

Board of Education Meeting Briefs
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April 28, 2022 – Regular Meeting Berwyn North
District Office – Conference Room B – Virtual Meeting

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 6:39 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Mounce
ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mounce, Swade, Brown, Bruno, and Kulis-Kearns Valeriano
Member on Video Conference: Cuevas arrived at 6:50 p.m. and left early at 10:00 p.m.
Member Absent: Paul-Emile

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None stated.

BOARD COMMENT

A. None stated.

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.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approved Minutes

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

B. Approved 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. Approved 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. Approved 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

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approved – Resolution – National Principal Appreciation Day – May 1st
- B. Approved – Resolution – Teacher Appreciation Week – May 2-6, 2022
- C. Approved – Resolution – National Nurse Day – May 6, 2022
- D. Approved – Resolution – School Lunch Hero Day – May 6th
- E. Approved – Contract for Emergency Generator Upgrades with Richmond Electric in the amount of \$664,700.
- F. Approved – Contract for PA Systems Upgrades with InterState in the amount of \$462,900.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. None stated.

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.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. None stated.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. None stated.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned meeting at 10:55 p.m.