

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:00 – 7:09 p.m. November 20, 2024

Members Present:

Tarryne Marchione (Presiding Officer)
Bill Brockob (arrived 6:14pm)
Charles Zona
Mary Lenzen
Becky Walters
Sean Mason
Jason Nash

ROLL CALL AND

VISITORS

Present with Superintendent Dave Palzet were staff members Jennifer Ban, Griffin Sonntag, James Mukite, Jeanine Arundel, Kathleen Tomei, Maura Religh, and Board Recording Secretary Jenni Weiler. Community member Greg Engel and students Kennedy Moore, Eddie Cuellar-Kotlarski, and Leah Timpe were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was recited by students who participated in the West Suburban Consortium for Academic Excellence (WSCAE) leadership conference. The students' names are Kennedy Moore, Eddie Cuellar-Kotlarski, and Leah Timpe.

OPEN FORUM

Greg Engel commented in support of the concept of purchasing the Burr Ridge Village Hall to convert into an early childhood center.

BOARD RECOGNITION AND CELEBRATION

To recognize the efforts of nearly 6,000 school board members in the state, November 15, 2024, is designated School Board Members' Day in Illinois. Our Board of Education members serve on a volunteer basis and do so for the betterment of our community. On behalf of the children and families of Pleasantdale School District 107, we recognize and thank our seven Board of Education members.

ACTION NO. 13

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Walters, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of the October 16, 2024 regular meeting; minutes of October 16, 2024 closed meeting; payment of October payroll/November warrants; November 2024 Personnel Report; Section 4 (Finance) Board Policies. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, Mason, and Nash. Absent Brockob).

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

Illinois School Report Card Announcement

Each year, the Illinois State Board of Education publishes the Illinois School Report Card for all public schools in Illinois. The school report card includes information about our schools, including relevant student demographics, teacher demographics, and district financial information. The Illinois School Report Card is currently live, and a link to our schools' report cards can be found on our district website. The district schools received the top two designations again this year. The elementary school received an exemplary designation, and the middle school was designated as commendable.

Proposed Tax Levy

The Board of Education unanimously approved its proposed tax levy for 2024, asking Cook County for a levy of \$16,121,643, with \$13,380,000 allocated to the Education Fund. The District uses historical information and input from the local assessors to produce this request. To ensure transparency with our community, the District will hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing at the December 18, 2024 Board of Education Meeting. The Certificate of Tax Levy will be filed with the Cook County Clerk no later than December 31, 2024.

ACTION NO. 14

Adoption of the Proposed Levy and Publication of Public Notice

Motioned by Lenzen second by Walters that the Board of Education adopted the proposed 2024 tax levy and authorize the district to publish the time/date/location of the public levy hearing. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Mason, Zona, Lenzen, Walters, Nash, and Marchione).

Facilities Update

The Board discussed recent meetings with officials from the Lyons Township High School Board of Education regarding 70 acres of land in Willow Springs. Additionally, members of the District met with Burr Ridge Village officials to learn more about ways the district could partner with the village on a conversion of the village hall to a school. No decisions have been made about either issue, but the Board will continue to investigate all options. Finally, the Board learned more about the potential of moving fourth grade to the middle school as a way to open more space at the elementary school and enhance early childhood programming. After further research and discussion, the Board agreed this would not be a recommendation at this time.

Items for Next Agenda

Facilities Development Update, Review Students (section 7) and Community Relations (section 8) Board Policies, Review Fees, Review 2025-2026 District Calendar, Preliminary Review of Service Provider Contracts (written).

OPEN FORUM

No public comment was made at this time.

WRITTEN
REPORTS

The District complied with one Freedom Of Information Act (FOIA) request this month.

ACTION NO. 12

Closed Session

Motioned by Lenzen, second by Brockob that the Board move into closed session at 6:46 PM. Motion carried by a roll call of 7 ayes (Brockob, Zona, Lenzen, Marchione, Walters, Mason, and Nash).

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the regular meeting adjourns at 7:09 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____