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Regular Meeting Minutes
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 98
October 28, 2021 - 6:30 PM.
Berwyn North District Office
6633 West 16th Street; Berwyn, IL 60402
Phone: (312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 979 0858 3317
Passcode: 848827

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 6:36 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mounce, Swade, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano

Member via Video Conference: Bruno

Members Absent: Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Brown

Also in Attendance: Dr. Michelle Smith, Superintendent, and Regina Johnson, CSBO.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Mounce.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. FY21 Financial Audit

John Michalesko of Gassensmith & Michalesko, LTD spoke to the Board and community. John congratulated the business office for their work in preparing the audit which producing no findings. District 98 received a clean or unmodified opinion, meaning that all financial statements were properly stated and all the required information was adequately disclosed.

B. Achievement Data Presentations:

Superintendent, Dr. Michelle Smith reviewed with the Board and community the preliminary MAP Growth data. Dr. Smith will present this data in more detail at the November board meeting. Ms. Smith also presented tiered attendance data showing the drop in attendance from Aug to September and the possible reason for the drop, as well as the gradual drop in district enrollments.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Ms. Abnore Cara, parent asked why it is so difficult to receive test scores from her children's school. Dr. Smith assured Ms. Cara that all principals have access to print test score reports for parents. Ms. Cara asked for the best contact to speak to in regards to her experience with obtaining this information. Ms. Smith let her know that the best choice will be to contact the building principal.

B. Mr. Dave Peterson, resident of Berwyn North and volunteer for the Berwyn/Cicero Mutual Aid, spoke to the Board and community in regards to government discount programs for PPE. Mr. Peterson is worried because of shortfalls that occurred in Chicago. In an effort to provide direct mutual aid options to his local community in the event of another variant outbreak, he would be seeking a possible partnership with the school district to promote fund raising. Partnering with a public entity will then allow him to qualify for government discounts. Mr.

Peterson provided his email address and will await someone from Berwyn North to reach out to him.

VI. BOARD COMMENT

A. None stated.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - 9/30/2021
2. Executive Meeting Minutes - 9/30/2021
3. Special Meeting Minutes - 10/12/2021
4. Executive Meeting Minutes - 10/12/2021

B. Approval of Personnel

1. New Hire:

- a. Emanuel Barron, Lunchroom Supervisor at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- b. Vanessa Garcia, Lunchroom Supervisor at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- c. Karina Cortez, Paraprofessional at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- d. Susana Armira, Lunchroom Supervisor at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- e. Reyna Ortiz, Lunchroom Supervisor at Havlicek Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- f. Jetzebel Moreno, Paraprofessional at Jefferson Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.

2. Leaves:

- a. Candace Mendez, a Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has requested an FMLA Leave to start on January 10, 2022, and ending on February 7, 2022.
- b. Daniel Escamilla, Custodian at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has requested an FMLA Leave to start on September 27, 2021, and ending on December 23, 2021.

3. Resignations:

- a. Maria Tamayo, Paraprofessional at Jefferson Elementary School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective October 19, 2021.
- b. Linda Behrendt, Math Teacher at Lincoln Middle School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective October 15, 2021.

4. Reassignments:

- a. Kristy Mucha, from Teacher at Lincoln Middle School to PBI Specialist at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.

C. Approval of Building Use Applications:

1. Building Use - Lincoln Middle School - 6th Ward Alderman - Town Hall Meeting - October 7, 2021, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
2. Building Use - Lincoln Middle School - 6th Ward Alderman - 6th Ward Fall Festival - October 16, 2021, from 1:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

3. Building Use - Prairie Oak Elementary - Girl Scouts GCNWI - Every Friday until May 27, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
4. Building Use - Prairie Oak Elementary - North Berwyn Park District - Kids Winter Break Camp - 12/27/201 - 1/7/2022 - 7:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

D. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll

1. Approval of Invoices – \$1,299,171.62
2. Approval of Monthly Payroll – \$ 2,910,690.92
3. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll – November

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Member Swade moved and was seconded by Member Mounce that the Board approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda. Approval of Minutes Item A 1-4, Personnel Item B1-4, Building Use Item C 1-4, and Finance Item D 1-3 as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Bruno, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of Hall Monitor Job Description

APPROVAL OF HALL MONITOR JOB DESCRIPTION

Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano moved and was seconded by Member Swade that the Board approve the Hall Monitor Job Description.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Bruno, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce.

B. Resolution for School Board Member's Day - November 15, 2021

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER'S DAY – NOVEMBER 15, 2021

Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano moved and was seconded by Member Mounce that the Board approve the Resolution for School Board Member's Day as November 15, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Bruno, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce.

C. Resolution for American Education Week - November 15-19, 2021

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK – NOVEMBER 15-19, 2021.

Member Mounce moved and was seconded by Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano that the Board approve the Resolution for American Education Week as November 15-19, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Bruno, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce.

D. Resolution for Educational Support Professional Day - November 17, 2021.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL DAY – NOVEMBER 17, 2021.

Member Mounce moved and was seconded by Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano that the Board approve the Resolution for Educational Support Professional Day as November 17, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Bruno, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce.

IX. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Monthly Fund Report

Regina Johnson, Chief School Business Official presented the Board and community the monthly fund report.

B. FOIA Request:

A FOIA request from Vince Espi of LocalLabs was received on September 28, 2021, and completed on September 30, 2021. Mr. Espi has requested all data of any faculty or student with (a) COVID-19 positive test results, (b) COVID-19 symptoms, or (c) close contact to a confirmed COVID-19 case that were reported to the local health department over the previous seven days. This information is found on our district website under the COVID-19 tab.

A FOIA request from Vince Espi of LocalLabs was received on September 30, 2021, and completed on the same day. Mr. Espi requested information on the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ARP-ESSER. This request was completed and submitted within the allotted time frame.

A FOIA request from Bernadette Soto of the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters was received on October 19, 2021, requesting correspondence, certified payroll and payout requests, any documents disclosing and/or identifying general contractors/subcontractors, and the list of schools the work was performed at for FY2020. The requested information was gathered and submitted back to the Chicago Regional Council of Carpenters on October 19, 2021.

A FOIA request from Vince Espi of LocalLabs was received on October 21, 2021, requesting a copy of a signed contract, payments made, all materials used for training/curriculum, and a list of teachers who have been exposed or instructed through Panorama. LocalLabs received the following response on October 21, 2021, Berwyn North School District 98 has no such contract with Panorama. This FOIA request is "Not Applicable."

C. IASB Resolutions to be voted by 2021 - Delegate Assembly

This is a yearly agenda item for Board members review.

X. Calendar of Events:

A. Upcoming Events

October 29

Half-day School Improvement - Students are dismissed at 11:20 a.m.

November 11

Veterans Day

November 15

School Board Member Day

November 15-19

American Education Week

November 17

Education Support Professionals Day

November 16

BPAC Presents - Dr. Jose Medina: The Importance of Bilingualism and Biliteracy

November 18

BOE Meeting - District Office - Virtual - 6:30 p.m.

November 22

Parent/Teacher Conferences - 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Students attend classes

November 23

Parent/Teacher Conferences - 8:10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Students have No classes

November 24

Conference Exchange - No School

November 25-26

Thanksgiving Break

December 23

Teacher Institute Day - No School

December 24

Christmas Observed - No School

December 27 - January 7

Winter Break - No School

January 17

Martin Luther King Jr. - No School

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Maggie community member posed a question via the meeting chat option: “Is there a survey that goes out to bilingual parents on the “trainings”?” Francela Lopez director of Language Learners answered Ms. Maggie’s question by letting her know that at every meeting participants are given a link to a survey at the end of each meeting.
- B. Maggie also inquired about who determines the content and speakers. The content and speaker are chosen by the Dual Language department to gauge need.
- C. Mrs. Lopez invited Maggie to the Cafecito on November 10th there will be a morning and evening session, Dr. Jose Medina who also provides professional development to teachers and parents will be present.

XII. BOARD COMMENT

- A. Dr. Smith visited Havlicek at the request of two 5th graders, Xitzel Arteaga and Leilani Martinez. They wanted to propose a solution for food waste to Ms. Smith. They pitched a few ideas via a presentation, which left Dr. Smith extremely impressed by their informed action and follow through. Board President Mounce invited them to our next Board meeting to present in front of the Board. Principal Hartless will coordinate the presentation for next month.
- B. Superintendent Smith extended an invitation to visit the newly built STEAM centers at Havlicek and Jefferson on Tuesday, November 2nd at 6:00 p.m. to the Board. Dr. Smith also extended the invitation to the community on Tuesday, November 9th.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Swade moved and was seconded by Member Mounce that the Regular Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 7:59 p.m., Thursday, October 28, 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). (Open Meetings Act Exception #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)(Open Meetings Act #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)(4).(Open Meetings Act #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)(Open Meetings Act #11).

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

Member Bruno moved and was seconded by Member Mounce that the Regular Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education reconvenes from Executive Session at 8:25 p.m., Thursday, October 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Bruno, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce.

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

A. None stated.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Member Mounce moved and was seconded by Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano that the Regular Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education adjourn at 8:30 p.m., Thursday, October 28, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes, Swade, Bruno, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce.

Dr. Michelle Smith, Secretary

Adam R. Mounce, President

Jessica Ibarra

Visitors:

Anne Vaccaro, Celia Castillo, Dave Peterson, Francela Lopez, Jessica Hartless, Kelly Brejcha, Loriann Volin, Monica Deenihan, Abnore Cara, Unknown caller, Shawnda Steer.