

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, MARCH 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, March 18, 2021, commencing at 6:32 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were found to be present: President Slager, Vice President Voegtler, Secretary Quiroz, Members Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, and Wesolowski. Also present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Jakub Banbor, Stephanie DeFiacco, Dennis Gress, Greg Leban, Rich Novy, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Alicia Blair, Sheena Canoy, Katie Deters, Deb Jankiewicz, Elizabeth Kincanon, Karen Klemchuk, Jason Kluge, Sally Kuhn, Cathy Malloy, Amanda McMahan, Maureen Moran, and Melissa Wych.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

II. DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS: President Slager congratulated Mikela Burries for being awarded 1st Place in the 2020 First Amendment Art and Essay Contest sponsored by the Anti-Defamation League. He also gave kudos to WMS students Christian Reese, Gloria Pieniazek, Miranda Meier, Jacob Hunter, Julius Gutierrez, Loureen Alvarado and Rylee Christiansen for earning perfect scores at the recent band solo contest. Mr. Slager commented that he was excited to see that club opportunities are being offered this spring. He gave a shout out to students and staff for raising over \$5,800 for childhood cancer research during the "Shave for Gabe – Bring the Change" event.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

IV.A. STATE OF THE SCHOOL REPORT – WESTCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL: Mr. Leban, Mr. Novy and members of the WMS School Improvement Leadership Team presented an overview of curriculum and instruction practices in place this year due to COVID-19; discussed SEL instruction; highlighted daily operations implemented to support staff, students, and parents; noted technology resources available for students and staff; reviewed school-wide data; discussed virtual interventions and supports offered to students; and recapped clubs and activities.

IV.B. CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE: Mr. Banbor presented the District's ESSER II Technology Plan noting the number/model of current devices and the proposed plan to purchase additional Chromebooks for student use. Mrs. DeFiacco recapped the projected proposal for CARES Act grant dollars which includes monies designated to address SEL, professional development for staff, and purchase technology.

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 February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.

B.2. Approve the minutes of the February 18, 2021 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.

C.1. Approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole Open Session as written.

C.2. Approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 Committee of the Whole Closed Session as written.

D. Approve the employment of the following support staff member, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2020-2021 school year.

• Ana Gutierrez WIS-Cafeteria Supervisor March 29, 2021

E. Approve the Second 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: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 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. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$155,450.88 and payrolls in the amount of \$899,430.18 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.B. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR HONORABLE DISMISSAL OF TEACHER: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the Resolution for Honorable Dismissal of Teacher as follows:

• Laura Rucinski WMS-Physical Education Teacher (.54 FTE) June 15, 2021
When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.C. APPROVAL OF FORMAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, to approve the formal Employment Contract between the Board of Education of Westchester Public Schools and the following administrator, effective as stated:

• Maureen Moran District-Special Needs Coordinator July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022
When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.D. APPROVE THE 2021-2022 CALENDAR AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Slager, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, to approve the 2021-2022 calendar 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.E. APPROVE THE BUS LEASE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FIVE-YEAR LEASE FOR FIVE ONE-YEAR OLD TYPE "C" 71-PASSENGER BUSES AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, to approve the Bus Lease Resolution authorizing the five-year lease for five one-year old Type "C" 71-passenger buses at a cost of \$77,293.72 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: President Slager shared a note from Joanne DelRe thanking the Board for its expression of sympathy.
- B. Board President's Report: President Slager shared correspondence from the Westchester Park District regarding Board participation in the Memorial Day program to be held on May 31.
- C. Legislative Report: Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek shared recent updates.

- D. IASB West Cook Report: Mrs. Wesolowski shared that IASB offers online learning opportunities and virtual events for Board members to participate in.
- E. FOIA Requests: Two FOIA requests were received in February.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Salemi shared information from ISBE regarding the option to administer state testing in the spring or fall. With benchmarking, MAP, and a possible IAR in the fall, Mr. Salemi felt it would be too much testing at that time, so the District will administer IAR testing this spring. Remote students must test in-person. Mr. Salemi shared that remote students were able to come in for Picture Days and that band and chorus at WMS will expand after Spring Break. He wished everyone a safe Spring Break and urged all to continue practicing the 3 W's.
- G. Administrator Reports: The reports were available on BoardDocs.

VIII.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, 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; 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; 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 8:35 p.m.

VIII.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 9:06 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

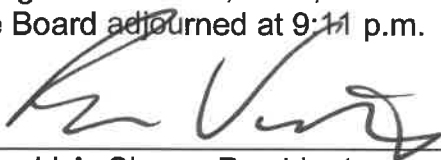
IX.A. APPROVE THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR THE 2008 TAX RATE OBJECTION AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Slager, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, to approve the Stipulation and Agreement for the 2008 Tax Rate Objection as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 7 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

IX.B. APPROVE THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR THE 2009 TAX RATE OBJECTION AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve the Stipulation and Agreement for the 2009 Tax Rate Objection 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

IX.C. APPROVE THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR THE 2010 TAX RATE OBJECTION AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the Stipulation and Agreement for the 2010 Tax Rate Objection 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, 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, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent and the Board adjourned at 9:11 p.m.



 Donald A. Slager, President



 Molly Quiroz, Secretary

Bryan Voegtle, President ProTem
 April 15, 2021