

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, SEPTEMBER 17, 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, September 17, 2020, commencing at 6:30 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 and Sheri Wagner. Participating remotely were Jakub Banbor, Shawn Barrett, Stephanie DelFiacco and Dennis Gress. Guests participating remotely: Jimma Aiyo, Kim Arnold, Craig Meadows 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. Wesolowski, 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, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 0 Absent. The President declared the motion carried.

II. DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS: President Slager gave kudos and thanked the teachers and staff for their efforts during remote learning. He also thanked WMS graduate Matt Henning for the picnic tables and buddy benches he built and donated to WIS and WMS as part of his Eagle Scout requirements.

Mrs. Boyd lost internet connection at 6:36 p.m.

III.A. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET: A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to open the FY 2021 Budget Hearing at 6:37 p.m., as advertised in the Chicago Sun-Times. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Boyd. The President declared the motion carried.

Mrs. Boyd returned to the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

III.B. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

III.C. ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FY 2021 BUDGET: A motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mr. Slager, to adjourn the FY 2021 Budget Hearing at 6:50 p.m. 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.

IV. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

V. 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. Approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 Special Meeting Open Session as written.
- C. Approve the minutes of the September 3, 2020 Special Meeting Open Session as written.
- D. Accept the resignations, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated:
 - Kim McCurley WMS-Cafeteria Supervisor August 28, 2020
 - Tammy Martyn WPS-Cafeteria Supervisor September 9, 2020
- E. Approve the disposal of district property (90 thesauruses and 117 dictionaries at WMS) 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.A. APPROVE THE MECHANICAL SYSTEMS SERVICE PROPOSAL FROM PRECISION CONTROL SYSTEMS, INC.: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Voegtle, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve the mechanical systems service proposal from Precision Control Systems, Inc. for a block of 125 hours throughout the 2020-2021 school year at the rate of \$137 per hour (normal business hour rates) for a total cost of \$17,125. 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.

Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek left the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

VI.B. APPROVE THE BILLS, CLAIMS AND PAYROLLS AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Slager, seconded by Mrs. Quiroz, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$373,035.46 and payrolls in the amount of \$868,805.71 be approved and authorized for payment. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.C. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2021 BUDGET: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, to approve the Technology 1:1 Initiative as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.D. GRANT AUTHORIZATION TO PROCEED WITH 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Voegtle, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, to grant authorization to proceed with 2021 Capital Improvements as presented (asbestos abatement and flooring at WIS). When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.E. APPROVE THE IL-EMPOWER WESTCHESTER INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Wesolowski, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the IL-EMPOWER Westchester Intermediate School Improvement Plan as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.F. APPROVE THE FIRST READING OF BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICIES AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the First Reading of the following Board of Education policies as presented:

- Policy 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure
- Policy 2:265 Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure

When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Wesolowski, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VII. TIF UPDATE: The Village of Westchester approved the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) on the Cermak Road/Oxford Street property on June 9, 2020. Mr. Gress reviewed options for the Board to consider at the October 22nd Board meeting.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: Mr. Slager received an email from Karen Klemchuk thanking him for the recent letter he sent on behalf of the Board recognizing our teachers and staff for going the extra mile to start the school year.
- B. Board President's Report: Mr. Slager shared that IASB is planning to hold a Virtual Summit on November 20, 2020 in place of the annual tri-conference.

Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek returned to the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

- C. Legislative Report: Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek shared recent updates regarding CARES Act provisions for private schools, PPE, and Title IX.

- D. IASB West Cook Report: The West Cook Division Meeting will be held virtually on October 29, 2020.
- E. FOIA Requests: No FOIA requests were received in August.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Mr. Salemi discussed the status of returning to in-person learning. He is monitoring the positivity rate in Westchester and working with staff who need to work remotely due to various reasons; the challenge is to keep students and staff safe while managing the whole process. The goal is to work toward getting our most fragile populations back in school first. He stated he is proud of work being done during remote learning.

He also informed the Board that he has reached out to some of the local universities with the most diverse student populations to partner with them for student teachers, student observation hours, and opportunities for our students to collaborate with their students.


- G. Administrator Reports: Mrs. Quiroz had questions regarding the assessment schedule.
- H. Board of Education Election Information: Three seats on our seven-member Board will be filled at the April 6, 2020 Consolidated Election. At this time, Mr. Slager does not intend to seek a third term; Mrs. Wesolowski is planning on running; and Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek is undecided.

IX.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, that the Board retire into Closed Session to discuss the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 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 8:28 p.m.


IX.B. BOARD RECONVENES: The Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session at 8:52 p.m.

X. ADVANCED PLANNING: The Board discussed teacher/staff appreciation ideas.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, 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 9:02 p.m.



Donald A. Slager, President



Molly Quiroz, Secretary