

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 28
HELD TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, District 28, Cook County, Illinois, was held in the Northbrook Junior High library in said district and streamed on the district's YouTube Channel on Tuesday evening, September 20, 2022.

President Tracy Katz Muhl called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. with the following members present at roll call:

Beth Bazer
Matt Cassidy
Mara Silver-Schack
Tracy Katz Muhl
Jennifer Gallinson

Absent: DeShawn Arms and Michelle Kohler

Also present were Dr. Jason Pearson, Superintendent; Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official; Dr. Kelly Sculles, Director of Student Services; Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services; Michelle Jackson, Director of Learning; Terry Ryan, Communications Director; Chrissy Yonaites, Recording Secretary; Judi Epcke, Instructional Technology Coordinator; Mary Sturgill, Westmoor Principal; Mary Perkins, Core Council Representative; Izrael Cary, Core Council Representative; Soren Towander, Technology Specialist

Public Attendees: Julia Saladino and Christine Beeftink

VISITORS COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

A Northbrook resident spoke in praise of the District's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Mission statement. She is interested in learning more about how the District will instill the mission.

2022-23 BUDGET HEARING

Annually the District presents a legal budget, and after the required 30-day period for public access, the Board of Education calls for a hearing in order to receive public comment.

At 7:10 p.m., it was moved by Member Gallinson and seconded by Member Silver-Schack to open the public hearing on the legal budget for 2022-23. On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Cassidy, Bazer, Silver-Schack, Katz-Muhl and Gallinson. Nay: none. Absent: Members Arms and Kohler. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

Chief School Business Official Jessica Donato provided an overview of the 2022-23 budget, including a summary of revenues and expenditures, an overview of capital projects and other initiatives. There was no public comment.

At 7:14 p.m. it was moved by Member Cassidy and seconded by Member Gallinson that the budget hearing close.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Cassidy, Bazer, Silver-Schack, Katz-Muhl and Gallinson Nay: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Members Arms and Kohler. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Pearson has visited 13 classes so far spending 30-45 minutes in each class. The goal is to visit every classroom in the first 100 days.

Enrollment is stable across the district with 9 less students in August (1841) than June (1850).

Dr. Pearson congratulated Westmoor School on the National Blue Ribbon announcement. This is an incredible achievement. Westmoor Principal Mary Sturgill expressed her appreciation to the staff and families for the honor. More celebrations will continue after Ms. Sturgill returns from the ceremony in Washington, D.C. in early November.

The Administration attended an all-day Behavioral Threat Assessment training on September 20th. There were over 60 participants including members of other township elementary school districts and the Northbrook Police Department.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Silver-Schack and seconded by Member Gallinson that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2022 and the Closed Session Meeting Minutes of August 23, 2022 since members had each previously been sent copies.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Bazer, Cassidy, Silver-Schack, Gallinson and Katz Muhl. Nay: none. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Arms and Kohler. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Bazer and seconded by Member Cassidy that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

Payroll

The payment of employee salaries for the last half of August 2022, in the amount of \$1,118,443.66 and covered by check numbers 66427 through 66438 and deduction check numbers 66439 through 66455, inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll

Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated September 20, 2022;

The payment of employee salaries for the first half of September 2022, in the amount of \$1,305,377.46 and covered by check numbers 66456 through 66473 and deduction check numbers 66474 through 66482, inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated September 20, 2022.

Bills

Vendor invoices totaling \$1,516,484.47 and Warrants listed as Numbers 59252 through 59446, and the following voids: none, confirmed by the signature of the President of the School District 28 Board of Education, and dated September 20, 2022.

Personnel Report: Contract Changes, Employment of Staff, Leaves, Resignations and Dismissals

Staff Recommended for Employment				
Name	Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date
Kimberly Burman	Kindergarten Aide	WM	\$17.50/hr	8/29/22
Daniel Cooney	Special Ed Instructional Assistant	NBJH	\$19.00/hr	9/19/22
Jessica Safir	Special Ed Instructional Assistant	MB	\$20.06/hr	9/19/22
Beatriz Perdomo Batista	Custodian (PM)	NBJH	\$19.00/hr	9/12/22
Alejandro Rocha	Custodian	MB	\$20.00/hr	9/06/22

* Certified Candidate details below

Staff Resignations, Retirements and / or Terminations				
Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Michelle Barnum	Paraprofessional	WM	Resignation	7/1/22
Jennifer Turk	Paraprofessional	MB	Resignation	7/1/22

Staff Leave of Absence				
Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Allison Tampier	3rd Grade Teacher	MB	Parent	~10/26/22
Tyler Tampier	PE Teacher	MB	Parent	~10/26/22

Staff Lane Changes				
Name	Position	Location	Current Salary	New Salary
Rebecca Stowell	Math Interventionist	WM	M+12-17 \$92,375	M+30-17 \$99,169
Tyler Tampier	PE Teacher	MB	M+12-08 \$71,536	M+30-08 \$74,047
Laura Rzewnicki	Kindergarten Teacher	WM	M+12-15 \$89,248	M+30-15 \$92,313
Debra Jenkins	Reading Specialist	GB	M+12-25 \$107,803	M+30-25 \$116,083
Marina Paliev	EL Teacher	WM	M+12-05 \$65,429	M+30-05 \$67,372
Liz Weir	1st Grade Teacher	GB	M+12-17 \$92,375	M+30-17 \$99,169
Chelsey Cohen	Spec Ed Teacher	GB	B+12-08 \$61,669	M+00-08 \$69,567
Jamie Flood	3rd Grade Teacher	MB	M+12-10 \$75,588	M+30-10 \$78,334

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Finance Report

The Board of Education received copies of the District 28 Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2022. Jessica Donato also provided updates on NBJH cafeteria sales, state-required compensation reports, along with discussing the Surplus Furniture Disposal Resolution.

It was moved by Member Silver-Schack and seconded by Member Bazer that the Board accept the District 28 Financial Report for the period ending August 31, 2022.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Bazer, Cassidy, Silver-Schack, Gallinson and Katz Muhl. Nay: none. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Arms and Kohler. Motion carried.

Adoption of Budget for 2022-23

Having reviewed the budget and having concluded the public hearing, it was moved by Member Gallinson and seconded by Member Cassidy that the Board of Education adopt the budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year, as was on display and which is attached to and made part of these minutes.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Bazer, Silver-Schack, Gallinson, Katz Muhl and Cassidy. Nay: none. Abstain: None. Absent: Members Arms and Kohler. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Edward Brophy provided an update regarding SHIELD testing. The District is in its third week of voluntary, at-home testing. The next monthly supplies will be sent home with students on Thursday, September 29th.

EDUCATION

Kris Raitzer provided the board with information on the Curriculum Review Cycle. Science is in year 2 while ELA / World Language and Visual Arts are in year 1.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Jessica Donato reported that the outdoor classroom at NBJH in honor of former Superintendent Larry Hewitt is expected to break ground next week, the Meadowbrook Pavilion, funded by the PTO in honor of former Principal Pat Thome, was completed last week and room numbers signs that will be affixed to windows as a safety protocol have been ordered

LEGISLATION

Member Cassidy relayed that Illinois Association of School Boards has presented its 2022 Resolutions that will be voted on by the Delegate Assembly on Nov. 19. IASB is conducting its annual proposal for delegates.

POLICY

None.

COMMUNICATION

Terry Ryan discussed upcoming events that are being planned. These include the Westmoor Blue Ribbon and the opening of the Larry Hewitt Outdoor Classroom.

TRUE NORTH EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE 804

Member Bazer attended the last meeting on Member Silver-Schack's behalf. The main focus was the Capital Projects that needs to be completed by the end of the school year due to space issues. Member Silver-Schack attended a True North Strategic Planning Dinner Event with members of the Administration. They workshopped ideas for the new strategic plan.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:38 p.m., it was moved by Member Silver-Schack and seconded by Member Bazer that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voted Aye. Absent: Members Arms and Kohler. Motion carried.

Jennifer Gallinson, Secretary

Tracy Katz-Muhl, President