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Special Meeting  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 98  
October 20, 2020 - 6:30 PM.  
Berwyn North District Office  
6633 W 16th Street; Berwyn, IL 60402  
Phone: 13126266799 US (Chicago)  
Meeting ID: 948 1706 6168  
Passcode: 697533

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 6:32 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mounce, Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, and Kulis-Kearns Valeriano

Members Video Conference: Pabon

Also in Attendance: Dr. Michelle Smith, Dr. Robert Hubbard, Regina Johnson, and Jessica Ibarra

#### III. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Member Mounce

#### IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Teachers Donna Miller, Nadine Cloherty, Tracy Rachuy, Anne Vaccaro and Katie Dalton expressed to the Board their concerns over the health and safety of staff and students. As positive numbers go up there is an expressed worry of safety and the ineffectiveness of hybrid learning.
- B. Ms. Volin, 6<sup>th</sup> grade math teacher at Lincoln Middle School expressed her concern over students only receiving 35 minutes of instruction and would like the Board to consider extending class time to 45 minutes.
- C. Parent Arbnore Cara expressed her concern about not being able to find the agenda to the meeting. Superintendent Smith explained to Mrs. Cara the district apologizes for the mistake and that this is the first time that there has been a mistake. Member Swade explained step by step how to access the agenda via our district website.
- D. Teacher Nadine Cloherty spoke again to clarify that because the link was not working there was heightened anxiety over not being able to access the meeting.

#### V. BOARD COMMENT

- A. Member Mounce and Superintendent Smith let the community know that the mistake was unintentional once they found out the Board reconvened back into open session to allow for public comment. They also reassured that although there is a great need to know what the plan is now because of the uncertainty of the time we are in now there is not a plan that can be put out at this time. When a decision is made there will be a

#### VI. ADJOURNMENT MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Cuevas that the Special Board Meeting of the District 98 School Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 6:35 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2020 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. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase, Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 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. Security procedures, school building safety, and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(8)

MOTION TO RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION FOR THE PURPOSE OF ALLOWING PUBLIC COMMENT

Member Swade moved and was seconded by Member Mounce to reconvene the Board back into open session to allow Public Comment.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce

MOTION TO ADJOURN BACK TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Cuevas that the Special Board Meeting of the District 98 School Board of Education adjourn back into Executive Session at 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Arenella that the Special Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education reconvenes from Executive Session at 9:25 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. None stated.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- A. None stated.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Arenella that the Special Board Meeting of the Board of Education, District 98 adjourn at 9:29 p.m., Tuesday, October 20, 2020.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Mounce

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Michelle Smith, Secretary

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Adam R. Mounce, President

Jessica Ibarra

Visitors: 68 video conference participants