

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 92½, COOK COUNTY, WESTCHESTER, ILLINOIS, HELD IN THE WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CAFETERIA, 10900 CANTERBURY STREET, AT 6:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022.**

I. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of School District 92½, Westchester, Illinois, was held in the Westchester Intermediate School Cafeteria, at 10900 Canterbury Street, on Thursday, April 21, 2022, commencing at 6:01 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were found to be present: Vice President Wesolowski, Secretary Quiroz, Members Boyd and Sanchez. President Voegtle, Members Douglas-Pieniazek and Ortiz were absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Dr. Philip Salemi, Jakub Banbor, Stephanie DeFiacco, Dennis Gress, Greg Leban, Maureen Moran, Laura Panuska, Kurnain Scott, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Taylor Baymon, Tiana Baymon, Alicia Blair, Maria D. Camacho, Kathy Gisseler, Ydalis Jimenez, Kumar Kayastha, Shirlee Kribbs, Claudia Ortega, George Ortega, Jorge Ortega, Brittany Orth, Michelle Salazar, Gina Schoop, Barbara P. Timberlake, Chloe Washington, and Lolita Washington.

Vice President Wesolowski served as President Pro-Tem in the absence of President Voegtle.

Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek arrived at 6:03 p.m.

**I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, 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: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

II.A. DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS: President Pro-Tem Wesolowski congratulated the Westchester Middle School Destination Imagination Team on their successful year. She stated that the DI Divas (Abbie Lehmann, Abby Milas and Danielle Rehder) won the DaVinci Award at their recent tournament and qualified for Globals. She noted that this is the first time in several years that a team from our district has advanced to the Global tournament.

II.B. BOARD SALUTE: President Pro-Tem Wesolowski recognized George Oretga (WPS), Chloe Washington (WIS), and Taylor Baymon (WMS) as this year's "School Citizen of the Year" (SCOTY) award winners. She read statements about the students from the nominating staff members.

II.C. BOARD SALUTE: President Pro-Tem Wesolowski recognized the staff members who were nominated for the 2021 Person of the Year award: Katie Deters, Kathy Gisseler, Brittany Orth, and the Transportation Department and recipient Sheri Wagner.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None

IV.A. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz seconded by Mrs. Boyd, that Mrs. Wesolowski, be nominated for the position of Vice President of the Board of Education, that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast. The Vice President will serve a one-year term concluding in April 2023. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

At 6:18 p.m., Mrs. Wesolowski assumed the position of Vice President of the Board of Education.

A motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, that Mrs. Quiroz, be nominated for the position of Secretary of the Board of Education, that nominations be closed, and a unanimous ballot be cast. The Secretary will serve a one-year term concluding in April 2023. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

At 6:19 p.m., Mrs. Quiroz assumed the position of Secretary of the Board of Education

IV.B. APPROVE THE CALENDAR OF MEETING DATES FOR MAY 2022 TO JULY 2023: A motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, to approve the calendar of meeting dates from May 2022 to July 2023. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

IV.C. REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS: The President Pro-Tem appointed Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek to serve as the Board's Legislative representative.

The President Pro-Tem appointed Mrs. Sanchez to serve as the IASB delegate and Mrs. Boyd as the IASB delegate alternate.

The President Pro-Tem appointed Mr. Voegtle to serve as the Board's Westchester Chamber of Commerce representative.

The President Pro-Tem appointed Mrs. Ortiz to serve as the Board's Community Relations representative.

The President Pro-Tem appointed Mrs. Wesolowski to serve as the Board's West Cook Governing Board representative.

**V.A 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 March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.
- B.2. Approve the minutes of the March 17, 2022 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.
- C.1. Accept the resignations, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated.
 

• Amy Ward	WIS-Lead Custodian	April 9, 2022
• Anthony DiTusa	WIS-Building Foreman	April 22, 2022
• Manuel Hernandez-Baez	WMS-Custodian	March 17, 2022
• Ivan Herrera	WMS-PT Custodian	April 22, 2022
• Madeline Funderburg	WPS-Grade 1 Teacher	August 1, 2022
- C.2. Approve the employment of the following support staff members, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated.
 

• Gina Cerasuolo	WMS-Administrative Assistant	July 1, 2022
• Larell Blair	WMS-Part Time Custodian	April 12, 2022
• Tiana Scruggs	WIS-Custodian	April 18, 2022
• Michael Jones	WMS-Custodian	April 19, 2022
• Todd Jacobek	WIS-Building Foreman	April 21, 2022
- D.1. Approve the 2021-2022 calendar amendment to rescind five unused emergency dates and set Wednesday, June 8, 2022 as the last day of school.

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem 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. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$434,275.62 and payrolls in the amount of \$889,159.84 be approved and authorized for payment. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

**VI.B. APPROVE THE CONTRACT RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH QUEST FOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES TO PROVIDE FOOD MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR:** Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, to approve the contract renewal agreement with Quest Food Management Services to provide food management services for the 2022-2023 school year. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

VI.C. SET THE PRICE FOR STUDENT BREAKFAST WITH MILK AT \$2.25; STUDENT LUNCH WITH MILK AT \$4.00; MILK ONLY AT \$.35; AND ADULT LUNCH AT \$4.25 FOR THE 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez to set the price for student breakfast with milk at \$2.25; student lunch with milk at \$4.00; milk only at \$.35, and adult lunch at \$4.25 for the 2022-2023 school year. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

VI.D. APPROVE THE DESTINATION IMAGINATION EDUCATIONAL TOUR SCHEDULED FOR MAY 21-24, 2022 AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz seconded by Mrs. Boyd, to approve the Destination Imagination educational tour scheduled for May 21-24, 2022 as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

VII.A. WMS STEAM DISCUSSION: Mrs. DeFiacco and Mr. Kayastha presented information on developing a STEAM lab at Westchester Middle School.

Mrs. Sanchez left the meeting at 7:04 p.m. and returned at 7:06 p.m.

VII.B. WMS SCHEDULE DISCUSSION: Mr. Leban presented options for the 2022-2023 schedule and answered Board questions.

VII.C. ADDITIONAL SUMMER CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS DISCUSSION: Mr. Gress highlighted potential summer capital improvement projects including adding bathrooms to WMS, repairing the parking lots at WPS and WIS, masonry repairs, new bus cameras, and electrical upgrades.

VII.D. ENERGY CONTRACT DISCUSSION (ELECTRIC): Mr. Gress discussed securing a new electrical energy contract.

VII.E. POLICY DISCUSSION (POLICIES 2:80, 4:30, and 4:80): The Board discussed revisions to policies 2:80, 4:30, and 4:80. The policies will be brought before the Board for First Reading at the May 19, 2002 meeting.

#### VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Correspondence: None

- B. Board President's Report: Mrs. Wesolowski commented on the Chamber of Commerce dinner and asked Board Members to consider if they plan to seek re-election in the April 2023 consolidated election.
- C. Legislative Report: Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek shared updates.
- D. IASB West Cook Report: None
- E. FOIA Requests: Two FOIA requests were received in March.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Salemi reminded everyone of the District Recognition Dinner taking place next month. He also spoke about the district's COVID protocols. He also stressed the importance of "if you see something, say something" and to reach out to him with concerns.
- G. Administrator Reports: The reports were available in BoardDocs.

IX. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

X.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; 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: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 8:49 p.m.

Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek left the meeting at 8:50 p.m.


X.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 10:33 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

XI. 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 (Helen Leodoro, WIS Custodian). When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 4 members voting Aye, Boyd, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried.

XII. ADVANCED PLANNING: None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez, 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: 4 members voting Aye, Boyd, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Voegtle. The President Pro-Tem declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

  
Dana Wesolowski, President Pro-Tem

  
Molly Quiroz, Secretary