

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 6:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 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 Thursday, March 3, 2022, commencing at 6:00 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, Stephanie DeFiacco, Dennis Gress, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Jenny Berg, Kumar Kayastha, Jean Klotter, Kaitlyn Mentone, Brittany Orth, and Laura Tevere.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

I.D. BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Voegtle reflected on the changing COVID-19 mitigation strategies that the Board has had to consider in drafting a mask guidance reduction plan. He asked the Board members for feedback on the process.

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

III.A. STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT – WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL: Mr. Barrett and members of the WIS 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. Mr. Barrett stated he is proud of his staff and students for the growth made despite all the obstacles faced during the past two years.

Mrs. Boyd left the meeting at 6:38 p.m. and returned at 6:42 p.m.

Mrs. Quiroz left the meeting at 7:18 p.m. and returned at 7:20 p.m.

III.B. MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE: Dr. Salemi presented the updated Mitigation Plan. Until formal action can be taken at the March 17th Board meeting, the Board gave consensus to follow the updated plan and instructed Dr. Salemi to continue to follow the IDPH/CDC guidance with the flexibility of making incremental changes as needed.

IV.A. ACCEPT RESIGNATIONS FOR RETIREMENT: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, to accept the resignations for retirement, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated.

- Karen Klemchuk WMS-ELA Teacher June 30, 2024
- Deborah Jankiewicz WMS-LBS/Interventionist June 30, 2024
- Sally Kuhn WPS/WIS/WMS-Technology Specialist June 30, 2024
- Christine Schoenhardt WMS-LBS/Interventionist June 30, 2024

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.

IV.B. APPROVE THE 2022-2023 CALENDAR, OPTION 2, AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, to approve the 2022-2023 calendar, option 2, 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.

V. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: Mrs. Klotter thanked the Board for working through challenging times. She also asked Board members to please use the microphones so the audience can hear the conversations and suggested that all items being discussed are available for the public prior to the meeting. Lastly, she asked the Board to pay attention to what is happening in legislative action and give input as needed.

VI.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; and collective negotiating matters between the District 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: 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 7:49 p.m.

VI.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 9:21 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

VII.A. ACCEPT AND ADOPT THE REPORT OF THE RESIDENCY HEARING OFFICER REGARDING STUDENT #202202090900, HELD ON FEBRUARY 9, 2022, AND DETERMINE THAT STUDENT #202202090900 IS NOT A LEGAL RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 92½: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, to accept and adopt the written report of the Residency Hearing Officer regarding Student #202202090900, held on February 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., and determine that Student #202202090900 is not a legal resident of District 92½. The amount of tuition due is \$8,247.60. 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.B. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR DISMISSAL OF EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL EMPLOYEE FOR REASONS OTHER THAN REDUCTION-IN-FORCE: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, to approve the Resolution for Dismissal of Educational Support Personnel Employee for Reasons Other Than Reduction-In-Force (Darius Murphy, WMS Cafeteria Supervisor). 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.C. SELECT THE DISTRICT 92½ "PERSON OF THE YEAR": A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to select Sheri Wagner as District 92½ "Person of the 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.

VIII. ADVANCED PLANNING: None

Mrs. Boyd left the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

IX. 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: 6 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Boyd. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 9:26 p.m.


Bryan Voegtle, President


Molly Quiroz, Secretary