

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL 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, SEPTEMBER 3, 2020.

I. The special 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 3, 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 Voegtler, Secretary Quiroz, Members Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, and Ortiz. Member Wesolowski was absent at the call of the roll. Present at the meeting were Philip Salemi, Dennis Gress, and Sheri Wagner. Participating remotely were Jakub Banbor, Shawn Barrett, Stephanie DeFiacco, Lora Lafin, and Beth Malinski. Guests participating remotely: Chioma Agwuncha, Tammy Flynn, Laina Krisik-Joyce, Rose Leon, Claudia Romero, and Lisa Ziede.

I.B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I.C. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED: A motion was made by Mrs. Quiroz, seconded by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, that the Agenda be approved as presented. When the question was called, the Roll Call Vote was taken with the following results: 6 members voting Aye, Boyd, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Quiroz, Voegtler, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Wesolowski. The President declared the motion carried.

II. AUDIENCE COMMENTS: None.

III. APPROVE THE BILLS AND CLAIMS: Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Boyd, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, that the bills and claims in the amount of \$316,281.97 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, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Quiroz, Voegtler, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Wesolowski. The President declared the motion carried.

IV.A. 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR UPDATES: Mr. Salemi acknowledged the work of all staff and Board members to get school up and running this fall. Enrollment as of September 2 was 1,040 students, down 90 students from last year; 239 parents and 300 students have responded to the Return to School Survey; 158 tech tickets have been opened with five tickets outstanding; 225 students are receiving breakfast and lunch food deliveries; nine staff are working from home for the full quarter and six staff are remote for designated days/weeks; 167 professional development workshops were taken during Institute Days; MAP testing is scheduled to begin September 14; and Curriculum Nights are upcoming this month. Mr. Salemi also stated that he is in contact with the Cook County Department of Public Health and in conversations with area superintendents about the possibility of returning to school in-person.

IV.B. FINANCE: Mr. Gress presented the FY 2021 Tentative Budget and answered questions from Board members. The Budget Hearing will be held on September 17, with the meeting beginning at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Gress also reported that the bond refunding issuance occurred today which resulted in a net present value savings of \$351,000.


Mr. Slager lost internet connection at 5:20 p.m. and returned to the meeting at 5:21 p.m.

IV.C. BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Mr. Gress reviewed his recommendation to purchase a block of hours to maintain the District's mechanical systems. The proposal will be brought before the Board for approval at the September 17 meeting. He also met with our architects to discuss the replacement of flooring and asbestos abatement at WIS and WMS as the focus for the 2021 summer projects. Authorization to go to bid will be requested at the September 17 Board meeting.

IV.D. POLICY: The Board reviewed and discussed Policies 2:260 and 2:265. The policies will be brought before the Board for First Reading at the September 17 Board meeting.

V. ADVANCED PLANNING: Mr. Slager confirmed that the September 17 meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and that members may participate remotely.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Mrs. Douglas-Pieniazek, seconded by Mrs. Ortiz, 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, Douglas-Pieniazek, Ortiz, Quiroz, Voegtle, Slager; 0 Nays; 1 Absent, Wesolowski. The President declared the motion carried and the Board adjourned at 5:39 p.m.



Donald A. Slager, President



Molly Quiroz, Secretary