

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, SEPTEMBER 23, 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, September 23, 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, Secretary Quiroz, Members Boyd, Ortiz and Sanchez. Vice President Wesolowski and Member Douglas-Pieniazek were absent at the call of the roll. Also present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Jakub Banbor, Stephanie DelFiacco, Dennis Gress, Maureen Moran, Kurnain Scott, and Sheri Wagner. Guests present: Kathy Gisseler and Michael McPherson.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mrs. Wesolowski arrived at 6:02 p.m.

II. BOARD RECOGNITIONS: President Voegtle recognized the continued efforts of the staff and administration in working to keep school as normal as possible while maintaining COVID safety protocols. He also congratulated Dr. Salemi on the successful defense of his dissertation and receiving his Doctorate in School Leadership from Concordia University.

III.A. OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET: A motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to open the FY 2022 Budget Hearing at 6:05 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, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

III.B. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

III.C. ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE FY 2022 BUDGET: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, to adjourn the FY 2022 Budget Hearing at 6:12 p.m. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. 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. Ortiz, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

- B.1. Approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Open Session as written.
- B.2. Approve the minutes of the August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Closed Session as written.
- C.1. Accept the resignations, with regret, of the following staff members, effective as stated.
 - Claudia Romero WIS-Cafeteria Supervisor August 25, 2021
 - Kevin Pope WMS-Part Time Custodian September 17, 2021
- C.2. Approve the employment of the following support staff members, as assigned by the administration, effective as stated, for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - Darius Murphy WMS-Cafeteria Supervisor August 25, 2021
 - Maria Mitchell WIS-Cafeteria Supervisor September 1, 2021
- D. Approve the Second 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: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President 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. Sanchez, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$428,831.62 and payrolls in the amount of \$878,693.11 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, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.B. APPROVE THE RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FY 2022 BUDGET: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, to approve the Resolution Adopting the FY 2022 Budget. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VI.C. APPROVE THE EMERGENCY CONNECTIVITY FUND PROGRAM AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mr. Voegtle, to approve the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtle; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

VII.A. BOARD AGREEMENTS: The Board reviewed the Board Agreements approved on October 17, 2019 and made minor updates. The new Agreements will be brought forward to the October 21, 2021 meeting for approval.

VIII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A. Correspondence: None.
- B. Board President's Report: President Voegtle thanked Mrs. DeFiacco for sending the email detailing MTSS team updates and he also thanked Mrs. Ortiz for organizing the Board's participation in the Back to School picnic. He shared a letter to the Board members from Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek regarding her recent absences at Board meetings due to her educational pursuits. President Voegtle stated he hoped Board members would do their best to attend Board meetings and uphold their responsibilities as elected officials.
- C. Legislative Report: A report from Mrs. Douglas Pieniazek was posted in BoardDocs.
- D. IASB West Cook Report: The West Cook Division Meeting is scheduled to be held on October 21; the same evening as our October Regular Board meeting.
- E. FOIA Requests: No FOIA requests were received in August.
- F. Superintendent's Report: Dr. Salemi thanked the Board for supporting and acknowledging the completion of his doctoral degree. He reported that the second week of SHIELD testing went well and that the first School Improvement Early Release Day is scheduled for Wednesday, September 29. He also stated it was great to have everyone back in school again.
- G. Administrator Reports: The reports were available in BoardDocs. Mr. Voegtle congratulated Mr. Gress on securing a \$50,000 matching maintenance grant from ISBE and asked the status of the truck bid/purchase.

IX.A. BOARD RETIRED TO CLOSED SESSION: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Sanchez, 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: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtler; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried and the Board retired at 6:55 p.m.

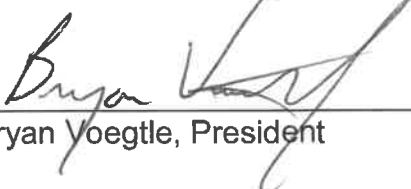
IX.B. BOARD RECONVENES: At 7:50 p.m. the Board reconvened in Open Session after the conclusion of its Closed Session.


X.A. APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE WITH THE PARENTS OF STUDENT 202101 AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Boyd, to approve the Settlement Agreement and General Release with the Parents of Student 202101 as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtler; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

X.B. APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND GENERAL RELEASE WITH THE PARENTS OF STUDENT 202102 AS PRESENTED: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, seconded by Mrs. Wesolowski, to approve the Settlement Agreement and General Release with the Parents of Student 202102 as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtler; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried.

XI.A. ADVANCED PLANNING: None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Ortiz, 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: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Ortiz, Sanchez, Quiroz, Wesolowski, Voegtler; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Douglas-Pieniazek. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 7:53 p.m.


Bryan Voegtler, President


Molly Quiroz, Secretary