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Regular Board Meeting Minutes
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 98
April 28, 2022 - 6:30 PM.
Berwyn North District Office
6633 West 16th Street; Berwyn, IL 60402
Phone: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 912 5516 9579
Passcode: 766237

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 6:39 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members on Video Conference: Cuevas at 6:50 p.m.

Members Absent: Paul-Emile

Members Left Early: Cuevas at 10:00 p.m.

III. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Mounce.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None stated.

V. BOARD COMMENT

A. None stated.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS

A. 2022 Best Communities for Music Education

Dr. Michelle Smith, Superintendent acknowledged and congratulated Gina Parker for recommending Berwyn North School District 98 in participating in the Best Communities for Music Education. Berwyn North is 1 of 22 districts in 44 states to receive this distinction this year. District 98 will be receiving a Seal as one the Best Communities for Music Education that will be posted on our district website. Dr. Smith thanked Berwyn North Music Teachers for all that they do.

B. Writing Contest Winners

Dr. Smith, presented a video to the Board and community of the award winners. All the winners' names and teachers were acknowledged during the meeting.

C. Chalkbeat Article

Superintendent Smith acknowledged to the Board and community that a magazine called Chalkbeat interviewed a few of our teachers and has since been published an article about English Learners. Dr. Smith acknowledged and congratulated Mrs. Francela Lopez, the Dual and EL Teacher for their participation and great work.

D. Student Presentation – Can you hear us?

Lincoln Middle School students Jayla Anderson-Westbrook, Gabriela Leyva, and Lincoln Teacher Ms. Kelly Brejcha presented to the Board and community an extensive presentation on the student & teacher survey data, their perspectives, thoughts, and suggestions. They came prepared to answer questions,

offer suggestions, and provided a clear stance on why students should be allowed to wear hoodies. Their suggestion to discontinue the uniform policy giving precise answers using the data they provided allowed Board members and the community a clear picture on where they stand. They also explained why mandating uniforms creates a negative relationship with teacher and building administrators. They believe that allowing students to wear what they feel comfortable in reduces the amount of conflicts and allows for students to create positive relations with teacher who no longer have to enforce uniform policies.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - 3/24/2022
2. Executive Meeting Minutes - 3/24/2022

B. Approval of Personnel

1. New Hires:

- a. Dennise Orozco, Paraprofessional at Jefferson Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year.
- b. Brenda Rueda, Paraprofessional at Jefferson Elementary School, effective May 2, 2022, for the 2021-2022 school year.
- c. Dr. Emily Crement, Assistant Superintendent at District Office, effective July 1, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year.
- d. Angela Flores, Lunchroom Supervisor at Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 school year.

2. Leaves:

- a. Jennifer Andreoni, DLP Teacher at Lincoln Middle School has requested an FMLA Leave to start on August 26, 2022, and end on November 22, 2022.
- b. Jennifer Andreoni, DLP Teacher at Lincoln Middle School has requested a one-year leave to start on November 28, 2022, and end on June 5, 2023.
- c. Julia Perez, 4th Grade Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School has requested an FMLA Leave to start on April 13, 2022, and end on May 27, 2022.

3. Resignations:

- a. Melissa Neff-Alamillo, 3rd Grade Inclusion Special Education Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective June 6, 2022.
- b. Margarita Mendoza, Substitute Custodian for the District, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective April 29, 2022.
- c. Socorro Zacarias, a Lunchroom Supervisor at Lincoln Middle School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective April 1, 2022.
- d. Stephanie Gage, Assistant Principal at Lincoln Middle School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective June 30, 2022.
- e. Season Clauss, Special Education Math Teacher at Lincoln Middle School has submitted a letter of resignation effective June 6, 2022.

4. Reassignments:

- a. Terra Caskey, from Reading Interventionist one-year assignment at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year to full-time Reading Interventionist at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2022-2023 school year.

- b. Madalyn Laureto, from Curriculum Specialist to Assistant Principal of Lincoln Middle School effective July 1, 2022, for the 2022-2023 school year.

5. Retirements:

C. Approval of Building Use Applications:

1. Building Use – Lincoln Middle School – LMS PTSA Krispy Kreme Fundraiser – Outside of main entrance – Saturday, 5/7/2022, 6:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

D. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll

1. Approval of Invoices – \$1,517,308.76
2. Approval of Monthly Payroll – \$2,871,863.60
3. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll – May

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Member Brown moved and was seconded by Member Cuevas that the Board approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda: Approval of Minutes Item A 1-2, Personnel Items B 1-5 (Tabled B1 & B2), Building Use Item C – 1, and Finance Items D 1-3 as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

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

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. Resolution – National Principal Appreciation Day – May 1st

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL PRINCIPAL APPRECIATION DAY – MAY 1ST

Member Brown moved and was seconded by Member Swade that the Board approve the Resolution for National Principal Appreciation Day as May 1st.

ROLL CALL:

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

B. Resolution – Teacher Appreciation Week – May 2-6, 2022

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION FOR TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK – MAY 2-6, 2022

Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano moved and was seconded by Member Brown that the Board approve the Resolution for Teacher Appreciation Week as May 2nd – 6th, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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

C. Resolution – National Nurse Day – May 6, 2022

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION FOR NATIONAL NURSE DAY – MAY 6, 2022

Member Bruno moved and was seconded by Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano that the Board approve the Resolution for National Nurse Day as May 6, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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

D. Resolution – School Lunch Hero Day – May 6th

APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION FOR SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY – MAY 6TH

Member Brown moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Board approve the Resolution for School Lunch Hero Day as May 6th.

ROLL CALL:

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

E. Approval of the contract for Emergency Generator Upgrades with Richmond Electric in the amount of \$664,700.

APPROVAL OF THE CONTRACT FOR EMERGENCY GENERATOR UPGRADES WITH RICHMOND ELECTRIC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$664,700.

Member Swade moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Board approve the Contract for Emergency Generator Upgrades through Richmond Electric in the amount of \$664,700.

ROLL CALL:

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

Pass: Cuevas.

F. Approval of the contract for PA Systems Upgrades with InterState in the amount of \$462,900.

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Member Brown moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Board approve the Contract for PA Systems Upgrades through InterState in the amount of \$462,900.

ROLL CALL:

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

IX. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Monthly Fund Report

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

B. Upcoming Events

April 29

Children's Day Parade

May 11

Walk for Cure – 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

May 19

Lincoln Middle School - Great America Trip - 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

May 25

Lincoln Middle School - Mariachi Parade - 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Lincoln Middle School - Clap Out - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Lincoln Middle School - 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony - 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

May 26

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

May 27

Last Day of School

C. FOIA Requests:

1. A FOIA request was submitted on Monday March 21, 2022 by Ms. Smith, Case Manager at The Chicago School Forensic Center requested prior student records. After an extensive search of records the student data did was not found. This request was fulfilled on Wednesday, March 23, 2022.
2. A FOIA request was submitted on Tuesday, March 22, 2022, by MuckRock News, Somerville MA requesting staff name, position, title, and FY21 salary. The request was fulfilled on Thursday, April 7, 2022.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None stated.

XI. BOARD COMMENTS

- A. Member Swade wanted to mention an email he received from a parent of a Jefferson student. She wanted to thank the person who decided to move the 2nd grade dual students of the teacher left in the middle of the school year to Prairie Oak. He students was loving the change. Mr. Swade wanted to thank the dual teachers for embracing the Jefferson students in their classrooms. Thanks to this they were able to continue their dual education without interruption.
- B. Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano went to two school Prairie Oak and Jefferson to watch the debate afterschool program which was outsourced and they helped our teachers with the fundamentals of debate. Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano was very excited that the outsourced professor gave great accolades to our teachers she wanted to make mention of it during this meeting. She is proud of our students that are participated in the debate afterschool program.

XII. ADJOURNMENT MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Brown moved and was seconded by Member Bruno that the Regular Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 8:45 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2022 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)(2). (Open Meetings Act Exception #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). (Open Meetings Act Exception #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). (Open Meetings Act Exception #11)

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION TO RECONVINE IN REGULAR SESSION

Member Brown moved and was seconded by Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano that the Regular Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education reconvenes from Executive Session at 10:49 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL ITEM B. 1

Member Bruno moved and was seconded by Member Brown that the Board approve Consent Agenda, Personnel item B-1.

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL ITEM B. 2

Member Bruno moved and was seconded by Member Brown that the Board approve Consent Agenda, Personnel item B-2.

ROLL CALL:

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

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. None stated.

XIV. OLD BUSINESS

A. None stated.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Member Brown moved and was seconded by Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano that the Regular Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education adjourn at 10:55 p.m., Thursday, April 28, 2022.

ROLL CALL:

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

Dr. Michelle Smith, Secretary

Adam R. Mounce, President

Jessica Ibarra

Visitors:

A.V, alpiz, Anne Vaccaro, Araceli Mendoza, Arlene Alpizar, Barrueto Torres, Cesar, Gianfranco, Carlos Gutierrez, Carolyn Medina, Celia Castillo, Craig's iPhone, David Moreno, Dennise Meyer, Dina, Dina Trekas, Diosa Pineiro, Donna Miller, Eden Barragán, Elizabeth Moore, Eslmer Huerta, Estela Bautista, Flower, Francela López, Galaxy Note9 Guest 1, Galaxy Note9 Guest 2, Galaxy Note9 Guest 3, Galaxy Tab A7 Lite Guest 1, Galaxy Tab A7 Lite Guest 2, Gina Parker, H.Lomeda, Holly Striska, Ileana, iPhone Guest 1, iPhone Guest 2, iPhone Guest 3, iPhone Guest 4, iPhone Guest 5, iPhone Guest 6, Jasmine Alpizar, Jayla Anderson-Westbrook, Jessica Hartless, Jim W, Josephine (Mickie) Lewis, Jose's Galaxy S10, K. Diaz, Katherine Kucera, Kayla Heine, Kelly Brejcha, Kelly Karns, Kenyetta Mosley, Lauren Hinchley, Lia Villagomez, Linda Vander Naald, Liz Abrantes, Liz R, Lorian Volin, Luis Enríquez, Luis Quispe, Madalyn Laureto, Marcy Pahl, Missus Rodriguez, Monica Deenihan, Ms. Papierski, N. Cioe, Nadine Cloherty, Nancy Parker, Nerissa Lee, Nora Cara, Phone Guest 1, Phone Guest 2, Phone Guest 3, Phone Guest 4, Phone Guest 5, Phone Guest 6, Phone Guest 7, Phone Guest 8, Raquel, Reyna, Roberto Salazar, Sandra Greicius, Sergio, Sonia Ruiz, Stacy Goldman, Trina, Trinidad's iPhone, YOLI