

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on
Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in Board Rooms 215, 216, & 217
at 126 S. York Street, Elmhurst, IL, DuPage County**

Call to Order: President Caforio called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

| Board of Education | Present | Absent |
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| Mrs. Kara Caforio - President | x | |
| Mr. Chris Kocinski – Vice- President | | x |
| Mrs. Courtenae Trautmann – Secretary | x | |
| Mrs. Athena Arvanitis | x | |
| Mr. James Collins | x | |
| Mrs. Elizabeth Hosler | x | |
| Mrs. Karen Stuefen | | x |

President Caforio stated there are 5 present and 2 absent board members, we have a quorum present.

| Administration | Present | Absent |
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| Dr. Keisha Campbell - Superintendent | x | |
| Mr. Rudy Gomez | x | |
| Mr. Scott Grens | x | |
| Mr. Luke Pavone | x | |
| Mrs. Beverly Redmond | x | |
| Mr. Kevin Rubenstein | x | |
| Mr. Chris Whelton | x | |

Public Attendance: 33 members of the public attended the board meeting.

Pledge of Allegiance: Board members led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Spotlight/Recognition

Shining Star Recipient – Erendia Navarro: Mrs. Trautmann introduced Erendia Navarro as the Shining Star recipient for her Elmhurst community volunteer work especially with the Elmhurst Resource Collaboration group. She coordinated one of Elmhurst’s biggest resource fairs in July. The resource fair hosted a variety of agencies, medical providers, offered students school supplies, provided families with food boxes, and assisted our parents with school registration.

Family Career Culinary Leaders of America (FCCLA) National Winner: York High School students were recognized for their silver and gold medals received during the FCCLA’s first-ever hybrid national leadership conference. Mrs. Hosler read the proclamation recognizing the students and the faculty of the Family and Consumer Sciences department. The board applauded the parents for their support, too.

Public Comments

Ten guests provided public comment to the Board. There was be up to 30-minutes allocated for public comments with up to three (3) minutes per public comment speaker concerning items on this agenda, as well as communication, petitions, reports from citizens or representatives of other public agencies.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

- Approval of Regular Board Minutes: July 13, 2021; July 28, 2021

President Caforio asked if there were any changes to the minutes and hearing no changes, the minutes were declared to stand as presented.

Reports and Presentations

Facilities Update

Mr. Schmidt presented the Facility Update of the summer 2021 construction. He reviewed an updated referendum budget. As a reminder to the community, the Board commented that there was an intentional

increase in the scope or work for future growth, which caused an increase in cost but reiterated that for future projects, the team should be mindful of cost containment without compromising student experience. Mr. Schmidt continued to review the progress on Lincoln ES, Transition Center, and York storm water storage/new turf area, along with updates on the completed projects at Edison, Emerson, Hawthorne, and York's pool area. The Board mentioned the wonderful way Edison's old and new areas were incorporated together. The board asked if there is a possibility that an open house could be set up for the community.

SY 21-22 Opening Week Celebration

Mrs. Redmond introduced the fall 2021 Moving Forward Together start of school celebration. It was a strong start to the year with: Five Full Days of Instruction for All Students in All Schools; Connection, Communication and Cultivating Positive Relationships Across the D205 Community; and Celebrate the Strength and Demonstrate Pride in D205 Students, Staff and Schools. The school year began with teacher institute days, followed by back to school events. President Caforio thanked Dr. Campbell and the team for the special 2021 opening teacher institute day event.

Consent Agenda

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Bid 22-01 Mini Mill-EDU and Toolroom Lathe
- D. Agreement – Residency Matter
- E. Appointment of School Treasurer
- F. Team Select Nursing Services Agreement
- G. Approval of Consolidated District Plan
- H. Parchment Agreement (Transcript)

President Caforio asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: A. Personnel Report; B. Financial Reports; C. Bid 22-01 Mini Mill-EDU and Toolroom Lathe; D. Agreement - Residency Matter; E. Appointment of School Treasurer; F. Team Select Nursing Services Agreement; G. Approval of Consolidated District Plan; and H. Parchment Agreement.

Mrs. Trautmann moved and Mrs. Hosler seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Trautmann, Mrs. Hosler, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Arvanitis, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carries. Mrs. Stuefen and Mr. Kocinski were absent.

Action Item

Approval of Teaching and Learning Consultant Contract

Dr. Campbell indicated that contracting with a consultant will allow the administration team time to appropriately recruit and hire a permanent leader to fill the vacant assistant superintendent of teaching and learning role. The recommendation as the interim superintendent of teaching and learning is Dr. Sanford. The board asked if the one-year contract is firm, if there is a limit on the number of days the consultant can work, and what the timeframe is to begin the search for a permanent replacement. Dr. Campbell stated the search would most likely begin in December with the goal of offer to hire in the spring and included that TRS is not a factor in the number of work days.

President Caforio asked for a motion to approve the consultant contract with Dr. Sanford. Mrs. Hosler moved and Mrs. Caforio seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Hosler, Mrs. Trautmann, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Arvanitis, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carries. Mrs. Stuefen and Mr. Kocinski were absent.

Superintendent Communication

- FOIA - Freedom of Information Act Requests: Dr. Campbell reported the following FOIA requests, 17 FOIA requests revolving around curriculum, 15 granted, 2 not in possession; 3 FOIA requests for maintenance, postal, and copier contracts, granted; 2 FOIA request regarding staff information, granted; 1 FOIA request regarding settlement agreement, granted; 1 FOIA request for construction bid information, granted; 2 FOIA requests for released closed minutes, granted; 4 FOIA requests around a variety of communication, 2 granted, 2 unduly burdensome; 1 FOIA request for tax levy information, granted; 1 FOIA request vague/unclear, denied; 1 FOIA request course enrollment; granted

As a side note, Dr. Campbell indicated the administration team is currently updating a COVID dashboard, with a relaunch on September 6.

- **Social Media Highlights:** Mrs. Redmond highlighted some social media posts, which encompasses many social media platforms. President Caforio acknowledges and thanks Mrs. Redmond for all she has done for D205 and wishes her good luck with her new opportunity in another district and state. Mrs. Redmond states what an excellent opportunity it's been to serve D205 and she will continue to follow to us.

Board Communication

President Caforio stated that Mrs. Arvanitis will replace Mr. Kocinski on the Finance and Operations committee. She also apologized for not noting at the July 28, 2021 meeting there had been a wording change to the originally posted 2021-2022 Return to School Plan Approval Resolution but stated the board approved the correct resolution and it is posted in BoardDocs.

Upcoming Meetings

- A. September 1, 2021 Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.-District 205 Center, Rm 216,& 217
- B. September 7, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - District 205 Center, Rooms 215, 216,& 217
- C. September 21, 2021 Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m.-District 205 Center, Rooms 215, 216,& 217

Adjournment - End of Meeting The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

We certify this document as the correct minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Elmhurst CUSD 205 Board of Education held on August 24, 2021.



Kara Caforio – President



Courtenae Trautmann - Secretary