

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, FEBRUARY 18, 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, February 18, 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 Douglas-Pieniazek and Ortiz. Members Boyd and Wesolowski were absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Stephanie DeFiacco, Dennis Gress, Lora Lafin, Beth Malinski, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Kelly Alswede, Liz Braniff, Kumar Kayastha, Jason Kluge, Cathy Malloy, and Vanessa Moreno.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, 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, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Boyd, Wesolowski. The President declared the motion carried.

II. DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS: President Slager congratulated the 36 students who were nominated for SCOTY Awards. He also gave kudos to the 38 students accepted at PSMA and 18 students accepted at PWSMA and acknowledged WMS graduate Kayla Chrapkowski for receiving over \$300,000 in scholarships from five universities. Students and staff will be participating in the "Shave for Gabe – Bring the Change" event to raise money for childhood cancer research.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

IV.A. STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT – WESTCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mrs. Lafin and members of the WPS School Improvement Leadership Team presented an overview of curriculum and instruction practices implemented this year due to COVID-19, reviewed school-wide data, noted technology resources available for students and staff, and discussed virtual interventions and supports offered to students.

Mrs. Wesolowski arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Mrs. Ortiz left the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

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

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

- B.1. Approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.
- B.2. Approve the minutes of the January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.
- C.1. Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 Special Meeting Open Session as written.
- C.2. Approve the minutes of the February 4, 2021 Special Meeting Closed Session as written.
- D.1. Accept the resignation, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated.
 - Emmet Deegan WIS-Lead Custodian February 2, 2021
- D.2. Accept the resignations for retirement, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated.
 - Suann Meyer WPS-LBS/Interventionist June 30, 2023
 - Fatina Toy WMS-Paraprofessional February 16, 2021
 - Frederick Bero III District-Bus Driver March 1, 2021
- E. Approve the WPS, WIS, and WMS School Picture Contracts with Van Gogh School Photographers, Inc. for the 2021-2022 school year.
- F. Approve the disposal of district property (Grades K-5 *Treasures* by Macmillan/McGraw Hill 2007 materials and Grades 6-8 *Literature* by McDougall Littell 2008 materials) as presented.

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Boyd, Ortiz. The President declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Ortiz returned to the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

VI.A. APPROVE THE BILLS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Slager, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$89,360.58 and payrolls in the amount of \$894,727.04 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, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Boyd. 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. Quiroz, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the extension of the current contract with CloverLeaf Farms Distributors, Inc. to provide milk 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, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Boyd. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.C. APPROVE COMCAST BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC AS THE DISTRICT'S E-RATE CATEGORY I VENDOR: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve Comcast Business Communications, LLC as the District's E-Rate Category I vendor. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Boyd. 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. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, to approve the First Reading of the following Board of Education policies as presented:

- Policy 1:30 Our Mission
- Policy 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
- Policy 6:110 Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program
- Policy 6:120 Education of Children with Disabilities
- Policy 6:130 Program for the Gifted

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Boyd. The President declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek left the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

VI.E. APPROVE THE 2021-2022 PROGRAM AND STAFFING PLAN AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, to approve the 2021-2022 Program and Staffing Plan as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: President Slager shared a note from Rena Belfiore thanking the Board for its expression of sympathy.

Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek returned to the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

- B. Board President's Report: President Slager thanked the maintenance staff for their recent snow removal efforts. He also thanked Mr. Salemi and team for securing on-site administration of COVID-19 vaccines for staff.
- C. Legislative Report: Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek shared recent updates.

- D. IASB West Cook Report: The West Cook Division Spring meeting will be held virtually on March 2, 2021.
- E. FOIA Requests: No FOIA requests were received in January.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Salemi announced that a COVID Case Tracker is live on our website and data is updated daily. The second COVID-19 vaccine will be administered to staff on February 24. Mr. Salami noted that some District 89 employees were able to get their vaccinations at District 92½ on February 3 and that District 89 was able to schedule vaccinations for two District 92½ employees who were unable to take the first dose here. He also shared that interviews for the Director of Special Education position will begin on February 22. Mr. Salemi participated as a guest reader for the WPTC Kindness Day celebration and commented that it was great to be in the classroom with students.
- G. Administrator Reports: The reports were available on BoardDocs.

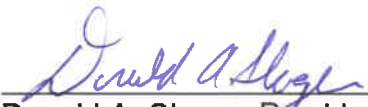
VIII.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Boyd. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 8:29 p.m.

Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek left the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

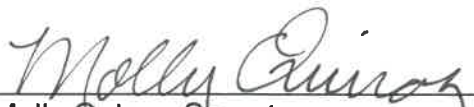
VIII.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 8:56 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING: None.

X. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, 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: 5 members voting Aye, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Donald A. Slager, President



Molly Quiroz, Secretary