

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting Administration Building 6:01 – 8:36 p.m. March 15, 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, Monica Van Houten. Community member Karyn Lisowski was in attendance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members of Pleasantdale Middle School spring musical cast. The members were recognized for their wonderful performance of Willy Wonka Jr.

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

ACTION NO. 23

Consent Agenda

Motion by Lenzen, second by Brockob, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented consisting of meeting minutes of February 8, 2023 Board meeting; closed session minutes of February 8, 2023; payment of February payroll/March warrants; Pleasant Dale Park District Before and After School Program Intergovernmental Agreement; Governance and Planning (sec. 1) and General School Administration (sec. 3) Board policies; March personnel report containing the non-renewal of probationary teachers (Irene Minik, Jennifer Newberry, and Nicola Germann) and the retirement of Sally Ortiz; and Preliminary Staffing Recommendations. 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 informed the Board that the focus of this month's work has been on collecting proposals from research partners as we look to gauge community support for a potential project. The district received two proposals and will consider these proposals once the district has identified a project.

Superintendent Advisory Team: Facilities

Board members Brockob and Walters provided the Board with an update on the Facilities Advisory Team meeting held on February 21, 2023. The focus of the update was on upcoming summer projects and future projects. Board members Brockob and Walters also explained that the team discussed the idea of entering into a performance contract agreement to help manage future projects for the District.

Strategic Blueprint: State of the Schools Video

Dr. Palzet provided an update on the District's Strategic Blueprint action step: *Develop and distribute a state of the schools presentation to the community*. He explained that the presentation would be in the form of a video series highlighting the schools and operations of the District. The first of seven videos, which is titled "Who We Are", was shown.

School Celebrations

Dr. Palzet shared some of the wonderful events and accomplishments happening at both schools. Some highlights include Kindergarteners partnering with IL Green School Alliance, Preschool teacher professional development, the amazing spring musical at PMS, and the fifth-grade outdoor education trip. Additionally, Dr. Palzet announced that both PES and PMS have earned the highest scores on GreatSchools.org, which is a 10/10. The Board also recognized Dr. Palzet as the West Cook County Superintendent of Distinction for 2023.

School Improvement Plan Updates

Building principals Ms. Tomei and Dr. Arundel shared the progress their schools have made on their school improvement plans. The school improvement plans contain goals that are aligned with the District's Strategic Blueprint and are school-specific goals. Our schools are making good progress in accomplishing their goals.

Review/Approve Summer Construction Bids

Business manager Griffin Sonntag walked the Board through the process of bidding our summer projects. These projects include new sections of roofs at both schools, HVAC upgrades, and the removal of mid-room walls in our first-grade classrooms. After the presentation, the Board approved D. Kersey Construction Company to complete the work.

ACTION NO. 24

Approve Summer Construction Bid

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Zona that the Board of Education accepts the bid from D. Kersey Construction Company for roofing, HVAC, first-grade classroom wall removal, and associated work in the amount of \$1,733,300. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen). Absent Negrón.

ACTION NO. 25

Non-renewal of non-tenured staff

Motioned by Lenzen, seconded by Walters that the Board of Education adopt the resolution for dismissal of full-time probationary teachers:

- Irene Minik
- Jennifer Newberry
- Nicola German

And that written notice be given in accordance with the resolution and the Illinois School code. Motion carried by a roll call of 6 ayes (Brockob, Walters, Cabana, Marchione, Zona, Lenzen). Absent Negron.

NEXT AGENDA

Facilities Development; Summer Construction Update; Professional Learning Update; Superintendent Advisory Team: SEL; Budget Amendment.

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public addressed the Board at this time.

ACTION NO. 26

Closed Session

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Brockob, that the Board of Education go into closed session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss the following items: 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); the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5); student disciplinary cases 5 LCS 120/2(c)(9); litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 102/2(c)(11). Motion carried by a roll call vote of 6 ayes (Cabana, Lenzen, Zona, Walters, Brockob, Marchione) absent – Negron.

The Board came out of closed session at 8:36 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Lenzen, seconded by Negron, that the regular meeting adjourns at 8:36 p.m. Voice vote. Motion carried.

App. __ President _____ Secretary _____