

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 92½, COOK COUNTY, WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, 1620 NORFOLK AVENUE, AT 7:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2017.**

I. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District 92½, Westchester, Illinois, was held in the Westchester Middle School Multi-Purpose Room, at 1620 Norfolk Avenue, on Thursday, January 19, 2017, commencing at 7:03 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were found to be present: President Wilhight, Vice President Slager, Secretary Bradford, Members Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, and Voegtle. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Michael Dziallo, Kelly Baas, Jakub Banbor, Dennis Gress, Stephanie DelFiacco, Lillian Mosier, Greg Leban, Nathan Molby, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Donna DeVito, Mary Douglas-Pieniazek, Patrizia Fiodirosa, Kathy Gisseler, Amanda Grant, Kelly Hernandez, Kerry Pros, Sharon Rodriguez, and Rob Wroble.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members of the WMS National Junior Honor Society led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mr. Randle, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, that the Agenda be approved as presented. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 7 Ayes; 0 Nay; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

II. BOARD SALUTE: President Wilhight recognized the Parents as Educational Partners (PEP) program teacher (Donna DeVito) and participant (Samah Abdalaziz). Also acknowledged, but not present at the meeting, were participants Susana Flores, Lucia Gomez, Elvia Jimenez, and Rodrigo Serna.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

IV. EARLY CHILDHOOD/PREKINDERGARTEN IBL PROJECT PRESENTATION: The PreKindergarten/Early Childhood teachers Kelly Hernandez, Kerry Pros, and Sharon Rodriguez presented an inquiry-based learning (IBL) project titled "Community Helpers" they did with their students earlier this year.

V. APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Randle, seconded by Mr. Slager, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

B.1. Approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 Open Session as written.

B.2. Approve the minutes of the December 8, 2016 Closed Session as written.

C.1. Approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Open Session as written.

C.2. Approve the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Closed Session as written.

D. Approve the bills in the amount of \$318,306.98 and payrolls in the amount of \$1,716,126.38 and authorize payment.

- E. Approve the Second Reading of the following Board of Education Policies:
- Policy 2:200 - Types of Board of Education Meetings
  - Policy 2:220 - School Board Meeting Procedure
  - Policy 2:240 - Board Policy Development
  - Policy 2:260 - Uniform Grievance Procedure
- F.1. Approve the employment of the following support staff members, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2016-2017 school year:
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| • Michele Krunis | WPS-EC/PreK Classroom Para | December 14, 2016 |
| • Mary Jo Conway | WPS-EC/PreK Classroom Para | January 9, 2017   |
| • Leticia Ibanez | WPS-EC/PreK Classroom Para | January 17, 2017  |
| • Mitsa Flanigan | WPS-EC/PreK Classroom Para | January 23, 2017  |
- F.2. Accept the resignations, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated:
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| • Kelly Bylica   | WMS-Music Teacher          | December 1, 2016  |
| • Maria Melgoza  | WIS-Cafeteria Supervisor   | December 2, 2016  |
| • Deborah Davis  | WPS-EC/PreK Classroom Para | December 12, 2016 |
| • Michele Krunis | WPS-EC/PreK Classroom Para | December 22, 2016 |

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.A. APPROVE THE RELEASE OF THE APPROVED CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2016 AND DECEMBER 12, 2016:** A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mr. Randle, to approve release of the approved Closed Session minutes of December 8, 2016 and December 12, 2016. When the question was called, the vote was taken with the following results: 1 Ayes; 6 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion denied.

**VI.B. APPROVE THE REVISED BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 7:40 AS PRESENTED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Randle, seconded by Mr. Bradford, to approve the revised Board of Education Policy 7:40 - School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.B.2. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COOK COUNTY CLERK TO APPORTION ANY EXTENSION REDUCTION TO CERTAIN FUNDS:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Slager, seconded by Mr. Bradford, to approve the Resolution Directing the Cook County Clerk to Apportion Any Extension Reduction to Certain Funds as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.C. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPOINTING DENNIS GRESS AS THE PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PREPARE THE DISTRICT 92½ FY 2018 TENTATIVE BUDGET:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, to approve the resolution appointing Dennis Gress, Interim Director of Finance and Operations, as the person designated by the Board of Education to prepare the District 92½ FY 2018 Tentative Budget. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.D. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2017A, AND TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2017B:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Bradford, seconded by Mr. Slager, to approve the Resolution providing for the issue of \$1,915,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2017A, and \$365,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds, Series 2017B, of School District Number 92½, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of said School District and refunding certain outstanding bonds of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.E. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE EXECUTION OF AN ESCROW AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH THE ISSUE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2017A, AND TAXABLE GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2017B:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Slager, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the Resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of \$1,915,000 General Obligation Limited School Bonds, Series 2017A, and \$365,000 Taxable General Obligation Limited Refunding School Bonds, Series 2017B, of School District Number 92½, Cook County, Illinois. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.F. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SCHOOL TREASURER TO LOAN MONEYS FROM THE WORKING CASH FUND TO THE MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT/SOCIAL SECURITY FUND:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Randle, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, to approve the Resolution authorizing the School Treasurer to loan moneys from the Working Cash Fund to the Municipal Retirement/Social Security Fund as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.G.1. APPROVE THE WPS, WIS, AND WMS SCHOOL PICTURE CONTRACTS:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mr. Bradford, to approve the WPS, WIS, and WMS School Picture Contracts with Van Gogh School Photographers, Inc., for the 2017-2018 school year. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.G.2. APPROVE THE 8<sup>th</sup> GRADE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH GREAT AMERICAN OPPORTUNITIES:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Slager, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, to approve the 8th Grade Fundraising Program Agreement with Great American Opportunities as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.H. AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH 2017 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AS PRESENTED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mr. Bradford, to grant authorization to proceed with 2017 Capital Improvements as presented by Legat Architects, including lowering the urinals in the boys' bathrooms at WPS (sinks to remain at present height) and installing a mantrap at the current main entrance at WMS. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Wilhight; 2 Nays, Lasky, Slager; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.I. GRATEFULLY ACCEPT THE DONATION OF A PIANO FROM DONNA FLYNN TO WMS:** A motion was made by Mrs. Lasky, seconded by Mr. Slager, to gratefully accept the generous donation of a piano from Donna Flynn to WMS. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VII.A. FY 2017 BUDGET UPDATE: Mr. Gress, Interim Director of Finance and Operations, has been working on amending the budget and presented information to the Board highlighting changes to the original budget. The proposed amended budget will be presented to the Board for action once the proceeds from the bond sale are recorded.

Mr. Randle left the meeting at 8:10 p.m. and returned at 8:12 p.m.

VII.B. POLICY REVISION DISCUSSION (POLICIES 2:125 AND 5:60): There has been a change in the law now requiring all Boards of Education to adopt policies delineating Board and employee reimbursement for travel and conferences. The Board discussed reimbursement parameters for itself and the various employee groups and suggested \$500 as the maximum allowable expense. The law requires reimbursements for Board members to be approved in an open meeting with a roll-call vote.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: President Wilhight attended Hillside's 16<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King, Jr. breakfast on January 16, 2017.
- C. Committee Reports: The Finance Committee reviewed the amended budget changes at its meeting on January 9, 2017 and set February 6, 2017, March 9, 2017, and April 10, 2017 as future meeting dates. The Policy Committee is scheduled to meet on February 16, 2017 at 6:15 p.m. The Education Committee will meet on January 24, 2017. The agenda will include a presentation from Dr. Rodriguez, Proviso Township High School District 209's Superintendent, and the discussions regarding dual language and foreign language programs. The Buildings and Grounds Committee will combine its meetings with the Finance Committee in February, March and April.
- D. Legislative Report: None.
- E. IASB West Cook Report: The West Cook Division Meeting will be held on March 2, 2017 at Stevenson Middle School in Melrose Park.
- F. FOIA Reports: One FOIA request was received in December.
- G. Superintendent's Report: 1,151 students were enrolled as of January 1, 2017, and there were no suspensions issued in December.
- H. Administrator Reports: The administrator reports were available on BoardDocs.


**IX.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION:** A motion was made by Mr. Randle, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property; 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; and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 8:48 p.m.

**IX.B. BOARD RECONVENES:** At 11:01 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

**X. OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST:** None.

**XI. ADVANCED PLANNING:** None.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:** A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Lasky, 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, Lasky, Quiroz, Randle, Voegtle, Bradford, Slager, Wilhight; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

  
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Carolyn R. Wilhight, President  
Donald A. Slager, President ProTem

  
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Zachary R. Bradford, Secretary