 7:15, 7:50, 7:90, 7:220, 7:270, 7:275, 7:290, 7:300, 7:305, 7:340, 8:20, 8:90, and 8:110; approval of 2023-24 registration fees; and approval of the 2023-24 school calendar. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen). Absent Negron.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Facilities Development

Dr. Palzet provided the Board with an update on the work done over the past month including a rough plan for additional space in the district. The next step in the process is to narrow the cost of any potential projects, engage a research partner to

survey the community, and develop tax implications of potential projects. Additionally, a statement was read about the potential sale of the Willow Springs property located in the southwest corner of German Church Road and Willow Springs Road.

Audit Report

Anna Wiszowaty from the accounting firm of Baker Tilly presented the FY22 audit to the Board. The audit revealed that our business practices are sound and the district remains in a good financial position. Ms. Wiszowaty notified the Board that no management letters were issued and the audit found no deficiencies. Likewise, Ms. Wiszowaty shared that the district continues to achieve the highest financial recognition provided by the Illinois State Board of Education.

ACTION NO. 18

Approve Audit Report

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Brockob that the Board of Education approves acceptance of the FY23 audit report as presented by Anna Wiszowaty of Baker Tilly. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen). Absent Negrón.

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 implementing the components of the plan and will continue to implement new safety measures each year.

Superintendent Advisory Team Update: Finance

Mr. Zona gave a brief update on the discussion that occurred at the Superintendent's Finance Advisory Team meeting on December 20, 2022. Items discussed included the district's financial position, five-year financial projections, and a discussion about an upcoming roofing project.

Review/Revision to Select Policies

Several policies require Board review on a regular interval (e.g, annually or every two years). The Board reviewed a variety of policies to ensure that the policies align with current state statute and reflect best practices. Policies reviewed include 4:165, 5:90, 6:50, 7:20, 7:70, 7:180, 7:190, and 7:285.

NEXT AGENDA

Facilities Development; Five-year Financial Projections; Declassify Closed Session Minutes; Board Policy 4:85 Cost Analysis for Programs (written); Review Governance and Planning (sec. 1) Board Policies; and Preliminary Staffing Recommendations; Transportation.

OPEN FORUM

Jim Distasio thanked the Board for their ongoing efforts regarding the potential sale of the Willow Springs property located at the southwest corner of German Church Road and Willow Springs Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, second by Marchione, that the regular meeting adjourns at 7:17 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen). Absent Negrón

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