

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, JANUARY 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, January 21, 2021, commencing at 6:31 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, Members Boyd, Ortiz and Wesolowski. Member Douglas-Pieniazek was absent at the call of the roll. Present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Jakub Banbor, Stephanie DeFiacco, Dennis Gress, Greg Leban and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: None.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mr. Voegtle, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, that the Agenda be approved as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

II. DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS: President Slager stated that he echoed the accolades regarding staff written by the principals in their Administrator Reports. The principals acknowledged the work, dedication, resiliency and flexibility of their staff.

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 December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.

B.2. Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2020 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.

C.1. Approve the minutes of the December 17, 2020 Special Meeting Open Session as written.

D1. Accept the resignation, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated.

• Skylar Ryan WPS-EC/PreKindergarten Teacher June 15, 2021

D.2. Accept the resignation for retirement, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated.

• Beth Malinski District-Special Needs Coordinator June 30, 2021

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 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. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$344,970.09 and payrolls in the amount of \$883,080.63 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtler, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

V.B. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION APPOINTING DENNIS GRESS AS THE PERSON DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PREPARE THE FY 2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, to approve the resolution appointing Dennis Gress, Director of Finance and Operations/CSBO, as the person designated by the Board of Education to prepare the District 92½ FY 2022 Tentative Budget. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtler, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

V.C. AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO BID FOR LEASE OR PURCHASE OF FIVE (5) TYPE "C" BUSES AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Slager, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, to authorize the District to bid for lease or purchase of five (5) Type "C" buses as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtler, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

V.D. AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT TO BID FOR FOOD SERVICE: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Slager, seconded by Mr. Voegtler, to authorize the District to bid for food service for the 2021-2022 school year. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtler, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.A. POLICY DISCUSSION: The Board reviewed Policy 1:30. The consensus of the Board was to update the policy stating our current mission, vision and motto. The policy will be brought for First Reading at the February 18, 2021 Board meeting.

VI.B. STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE: Mr. Salemi presented an overview of next steps for implementing the Strategic Plan approved last January. He stated that now is the time to commit to work toward putting the Plan into action to guide our District moving forward.

VI.C. TIF DISCUSSION: Mr. Gress updated the Board regarding the Cermak Road TIF District Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS


- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: With the upcoming Consolidated Election, President Slager stated he would like the Board to consider starting the superintendent evaluation process earlier this year in order to complete it prior to the Board reorganization in April.
- C. Legislative Report: Mr. Salemi shared a brief update on action during the January "lame duck legislative session."
- D. IASB West Cook Report: None.
- E. FOIA Requests: No FOIA requests were received in December.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Salemi thanked the Board, staff, and parents for their trust, patience, support and feedback as schools have reopened for in-person learning. He is working with various agencies to try to secure on-site administration of COVID-19 vaccines for staff. He also shared that Proviso District 209 has not yet approved its 2021-2022 calendar, which will delay our calendar discussion until March.
- H. Administrator Reports: The reports were available on BoardDocs. Mr. Voegtle mentioned in reading Mrs. Malinski's report he noted we have a wait list for EC/PreK students and some therapeutic facilities previously recommended for student placement are full. Mr. Slager thanked Mrs. DeFiacco for her work regarding the new inclusive curriculum law.

VIII.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 7:54 p.m.

VIII.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 8:44 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING: The Board recapped upcoming meetings, return to remote learning, and school reopening procedures.

X. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 8:58 p.m.



Donald A. Slager, President



Molly Quiroz, Secretary