

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, NOVEMBER 11, 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, November 11, 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 Ortiz, and Sanchez. Members Boyd and Douglas-Pieniazek were absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Jakub Banbor, Shawn Barrett, Stephanie DelFiacco, Dennis Gress, Maureen Moran, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Soledad Marquez Jimenez and Michelle Salazar.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, that the Agenda be approved as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

II. BOARD RECOGNITIONS: President Voegtle recognized all veterans for their service. He also thanked staff for their support of extracurricular clubs and activities that allow our students to grow beyond the school day. Tonight's meeting is being recorded to test our set up so that going forward Board meetings will be available for the public to view following the meeting.

Mrs. Boyd arrived at 6:02 p.m.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

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

B.1. Approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.

B.2. Approve the minutes of the October 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.

C.1. Accept the resignations, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated.

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| • Mabel Stewart | WPS-Cafeteria Supervisor | September 12, 2021 |
| • Ana M. Gutierrez | WIS-Cafeteria Supervisor | October 20, 2021 |
| • Joni Acamovic | WIS-Paraprofessional | November 19, 2021 |

- C.2 Approve the employment of the following support staff members, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Ethel Brown WIS-Paraprofessional October 25, 2021
 - Manuel Hernandez Baez WMS-Custodian November 1, 2021
- D. Approve the disposal of district property (Heggerty Teacher Editions at WPS) as presented.

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. 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. Wesolowski, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$169,588.07 and payrolls in the amount of \$454,725.05 be approved and authorized for payment. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

V.B. ACCEPT THE FY 2021 DISTRICT AUDIT REPORT AND ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, to accept the FY 2021 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: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

V.C. APPROVE THE IL-EMPOWER WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve the IL-EMPOWER Westchester Intermediate School Improvement Plan as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

V.D. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO BE LEVIED FOR THE YEAR 2021 AND SCHEDULE THE TAX LEVY HEARING FOR DECEMBER 9, 2021: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, to approve the resolution regarding the estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2021 and schedule the tax levy hearing to be held on December 9, 2021. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

V.E. AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO BID FOR WMS ROOFING PROJECT: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, to authorize the District to bid for the WMS roofing project. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

V.F. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPOINTING ZIONS BANK AS SUCCESSOR PAYING AGENT AND ESCROW AGENT FOR ALL BONDS CURRENTLY HELD WITH WELLS FARGO: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, to approve the Resolution appointing Zions Bank as successor paying agent and escrow agent for all bonds currently held with Wells Fargo. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.A. SUBSTITUTE COMPENSATION DISCUSSION: It has been difficult to secure subs on a regular basis this year. Mr. Gress suggested that the Board increase the daily rate from \$110 to \$120 and then raise the daily rate to \$150 after a substitute has worked 10 or more days in our District. Long term substitute rates will remain at BA Step A. The Board will take a formal vote on the compensation adjustment in December and if approved, the new rates would be effective January 1, 2022.

VI.B. POLICY DISCUSSION (POLICIES 5:90, 7:140, AND 7:340): The Board reviewed and discussed Policies 5:90, 7:140, and 7:340. The policies will be brought for First Reading at the December 9th Board Meeting.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. School Board Member's Day: November 15th is School Board Members Day. Dr. Salemi thanked the members of the Board of Education for their dedicated leadership, support, and service. Members were presented with a small token of appreciation for all that they do for our students, staff, and community.
- B. Correspondence: None.
- C. Board President's Report: President Voegtle noted that the Joint Annual Conference is November 19-21 in Chicago. Mrs. Sanchez will serve as the District's Delegate Assembly representative. He also noted that tonight's Board meeting was being recorded and that a COVID vaccination clinic will be held on November 13 at Hillside School for students ages 5-11.
- D. Legislative Report: An update regarding recent legislation was available in BoardDocs.

- E. IASB West Cook Report: None.
- F. FOIA Requests: Two FOIA requests were received in October.
- G. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Salemi mentioned an incident at WPS in which it was necessary to contact police and noted that communications were made with parents in a timely manner. He assured the Board that the District has protocols in place to follow if a lockdown was to take place. He also noted that a vaccine for students ages 5-11 is scheduled for November 13 at Hillside District 93; that no dates have been set to begin WEA/WSSA contract negotiations; and that a Parent University focusing on SEL will be held in January.
- H. Administrator Reports: The reports were available in BoardDocs. Mr. Voegtle asked about the boiler issue and was told it was resolved today.


VIII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.


IX.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, 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: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 7:24 p.m.

IX.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 8:04 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

X.A. ADVANCED PLANNING: The Board discussed Candor Education for fifth graders.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, that the Board meeting be adjourned. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 8:13 p.m.


Bryan Voegtle, President


Molly Quiroz, Secretary