

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 92½, COOK COUNTY, WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 1620 NORFOLK AVENUE, AT 6:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021.

I. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District 92½, Westchester, Illinois, was held in the Westchester Middle School Gymnasium, at 1620 Norfolk Avenue, on Thursday, October 21, 2021, commencing at 6:00 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were found to be present: President Voegtle, Vice President Wesolowski, Secretary Quiroz, Members Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz and Sanchez. Also present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Jakub Banbor, Stephanie DelFiacco, Dennis Gress, Lora Labin, Maureen Moran, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Demitrus Evans Foster, Soledad Jimenez, Tiffany McMorro, Michelle Salazar, and Tricia Tomczyk.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the Agenda be approved as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

II. BOARD RECOGNITIONS: None.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

IV. APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

B.1. Approve the minutes of the September 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.

B.2. Approve the minutes of the September 23, 2021 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.

C. Approve the minutes of the October 5, 2021 Special Meeting Open Session as written.

D. Approve the employment of the following support staff member, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2021-2022 school year.

• Roberta Chmela WPS-Cafeteria Supervisor September 27, 2021

E. Approve the disposal of district property (pallet jack/electronic carts) as presented.

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V.A. APPROVE THE BILLS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$743,375.52 and payrolls in the amount of \$898,641.98 be approved and authorized for payment. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V.B. APPROVE THE BOARD AGREEMENTS: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, to approve the Board Agreements as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V.C. AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF AN ENERGY CONTRACT FOR GAS: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to authorize the approval of an energy contract for gas. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.A. ESTIMATED TAX LEVY DISCUSSION: Mr. Gress presented the estimated tax levy. The tax cap law limits tax extensions by 5% or CPI, whichever is less. Since our levy is less than a 5% increase, we are not subject to the Truth-In-Taxation Act requirements. However, the District intends to follow the same basic steps as outlined in the Truth-In-Taxation Act, approving the estimated tax levy at the November 11, 2021 Board meeting and conducting a public hearing and adopting the 2021 tax levy at the December 9, 2021 Board meeting.

VI.B. WMS ROOFING PROJECT CONSIDERATION: Mr. Gress presented information regarding next summer's anticipated capital project – replacing/restoring sections of the WMS roof. The District recently applied for a \$50,000 School Maintenance Grant which, if received, would be used to fund a portion of the project.

VI.C. IASB RESOLUTIONS REVIEW: The Board discussed the new resolutions, amended existing resolution, reaffirmation of existing positions, new belief statement, and amended belief statement being presented at the annual IASB Delegate Assembly and determined its recommendation to guide Mrs. Boyd, the District's representative, in voting.

VI.D. UPDATE ON BOARD MEETING RECORDINGS: Mr. Banbor presented a proposed process to record Board meetings and make the meetings available for the public to view via YouTube following the meeting. A trial run will be done at an upcoming meeting.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: President Voegtle was contacted by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP as part of the audit review process.
- C. Legislative Report: Mrs. Douglas Pieniasek gave a brief update regarding recent legislation.
- D. IASB West Cook Report: The West Cook Division Meeting is also being held this evening. Mrs. Wesolowski will share any presentation information she receives with the Board.
- E. FOIA Requests: One FOIA request was received in September.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Salemi reported that 537 students participated in SHIELD testing this week with one confirmed case (asymptomatic student). He also stated we have strong reason to believe that a vaccine for students ages 5-11 will be available soon and he is working with Hillside District 93 to set up a mass vaccination clinic.
- G. Administrator Reports: The reports were available in BoardDocs. Mrs. Wesolowski asked about the after school learning program.

VIII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

IX.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and 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. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniasek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 7:07 p.m.

IX.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 7:34 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

X.A. ADVANCED PLANNING: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, that the Board meeting be adjourned. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 7:35 p.m.



Bryan Voegtle, President



Molly Quiroz, Secretary