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Special Meeting Minutes  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 98  
June 17, 2021 - 6:30 PM.  
Berwyn North District Office  
6633 W 16th Street; Berwyn, IL 60402  
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Meeting ID: 986 4712 3170  
Passcode: 420667

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Members on Video Conference: Swade and Paul-Emile

III. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Mounce.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None stated.

V. PUBLIC HEARING

A. The purpose of this meeting is to allow the community to discuss how Berwyn North School District 98 will allocate the Esser III Federal Grant money through public feedback.

B. Regina Johnson, Chief School Business Official presented the Board and Community with the District's ideas for the allocation of the Esser III Grant.

C. Some of the ideas put forth by the Superintendent and the Chief School Business Official include the increase in after school programs, the inclusion of more fine arts, sports and academic programs, the implementation of a 24 hour access to tutoring program, hiring program assistants for 1-2 years to help address the K-2 needs, and hiring two counselors for the middle school.

D. Superintendent Smith and the Board asked the Community for feedback to which a member of the community asked if there would be any extra assistance geared toward the Kindergarten students since their loss was great during this pandemic.

E. Dr. Smith, ensured the community that there are programs and additional staff that will be put in place for K-2 in order to mitigate the learning gaps created by covid. She believes that there is no loss of learning but a gap that must be filled when a student is unable to effectively learn a specific topic of learning materials. She is working diligently to fill the gaps through the recommendations made to the community for the use of the ESSER III grant.

VI. BOARD COMMENT

A. None stated.

VII. ADJOURNMENT MOTION INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Cuevas moved and was seconded by Member Brown that the Special Board Meeting of the District 98 School Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 7:28 p.m., Thursday, June 17, 2021 for the purpost 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).

ROLL CALL:

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

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Mounce that the Special Board Meeting of the District 98 School Board of Education reconvenes from Executive Session at 9:16 p.m., Thursday, June 17, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

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

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Member Brown moved and was seconded by Member Cuevas that the Special Board Meeting of the District 98 Board of Education adjourn at 9:17 p.m., Thursday, June 17, 2021.

ROLL CALL:

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

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Adam R. Mounce, President

Jessica Ibarra

Visitos: 6 video Conference participantes.