

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 92½, COOK COUNTY, WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE WESTCHESTER MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM, 1620 NORFOLK AVENUE, AT 5:00 P.M., ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022.

I. The special 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 Tuesday, February 22, 2022, commencing at 5:00 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 Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, and Sanchez. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Philip Salemi, Shawn Barrett, Dennis Gress, Lora Lafin, Greg Leban, Maureen Moran, Laura Panuska, and Kurnain Scott. Guests present: Anthony Becker, Joana Bueta, Maggie Church, Matt Downs, Joe Esposito, Tammy Flynn, Kathy Gisseler, Amanda Grant, Gabrielle Halpin, Ben Marotta, Melisa Marotta, Frances Marshall, Jodie McCullough, Tiffany McMorrow, Veronica Mikson, Liz Schaeffer, Tricia Tomczyk, Monica Torres, Donna Tubbs, Jimmy Tubbs, Lauren Vara, Ken Whiteside, and Griselda Zavala.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, 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: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Ortiz, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

II.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss 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 5:03 p.m.

II.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 5:43 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

The Board took a brief recess until 6:00 p.m.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Ms. Mikson, Mrs. Halpin, Ms. Schaeffer, Ms. Vara, Ms. McCollough, Mr. Whiteside, Ms. Flynn, Mr. Tubbs, Ms. Grant, Mr. Downs, Mr. Marotta, and Ms. Torres shared their opinions regarding the wearing of masks in school.

IV. AUTHORIZE THE SUSPENSION OF COVID MITIGATION MEASURES AS AMENDED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez to authorize the suspension of COVID mitigation measures as amended (start date of March 8, 2022). 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; 1 Nay, Boyd; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried

V. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Voegtle, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, 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 7:30 p.m.


Bryan Voegtle, President


Molly Quiroz, Secretary