

MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
Of the Board of Education
School District No. 96
Held on Wednesday, July 17, 2024
Hauser Jr. High School
Riverside, IL

REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING

20-444 A. President Wesley Muirheid called the Regular Business Meeting to order at 6:16 p.m. and on roll call, the following members were recorded as being present:

	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Marhoul
	Mr. Hunt
	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Muirheid
Absent:	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic

Also in attendance were Superintendent Martha Ryan-Toye, Director of Teaching and Learning Angela Dolezal, Director of Special Education & Student Services Nora Geraghty, Director of Technology Don Tufano, Director of Finance Jim Fitton, staff members, the Board of Education recording clerk, and a Riverside TV videographer.

20-445 B. A motion was made by Mr. Marhoul and supported by Mr. Hunt to adjourn to Closed Session for the following reasons:

- The** appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

- Collective** negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Marhoul
	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Hunt
	Mr. Muirheid
Absent:	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic
Nays:	None

Ms. Gunn and Ms. Kachlic joined the closed session via teleconference.

C. Return to Open Session.

The board returned to open session at 7:00 pm. Board Secretary Gunn and Board member

Kachlic joined the board meeting via teleconference.

D. Public Comment/Response.

There were no public comments.

E. Changes to the Agenda.

There were no changes to the agenda.

F. Superintendent's Report.

1. Student Enrollment 2024-2025 Overview.

- Superintendent Ryan-Toye updated the board on enrollment numbers for the coming school year. District 96 uses a school assignment algorithm. As of today, the enrollment numbers are consistent with last year's.
- Kindergarten enrollment is still tentative, and numbers may increase. The administration will continue to update the board on this matter.
- Member Marhoul requested a historic enrollment overview grade by grade to compare enrollment numbers pre-COVID-19 and post-COVID-19.
- A demographic study was completed in November 2017. The 10-year projection concluded that D96's enrollment would stay the same, give or take 10%. Barring any changes in residential development, these enrollment numbers will stay the same.
- Board member Gunn inquired about the number of students requesting half-day kindergarten enrollment at the June business meeting. Tonight, it was shared that five families have asked for the half-day kindergarten program for the coming school year.

2. Summer School 2024 Update.

- Superintendent Ryan-Toye shared highlights from the Summer School program that started this week at Blythe Park School due to construction.
- Summer school enrollment has increased.
- If the board would like a fall update on this matter, please let Superintendent Ryan-Toye know. The matter will be added to the agenda for future board meetings.

3. Teacher Institute Days - August 20 and 21.

- Superintendent Ryan Toye announced that Teacher Institute days are scheduled for August 20 and 21.
- All board members are invited to attend the teacher institute day on August 20 at the Brookfield Zoo Discovery Center staff.

20-446 G. Approval of Consent Agenda.

The Secretary to the Board of Education read the Consent Agenda items aloud.

A motion was made by Mr. Marhoul and supported by Mr. Hunt to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

The motion carried the following roll call vote:

Ayes:	Mr. Marhoul
	Mr. Barsotti
	Mr. Hunt
	Ms. Gunn
	Ms. Kachlic
	Ms. Claps
	Mr. Muirheid

Absent: None
Nays: None
Abstain: None

H. Board member comments.

- There were no board comments.

20-447 I. Old Business.

1. Resolution Approving Emergency Expenditure of Funds and Change Order for Masonry Work at Ames Elementary School - Action Item.

A motion was made by Mr. Marhoul and supported by Mr. Barsotti to approve the Resolution approving emergency expenditure of funds and change order for masonry work at Ames Elementary School as presented. The cost of the work will require a change order of \$100,000, and Vistara recommends that the Board of Education approve the funds for this work. These repairs should be considered part of an emergency repair that would alleviate an unsafe condition at the school and result in long-lasting repairs.

The motion carried on the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Mr. Barsotti
Mr. Hunt
Ms. Gunn
Ms. Kachlic
Ms. Claps
Mr. Marhoul
Mr. Muirheid
Absent: None
Nays: None
Abstain: None

2. Updated Strategic Plan Score Card.

- This was an informational item for the board.
- The administration shared the updated strategic plan scorecard presented at the June regular business meeting.
- Board member Claps inquired how the SY 25 attendance goal was determined.
- Goals 3.3 and 3.4 were highlighted as targets for the coming school year.
- This document can be found on the district's website.

3. Endorse Family Engagement Guidelines.

- The district believes in a strong partnership between families and educators. The Family and Community Partnerships Action team, comprised of parents and school staff, developed these revised guidelines. These guidelines support the district's ongoing and shared efforts to connect meaningfully to support D96 students. These guidelines can be found on the district's website.
- The board endorsed this reference document.
- This document will be shared at the start of the school year.

J. New Business/Discussion.

1. First reading of FY 25 Budget.

- The Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Final Budget was presented to the Board of Education for review, feedback, and adoption.
- Preparing a school district budget requires the following steps:
 - the notice was published on July 22nd,
 - a public hearing will be held at the beginning of the August 21st meeting,
 - and a vote to adopt the budget will be held later in the meeting.
- The 2024-2025 fiscal year began on July 1, 2024. The Budget is shown below:
 - The Operating Revenues of \$35,435,958 less the Operating Expenditures of \$35,435,958 results in a balanced Operating Budget.
 - The FY25 Operating Revenues are 7.5% (or \$2.5 million) higher than the Amended FY24 Operating Revenue Budget. However, they are only 3% (or \$900,000) higher than the Pre-Audit Actual Revenues from FY24. Since the Tax Year 2023 Levy request was 5% higher, this is a conservative budget (by \$600,000).
 - The budgeted Operating Revenues of \$35.4 million for FY25 are 0.6% higher than the pre-audited FY24 Operating Revenue. This is due to a conservative budgeted increase for Property Tax Revenue, a more conservative SPED Private Facility Reimbursement, and the elimination of the ESSER Federal Grant.
 - Operating Expenditures for the FY25 Budget are 7.4% (or \$2.5 million) higher than the FY24 Amended Budget. After adjusting for the additional board-approved expenditures for 12.0 FTE (\$750,000) and the new Amplify curriculum (\$400,000), Strategic Plan Goal 5.2 is met with a 3.9% increase in Operating Expenses. The additional 12 FTE added salary (\$500,000) and benefit costs (\$250,000):
 - Certified (additional \$300,000 salary and \$100,000 benefits)
 - 1.0 Social Worker + 3.0 English Learners + 1.0 Instructional Coach
 - Non-certified (additional \$200,000 salary and \$150,000 benefits)
 - 5.0 Paraprofessionals + 1.0 Cafeteria Manager + 1.0 Cafeteria Worker
- Mr. Fitton shared the budget timeline.
- The administration uses a very conservative approach to budgeting.
- The board inquired about what amount comes from reduced costs vs. reduced revenues.
- Finance chair Barsotti pointed out that the district just completed a long-range facility plan that began in December 2019 and improved its lunch program to include hot meals at every school.
- The board discussed and affirmed that the policy should remain at 40% of the fund balance.
- The philosophical viewpoint of the surplus was discussed.
- The board thanked Mr. Fitton and his team for this budget presentation.
- This matter will be returned to the board for public hearing and vote at the August 21 board meeting.

2. Stipend Memorandum of Understanding (MOU - Action Item.
- This item was tabled until the August regular business meeting.

K. Public Comment/Response.

There was no public comment.

L. Future Meeting Dates.

- August 7, 2027 - Committee of the Whole, 7:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at Hollywood School.
- August 21, 2024—Regular Business Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Hauser Learning Resource Center.

M. Information Items.

The Board received updates and information on the following monthly reports:

1. District 96 Student Enrollment Report.

- 2. Budget Progress Statement.
- 3. Financial Statements.

N. Adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

July 17, 2024

Date Recorded

Date Approved

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education