

**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, AUGUST 19, 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, August 19, 2021, commencing at 6:02 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, and Member Sanchez. Members Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, and Ortiz were absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Stephanie DelFiacco, Dennis Gress, Maureen Moran, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Anthony Becker, Anissa Burrell-Butler, Elizabeth Pikes, and Claudia Romero.

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: 4 members voting Aye, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz. The President declared the motion carried.

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

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

B.1. Approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.

B.2. Approve the minutes of the July 22, 2021 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.

C. Approve the minutes of the August 9, 2021 Special Meeting Open Session as written.

D. Accept the resignation, with regret, of the following staff member, effective as stated.

• Irma Perez                      WIS/WMS-Cafeteria Supervisor                      August 8, 2021

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

IV.A. APPROVE THE BILLS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$351,880.77 and payrolls in the amount of \$814,221.34 be approved and authorized for payment. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 4 members voting Aye, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 3 Absent, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.B. APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 6:185 AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, to approve the First Reading of the following Board of Education policy as presented:

- Policy 6:185 Remote Educational Program

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

Mrs. Boyd arrived at 6:08 p.m.

IV.C.1. APPROVE FY 2022 NON-ASSOCIATION SUPPORT STAFF SALARY PLACEMENT SCHEDULE REVISIONS (MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE FOR FOOD SERVICE AND SCHOOL BUS SUPERVISORS) AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, to approve the FY 2022 non-association support staff salary placement schedule revisions (minimum wage increase for food service and school bus supervisors) as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.C.2. APPROVE FY 2022 NON-ASSOCIATION SUPPORT STAFF SALARY COMPENSATION REVISION (MINIMUM WAGE INCREASE) AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the FY 2022 non-association support staff salary compensation revision (minimum wage increase) as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.D. AUTHORIZE THE APPROVAL OF AN ENERGY CONTRACT FOR GAS WITHIN 25% OF OUR CURRENT COST OF \$0.3160 PER THERM: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, to authorize the approval of an energy contract for gas within 25% of our current cost of \$0.3160 per therm. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.E. APPROVE THE EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND PROGRAM AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Sanchez, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program as presented. Motion was tabled until September 23, 2021 Board meeting.

V.A. SUMMER PROJECTS UPDATE: Mr. Gress reported that the tuckpointing work at the District Office has been completed and the flooring project at WIS is substantially completed with a few minor punch list items remaining.

V.B. ENROLLMENT DATA PRESENTATION: Mr. Gress presented historical and projected District enrollment data, class section and size data, and historical salary expenditure information. He also answered questions from the Board. Mr. Salemi shared that 1,015 students are currently enrolled for the 2021-2022 school year.

V.C. BOARD AGREEMENTS: Discussion was tabled until the September 23, 2021 Board meeting.

V.D. BOARD MEETING RECORDINGS: President Voegtle stated that he would like to have Board meetings recorded and shared with the public after the meeting has concluded (not a live broadcast). The Board gave the consensus to go ahead and research equipment needed and protocols that must be followed (i.e. close captioning) so that a trial run could be done.

## VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: President Voegtle shared that Mr. Salemi represented our District at a recent inter-governmental meeting attended by officials of the Village, Park District, and Library and noted that the Back to School Picnic will be held on September 12. He mentioned he received information regarding a Cook County Solar Schools Grant that he will pass on to Mr. Gress. President Voegtle also shared that he attended the new teacher luncheon today to welcome new staff.
- C. Legislative Report: None.
- D. IASB West Cook Report: Mrs. Wesolowski shared the program to be presented at the October 21<sup>st</sup> West Cook Division Meeting. The event is scheduled for the same evening as our October Regular Board meeting.
- E. FOIA Requests: No FOIA requests were received in July.
- F. Superintendent's Report: The back to school "Meet and Greet" will be held on Monday, August 23, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Flu shots and COVID vaccinations will also be available from 3:00-7:00 p.m. Mr. Salemi shared that District 92½ is celebrating 92½ years of educating students in Westchester this fall and that fun facts will be shared throughout the year regarding the District's history. He noted that as of today 482 students are signed up to participate in SHIELD testing; that we have modified seating in the cafeteria to provide for 6 feet of social distancing; and are ready to welcome students back to in-person learning next week.

G. Administrator Reports: The reports were available in BoardDocs.

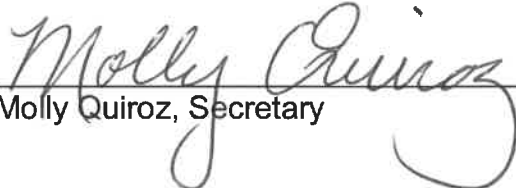
VII.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and litigation, when an action against, affecting 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: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 7:12 p.m.

VII.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 7:40 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, 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: 5 members voting Aye, Boyd, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 2 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

  
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Bryan Voegtle, President

  
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Molly Quiroz, Secretary