

**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 6:00 P.M., ON THURSDAY, JULY 22, 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, July 22, 2021, 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 Philip Salemi, Jakub Banbor, Shawn Barrett, Stephanie DeFiacco, Dennis Gress, Lori Lafin, Maureen Moran, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: None.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, 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.

II. DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS: None at this time.

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 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.

B.2. Approve the minutes of the June 17, 2021 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.

C.1. Approve the formal Employment Contract between the Board of Education of Westchester Public Schools and the following administrator effective as stated.

• Kurnain Scott	WMS-Assistant Principal	August 1, 2021- June 29, 2022
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D.1. Accept the resignation, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated.

• Julie McNamara	WMS-Math Teacher	July 15, 2021
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- D.2. Approve the employment of the following licensed professional educators as assigned by the administration subject to licensure, as placed on the salary schedule, effective as stated, for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - Alexander Harn           WMS-School Counselor           August 23, 2021
  - Kevin Krillic            WMS-LBS1/Interventionist       August 23, 2021
  - Melanie Parus           WIS-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher       August 23, 2021
  - Kaitlyn Mentone        WIS-Social Worker            August 23, 2021
  - DeAnn Conklin         WMS-Math Teacher            August 23, 2021
- D.3. Approve the employment of the following support staff members, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2021-2022 school year.
  - Gina Cerasuolo        WMS-Health Clerk            August 9, 2021
  - Desiree Stratis-Becker District-Level 2 Technician   July 1, 2021
  - Colleen Barrett      WPS/WIS-Library Aide (PT)   August 23, 2021
  - Nubia Uriostegui     WMS-Library Aide (PT)       August 23, 2021
  - Lauren Chayka        WPS-Cafeteria Supervisor    August 25, 2021
  - Jessica Chavez        WPS-Cafeteria Supervisor    August 25, 2021
- E. Approve the Second Reading of the following Board of Education Policies as presented.
  - Policy 6:140 - Education of Homeless Children
  - Policy 6:150 - Home and Hospital Instruction
  - Policy 6:160 - English Language Learners
  - Policy 6:170 - Title I Programs
  - Policy 6:180 - Extended Instructional Programs
- F. Approve the Resolution Determining Hazardous Walking Conditions as presented.
- G. Approve the Resolution Authorizing School District Intervention in Future Proceedings Before the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board with Respect to 2020 Real Estate Assessments 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.A. APPROVE THE BILLS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$2,581,685.07 and payrolls in the amount of \$879,388.80 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, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

V.B.1. APPROVE THE 6TH GRADE OUTDOOR EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL TOUR SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 20-22, 2021 AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, to approve the 6th Grade Outdoor Education educational tour scheduled for October 20-22, 2021 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.B.2. APPROVE THE 8TH GRADE WASHINGTON, D.C., EDUCATIONAL TOUR SCHEDULED FOR MAY 9-13, 2022 AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, to approve the 8th Grade Washington, D.C., educational tour scheduled for May 9-13, 2022 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.

VI.A. PRELIMINARY COVID AND HEALTH SAFETY PLAN FOR START OF SCHOOL: Mr. Salemi shared the latest information from the July 9, 2021 CDC/ISBE Guidance for School; presented the different options for our District; and provided details about the optional screening program (Shield Illinois) being implemented this year. The Board discussed the various options, including wearing of masks, cafeteria protocols and screening testing. The final plan will be presented for Board approval at a Special meeting to be held on August 9, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Mrs. Sanchez left the meeting at 7:29 p.m. and returned at 7:31 p.m.

Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek left the meeting at 7:41 p.m. and returned at 7:45 p.m.

VI.B. STAFFING PLAN UPDATE (WPS/WIS): Mrs. Lafin and Mr. Barrett presented the FY 2022 staffing plans for WPS and WIS and answered Board questions.

VI.C. SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE: Mr. Gress shared photos and updated the Board on the work being completed at WIS (flooring) and the District Office (tuckpointing).

VI.D. EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND PROGRAM DISCUSSION: Mr. Gress and Mr. Banbor applied for a government program that would provide for the purchase of computers, hotspots, modems, routers and broadband connectivity. Based on the \$400 funding per device, the District will receive approximately \$300,000 in funding from the program and will be responsible for covering the balance of \$190,000. This item will be brought forward for action at the August 19 Board meeting.

VI.E. MINIMUM WAGE DISCUSSION: The minimum state wage is currently \$11.00/hour; the Cook County minimum wage is \$13.00/hour; and City of Chicago minimum wage is \$15.00/hour. Mr. Gress asked the Board to consider raising the District's minimum rate to be consistent with the Cook County minimum wage of \$13.00/hour even though Cook County school districts are excluded from the ordinance.

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

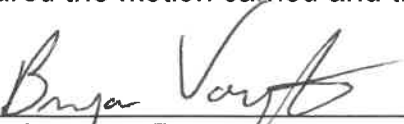
- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: President Voegtle encouraged Board members to attend the Joint Annual Conference in November. He also noted items for discussion at future meetings: reviewing/revising the Board Agreements, posting updated Board pictures on the website, recording Board meetings; and adding a second public comments agenda item at the end of the meeting.
- C. Legislative Report: None.
- D. IASB West Cook Report: Mrs. Wesolowski shared that the West Cook Governing Board met on Tuesday, June 22, to elect officers and start planning the fall and spring dinner meetings.
- E. FOIA Requests: Two FOIA requests were received in June.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Salemi gave kudos to Stephanie DelFiacco and Dennis Gress for getting the ESSER III grant approved on the first submission. He also shared that, as of today, 49% of our families have completed registration for the upcoming year.

VII.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific 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: 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 8:14 p.m.

VII.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 9:07 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

IX. ADVANCED PLANNING: The Board discussed upcoming agenda items and meeting dates.

X. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, 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, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

  
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Bryan Voegtle, President

  
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Molly Quiroz, Secretary