



Regular Meeting Minutes
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 98
July 29, 2021 - 6:30 PM
Prairie Oak Elementary School - Commons
1427 Oak Park Ave; Berwyn, IL 60402

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Personal, academic and civic
Potential.*

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting started at 6:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mounce, Swade, Paul-Emile, Brown, Bruno, and Kulis-Kearns Valeriano

Members via video Conference: Brown and Cuevas

Members left early: Mounce at 7:01 p.m. returned at 7:15 p.m. and Kulis-Kearns Valeriano left at 7:05 p.m.

Also in attendance: Dr. Michelle Smith and Regina Johnson.

III. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance as led by Board President Mounce.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. FY22 Tentative Budget Presentation

Regina Johnson, Chief School Business Official, presented the second draft of the 2021-2022 school year budget to the Board and community.

B. FGM Architects Air Quality Project Audit Report

Dean Manasses of FGM Architects was present to provide the Board and community with their findings and recommendation for the district school's air quality project. Mr.

Manasses is recommending that most work take place at Jefferson elementary school with a total cost of approximately \$6 million worth of work. Including the heating system, boilers and uninvents. The other schools have newer systems.

C. Superintendent, Dr. Michelle Smith informs the Board and community that the CDC has set forth a determination passed earlier this week that required that everyone wear a mask vaccinated or not. Dr. Smith per CDC recommendation will go ahead and require that for the 21-22 school year masks will be a requirement for students, staff, and visitors to the schools.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Monica Deenihan, 5th grade inclusion teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary starting her 11th year of teaching. Ms. Deenihan wanted to formally introduce herself to the Board and community as the newly elected President to the North Berwyn Education Association. Monica looks forward to maintaining strong working relationship with the Board and Superintendent Smith. She is proud to be a teacher at Berwyn North and proud to serve the students and families of this community.

- B. Donna Miller, newly elected Vice Present for the North Berwyn Education Association also introduced herself to the Board and community and looks forward to working with the Board and Dr. Smith.
- C. Rhonda Mejia, community member and parent introduced herself to the Board and community. Ms. Mejia agrees with the CDC that everyone wear a mask. She also brought up the topic of the remote learning options. Rhonda expressed her concern in regards to the message Dr. Smith put out to the community in regards to parents having to prove a medical condition to be eligible for remote learning. She also expressed concern in regards to Covid numbers are on the rise and what would be the action taken if that happens.
- D. Dr. Michelle Smith expressed that there is push across the nation to bring student back to in person instruction. Research shows that remote learning did not work. Dr. Smith expressed that it is up to the physician to determine that the child's condition puts them at high risk of death if they contract Covid. The school district is not making that determination. Remote learning will be held outside of the school district through West 40. Dr. Smith will informed Ms. Mejia that she will have to wait for the governor's direction when it comes to closing down schools due to Covid.
- E. Ms. Claudia Quintero parent of a middle school students asked if the Principal for the middle school had been selected. Dr. Smith let her know that the new Principal had been selected and is currently sitting in the audience. Member Swade reminded the parent that the principal would be approved later in the meeting.

VI. BOARD COMMENT

- A. Member Cuevas expressed her gratitude for providing educational services through West 40 for Berwyn North School District 98.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

- 1. Approval of Meeting Minutes - 6/24/2021
- 2. Executive Meeting Minutes - 6/24/2021

B. Approval of Personnel:

1. Ratifications:

- a. Susan Pace, EL Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- b. Mariely Munoz, Dual Language Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- c. Mary Burke, 1-Year Science Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- d. Ashley Zuniga, Dual Language Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- e. Guadalupe Arroyo, Dual Language Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- f. Ami Blaha, Non-Certified Nurse at Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- g. Marisol Soto, Dual Language Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year
- h. Christopher "Joe" Andrews, Counselor at Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year.

- i. Sonia Ruiz, Principal at Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
 - j. Elica Castrejon, Dual Language Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
 - k. Andrea Schuster, Science Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
 - l. Hannah Nolan-Spohn, EL Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- 2. Reassignments:
 - 3. Declinations:
 - 4. Leaves:
 - a. Shannon Stevlic, Reading Interventionist at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has requested a one-year leave starting on July 1, 2021, and ending on June 30, 2022.
 - 5. Resignations:
 - a. Anna Kopacz, 7th Grade Teacher at Lincoln Middle School has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective June 29, 2021.
 - b. Lucia Cano, Lunchroom Supervisor at Lincoln Middle School has submitted a Letter of Resignation Effective June 30, 2021.
 - c. Bianca Taylor, Special Education Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective July 19, 2021.
 - d. Debra Pearson, Lunchroom Supervisor at Jefferson Elementary School has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective July 20, 2021.
 - e. Dominic Storino, Special Education Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective July 28, 2021.
 - 6. Terminations:
 - 7. Intent to Retire:

C. Approval of Building Use Applications

- 1. Building Use - Prairie Oak Elementary - Berwyn North Park District - Before & After School Programs - 8/19/21 - 5/27/21
- 2. Building Use - Lincoln Middle School - Berwyn North Park District - Taekwondo - 9/20/21 - 5/26/22
- 3. Building Use - Havlicek Elementary School - AWAKE - Pie Contest - 9/12/2021

D. Approval of Authorizations of next month's Payroll:

- 1. Approval of Invoices – \$ 2,462,990.99.
- 2. Approval of Monthly Payroll – \$ 414,785.08.
- 3. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll – August

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Board approve the items on the Consent Agenda: A. Approval of Minutes, Items 1-2; B. Approval of Personnel, Items 1-7; and D. Approval of Finances, Items 1-3 as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Brown, Bruno, and Mounce.

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA – C. Items 1-3 Building Use Applications

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Board approve the Consent Agenda Item C 1-3 as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Brown, Bruno, and Mounce.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval to place Tentative - Budget for the 2021-2022 school year on display. Such tentative Budget is to be filed and conveniently available for public inspection for 30 days prior to Board Approval on September 30, 2021.

APPROVAL TO PLACE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR ON DISPLAY

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Board approve to place the Tentative Budget for the 2021-2022 School Year on display for public inspection for 30 days prior to the September 30, 2021 Board meeting.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Brown, Bruno, and Mounce.

- B. Approval of Policies Second Read:

- a. 1:10 School District Legal Status
- b. 1:20 District Organization, Operation, and Cooperative Agreements
- c. 1:30 School District Philosophy
- d. 2:10 School District Governance
- e. 2:30 School District Elections
- f. 2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
- g. 2:240 Board Policy Development
- h. 2:120-E1 Exhibit-Guidelines for Serving as Mentor to a New Board of Education Member
- i. 2:120-E2 Exhibit-Website Listing of Development and Training Completed by Board Members
- j. 2:220-E4 Exhibit-Open Meeting Minutes
- k. 2:220-E7 Exhibit-Access to Close Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings
- l. 3:30 Chain of Command
- m. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
- n. 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
- o. 6:170 Title I Programs

- p. 7:220 Bus Conduct
- q. 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities

APPROVAL OF POLICIES SECOND READ

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Board approve the Policies named above.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Brown, Bruno, and Mounce.

IX. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Policies - First Read

- a. 2:125-E3 Exhibit-Resolution to Regulate Expense Reimbursements
- b. 2:240-E1 Exhibit-PRESS Issue Updates
- c. 2:240-E2 Exhibit-Developing Local Policy
- d. 6:145 Migrant Students
- e. 6:160 English Learners
- f. 6:235 Access to Electronic Networks
- g. 6:255 Assemblies and Ceremonies
- h. 6:260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs
- i. 7:280 Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
- j. 8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs

B. Monthly Fund Report

Regina Johnson, Chief Business Official presented the Monthly Fund Report to the Board and community.

X. Upcoming Events

A. Upcoming Events:

Aug 7

Back to School Celebration - Jefferson Soccer Field - 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Aug 18

Meet & Greet Event at each building - 12:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 26

BOE Meeting - Prairie Oak Elementary - 6:30 p.m.

September 30

BOE Meeting - TBD - 6:30 p.m.

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Donna Miller, ask the Board and Superintendent Dr. Michelle Smith if the Aug 7th & Aug 18th events would require staff, students, and guest to wear masks to which Dr. Smith responded “Yes” everyone will be required to wear masks for the events.

XII. BOARD COMMENT

- A. None stated.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Regular Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 7:55 p.m., Thursday, July 29, 2021 for the purpose of discussing the following items:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2(c) (1).
2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).
3. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)
4. 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 must be recorded and entered into the minutes of The closed meeting; 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Mounce that the Regular Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education reconvenes from Executive Session at 8:46 p.m., Thursday, July 29, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Brown, Bruno, and Mounce.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. None stated.

XV. OLD BUSINESS

A. None stated.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Regular Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education adjourn at 8:47 p.m., Thursday, July 29, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Brown, Bruno, and Mounce.

Dr. Michelle Smith, Secretary

Adam R. Mounce, President

Visitors:

Dean Manasses, FGM, Sonia E. Ruiz, Donna Miller, Monica Deenihan, Elizabeth Jiménez, Claudia Quintero, Rhonda Mejía, and Sara Ionescu.