

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 6:30 P.M., ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2020.

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 22, 2020, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were found to be present: President Slager, Vice President Voegtle, Secretary Quiroz and Member Douglas-Pieniazek. Members Boyd, Ortiz and Wesolowski were absent at the call of the roll. Present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Stephanie DeFiacco, Dennis Gress, Greg Leban, Beth Malinski and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Christina Castaneda, Nick Cavaliere and Griselda Zavala.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, that the Agenda be approved as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 4 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski. The President declared the motion carried.

II. DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS: President Slager thanked WMS graduate Ja'Ron Brown for the garden boxes he built and donated to WMS as part of his Eagle Scout requirements. He extended kudos to WMS Alums, Makayla Haynes and James Milas, for being named St. Joseph High School Chargers of the Month for September. He also congratulated the WMS September Students of the Month: 6th Grade-Claire Schoo and Yulia Bochko; 7th Grade-Jarrett Swift and Tamia Allen; and 8th Grade-Maya Cooper and Malaika Thompson. President Slager noted that the District received Financial Recognition from ISBE and acknowledged Mr. Gress for his efforts.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Ms. Castaneda expressed her concerns with the District moving to in-person learning. Ms. Zavala shared her concerns with holding the Reverse Halloween Parade at WPS and WMS during remote learning hours.

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

- B.1. Approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.
- B.2. Approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.
- C. Approve the minutes of the October 8, 2020 Special Meeting Open Session as written.

- D. Approve the Second Reading of the following Board of Education policies as presented:
- Policy 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
 - Policy 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure
- E. Approve the disposal of district property (organ and groundskeeping equipment) as presented.

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 4 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski. 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. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$186,427.15 and payrolls in the amount of \$894,191.88 be approved and authorized for payment. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 4 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski. The President declared the motion carried.

V.B. APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mr. Slager, to approve the First Reading of the following Board of Education policies as presented:

- Policy 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- Policy 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited
- Policy 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities
- Policy 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited
- Policy 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- Policy 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 4 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski. The President declared the motion carried.

V.C. ACCEPT THE FY 2020 DISTRICT AUDIT REPORT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mr. Slager, to accept the FY 2020 District Audit Report and Annual Financial Report prepared by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 4 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski. 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 12, 2020 Board meeting and conducting a public hearing and adopting the 2020 tax levy at the December 10, 2020 Board meeting.

VI.B. MTSS PROCESS: MTSS is a framework to identify students who may need more supports and addresses behavioral as well as academic issues with the goal to intervene early to provide assistance. Mrs. DeFiacco and Mrs. Malinski reviewed the District's MTSS academic process and answered Board members' questions.

VI.C. TIF UPDATE: Mr. Gress gave a brief update on the progress toward an intergovernmental agreement with the Village regarding the Cermak Road TIF District.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: Mr. Slager thanked the Westchester Educational Foundation (WEF) for its very generous monetary donation.
- B. Board President's Report: Mr. Slager urged Board members to attend the West Cook Division Virtual Meeting on October 29 and the IASB Virtual Summit on November 20.
- C. Legislative Report: None.
- D. IASB West Cook Report: None.
- E. FOIA Requests: One FOIA request was received in September.
- F. Superintendent's Report: EC/PreK and self-contained students will begin in-person learning on Monday, October 26. Approximately 60 students will be in our buildings for the next two weeks and then other grades will be phased in. We will continue to monitor the positivity rates and guidance from IDPH to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Mr. Salemi discussed "Adaptive Pause," which gives flexibility to schools to have different responses when there is such a shift in community transmission rates.


Mr. Salemi, Mrs. DeFiacco, and Mr. Leban are participating in the year-long SMART School Academy. The SMART School Improvement Process is a data-driven, collaborative process that focuses on improving student achievement.

- G. Administrator Reports: The reports were available on BoardDocs.

VIII. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: No Closed Session was held.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING: Mr. Slager recapped upcoming events and meetings.

X. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, that the Board meeting be adjourned. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 4 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 9:03 p.m.



Donald A. Slager, President



Molly Quiroz, Secretary