

**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, FEBRUARY 17, 2022.**

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, February 17, 2022, commencing at 6:01 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were present via remote participation: President Voegtle, Vice President Wesolowski, Secretary Quiroz, Members Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, and Sanchez. Member Boyd was absent at the call of the roll. Present at the meeting was Dennis Gress. Participating remotely were Dr. Philip Salemi, Jakub Banbor, Stephanie DeFiacco, Lora Lafin, Maureen Moran, and Sheri Wagner. Guests participating remotely were Anthony Becker, Alicia Blair, Elizabeth Braniff, Gina Chayka, Maggie Church, Kierstin Durst, Joe Esposito, Maria Esposito, Kathleen Franzwa, Kelly Hernandez, Nathan Hughes, Jill Jacobsen, Debbie Jankiewicz, Barb Kadus, Kumar Kayastha, Jason Kluge, Kristen Lasky, Tammy Marren, Jodie McCullough, Tiffany McMorrow, Wendy Remez, Michelle Salazar, Liz Schaeffer, Chris Schoenhardt, Katarzyna Szymaszek, Jimmy Tubbs, Lesley Tumpach, Amy Ward, Elizabeth Whiteside, Melissa Wych, 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. Wesolowski, 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, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Boyd. The President declared the motion carried.

II. BOARD RECOGNITIONS: President Voegtle invited everyone to stop by WMS to view the mural honoring Black History Month and Hispanic Heritage Month. He also noted the District is currently sponsoring the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Black History Month Essay & Art Contest. He gave kudos to our three WPS students who were selected as winners of K-2 division of the 2022 "Survival Through Self-Expression" Art Contest hosted by ISBE; Jill Creamer for working with Divine Providence to set up scrimmages for our 5<sup>th</sup> grade basketball teams; and WMS Student Council for sponsoring Kindness Week activities.

Mrs. Boyd joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Mr. Tubbs, Ms. Schaeffer, Ms. McCullough, and Ms. Franzwa voiced their opinions regarding the wearing of masks in school.

**IV.A. STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT – WESTCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

Mrs. Lafin and members of the WPS School Improvement Leadership Team presented a review of student growth and achievement, overview of inclusive learning environment, summarized high quality staff and leadership data, and recapped their parent and community partnership activities. Mrs. Lafin stated she is proud of the growth made despite all the obstacles faced during the past two years.

**IV.B. 2022-2023 CALENDAR DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed the draft 2022-2023 calendar options.

**IV.C. REPUBLIC BANK DISCUSSION:** Recently our Township Treasurer changed their banking to Republic Bank. Mr. Gress requested a proposal from Republic Bank to move our Student Activity, Imprest, and Insurance bank accounts from BMO Harris Bank. He will provide the Board more information after he reviews the proposal.

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

- B.1. Approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.
- B.2. Approve the minutes of the January 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.
- C.1. Approve the minutes of the February 3, 2022 Special Meeting Open Session as written.
- C.2. Approve the minutes of the February 3, 2022 Special Meeting Closed Session as written.
- D. Accept the resignation, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated.
  - Abbey Rose                      WPS-Grade 1 Classroom Teacher      June 15, 2022
- E. Approve the disposal of district property (WMS Laminator) 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, Voegtli; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

**VI.A. APPROVE THE BILLS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS AS PRESENTED:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$493,881.54 and payrolls in the amount of \$958,071.48 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, Voegtli; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.B. APPROVE THE EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT WITH CLOVERLEAF FARMS DISTRIBUTORS, INC. FOR MILK: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, to approve the extension of the current contract with CloverLeaf Farms Distributors, Inc. to provide milk for the 2022-2023 school year. 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.C. APPROVE THE BUS LEASE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIVE-YEAR LEASE FOR THREE TWO-YEAR OLD TYPE "C" 71-PASSENGER BUSES AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the Bus Lease Resolution authorizing the five-year lease for three two-year old Type "C" 71-passenger buses at a cost of \$50,124 per year 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.

VI.D. APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve the First Reading of the following Board of Education policies as presented:

- Policy 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities
- Policy 6:200 Instructional Arrangements (Delete Policy)
- Policy 6:210 Instructional Materials
- Policy 6:220 Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption (Delete Policy)
- Policy 6:230 Library Media Program

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.

## VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: Mr. Voegtle noted the Teacher Institute Day presentation focusing on supporting transgender students shared with all staff in a recent email. He also highlighted the upcoming "Shave for Gabe - Bring the Change" event to raise funds for childhood cancer research. Mr. Voegtle mentioned that depending on the Appellate Court ruling, the Board may need to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the wearing of masks in our District.
- C. Legislative Report: Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek shared updates.

- D. IASB West Cook Report: Information regarding the March 22, 2022, West Cook Division Meeting was shared in BoardDocs.
- E. FOIA Requests: Four FOIA requests were received in January.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Salemi thanked our staff and substitutes for their great attendance today. It's always a challenge to decide whether to keep school open, but Dr. Salemi assured parents and staff that any school closing will always be communicated via emails, phone calls, and social media. He also stressed that he appreciates and encourages parent to come directly to him to express concerns and ask questions. He also noted it was good to see the band performances this past month.
- G. Administrator Reports: The reports were available in BoardDocs. Mrs. Ortiz asked Mrs. Moran a question regarding the frequency of meetings with staff. Mr. Voegtle asked if there are any changes to the math acceleration program criteria being considered.

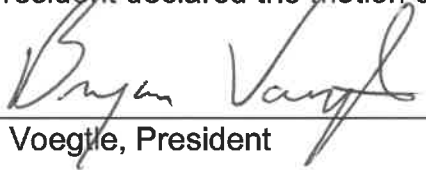
VIII. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

IX.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, 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-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 8:19 p.m.

IX.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 8:50 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING: The Board discussed holding a special meeting to discuss a mask guidance plan.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, 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 8:54 p.m.

  
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Bryan Voegtle, President

  
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Molly Quiroz, Secretary