

**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 4:30 P.M., ON THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020.**

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, July 16, 2020, commencing at 4:30 p.m.

I.A. ROLL CALL: On the call of the roll the following members were present via remote participation: President Slager, Vice President Voegtle, Secretary Quiroz, Members Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, and Wesolowski. Present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Dennis Gress, Beth Malinski, and Sheri Wagner. Participating remotely were Jakub Banbor, Shawn Barrett, Stephanie DeFiacco, Lora Lafin, and Greg Leban. Guests: Jason Kluge and Cathy Malloy. Guests participating remotely: Rob Alajoki, Andy Arndt, Kristine Ashford, Jenny Berg, Alicia Blair, Liz Braniff, Anissa Burrell-Butler, Suzy Carbrey, Amber Cerda, Gina Christopher, Michelle Cipriani, Ashley Dattomo, Patrizia Fiordiroso, Maddie Funderburg, Nicole Gatto, Julie Geary, Chelsea Gildow, Kathy Gisseler, Angie Grande, Lisa Gudmundson, Katie Harmount, Melissa Heerboth, Kelly Hernandez, Kandice Hightower, Jill Jacobsen, Debbie Jankiewicz, Ashley Jenkins, Michelle Jones, Lizett Judge, Mary Jurgens, Spiro Karounos, Kumar Kayastha, Shirlee Kribbs, Kristen Lasky, Julie Leahy, Mary Lewis, Irma Martinez, Nancy May, Joy McDowell, Patricia McGlinchey, Anna McKenzie, Suann Meyer, Kristen Nagle, Sheryl Neff, Anne Nelson, Brittany Orth, Carmen Quintana, Melissa Rehder, Wendy Remez, Claudia Romero, Skylar Ryan, Michelle Salazar, Maura Schoo, Joann Turilli, Lisa Weber, Bridget Welsh, and Melissa Wych.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS AMENDED: A motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, that the Agenda be approved as amended (move VI.B. to follow Consent Agenda). 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.

II. DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS: President Slager acknowledged and thanked members of the three transition teams for their time and efforts.

III. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

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

- B.1. Approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.
- B.2. Approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.

- C. Approve the employment of the following social worker intern, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2020-2021 school year:
  - Sheena Canoy WIS-School Social Worker Intern August 24, 2020
- D. Approve the Second Reading of the following Board of Education policies as presented:
  - Policy 6:50 School Wellness
  - Policy 6:65 Student Social and Emotional Development
  - Policy 6:70 Teaching About Religions
  - Policy 6:80 Teaching About Controversial Issues
- E. Approve the Resolution Determining Hazardous Walking Conditions as presented.
- F. Approve the Resolution Authorizing School District Intervention in Future Proceedings Before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board with Respect to 2019 Real Estate Assessments as presented.
- G. Approve the WMS stage lighting proposal from Performance Lighting Chicago in the amount of \$21,863.00 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.

VI.B. 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR DISCUSSION: Mr. Salemi presented the District 92½ Return to Learn plan. He reviewed the principles that were used to guide the actions and decisions and the Administrative Team addressed safety protocols, discussed the proposed blended/hybrid model with families having the choice between receiving in-person 5 half-days per week instruction or participate in remote learning, and talked about health and wellness procedures. Mr. Salemi noted that the plan is based on what we know today and the plan will continue to be developed and refined according to guidance from ISBE and federal, state and local health officials.

Mrs. Quiroz had intermittent Internet issues during the presentation and Mrs. Wesolowski assumed the position of Secretary Pro-Tem at 5:22 p.m.

V.A. APPROVE THE BILLS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Voegtler, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$2,386,707.10 and payrolls in the amount of \$844,590.57 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, Voegtler, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V.B. APPROVE THE FY 2021 CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, to approve the FY 2021 Consolidated District Plan 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.

VI.A. TECHNOLOGY 1:1 INITIATIVE DISCUSSION: Mr. Banbor presented the District's proposed Technology 1:1 Initiative proposal and answered questions from Board members.

VI.C. BOND REFUNDING DISCUSSION: Mr. Gress shared that Baird has identified the District's Limited School Bonds, Series 2010A, as a potential refunding candidate that could generate a debt service savings to the District. It was the consensus of the Board to work with Baird to prepare a parameter resolution to be brought forward for action at the August 20 Board meeting.

VI.D. SUMMER WORK UPDATE: Mr. Gress updated the Board on the progress of the buildings and grounds and technology work being completed this summer

VI.E. TIF UPDATE: Mr. Gress reviewed the two options the District proposed to the Village of Westchester.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: Mr. Slager encouraged Board members to send feedback to Mr. Salemi after reading emails and to ask questions prior to Board meetings in order to receive more thorough and thoughtful answers.
- C. Legislative Report: Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek shared recent legislative updates regarding the reopening of schools and unemployment insurance.
- D. IASB West Cook Report: Mrs. Wesolowski virtually attended the West Cook Governance Meeting on June 23, 2020. The West Cook Division dinner meetings are planned for October 1, 2020 and March 2, 2021.
- E. FOIA Requests: No FOIA requests were received in June.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Salemi thanked members of three transition teams for their efforts to explore options for the reopening of school this fall. He also shared the Strategic Plan Scorecard with the Board and stated that it is important to focus on and communicate our beliefs with all stakeholders.
- G. Administrator Reports: The reports were available on BoardDocs.

VIII.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. 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 7:59 p.m.

VIII.B. BOARD RECONVENES: The Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session at 8:16 p.m.


IX.A. MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF FORMAL EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT RENEWAL: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, to approve the formal Employment Contract renewal between the Board of Education of Westchester Public Schools and the Superintendent, effective as stated.


- Philip Salemi District-Superintendent July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2025

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: Mr. Slager reviewed the upcoming Board meeting calendar and stated that meetings will most likely be in person, with a 6:30 p.m. start time. It was also discussed that the Board may need to approve an adjusted school calendar and adopt new policies based on new fall plans.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mr. Slager, 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. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

  
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Donald A. Slager, President

  
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Dana Wesolowski, Secretary Pro-Tem