

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 28
HELD TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2022

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, District 28, Cook County, Illinois, was held in the Northbrook Junior High School library and streamed on the district's YouTube Channel for said district on Tuesday evening, March 15, 2022.

President Tracy Katz Muhl called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. with the following members present at roll call:

DeShawn Arms
Matt Cassidy
Jennifer Gallinson
Michelle Kohler
Tracy Katz Muhl

Absent: Beth Bazer and Mara Silver-Schack.

Also present were Dr. Larry Hewitt, Superintendent; Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official; Dr. Kelly Sculles, Director of Student Services; Michelle Jackson, Director of Learning; Terry Ryan, Communications Director; Ramsin Israel, District Computer Technician; Dr. Ginny Hiltz, Greenbriar Principal; Mary Porcaro; Ted Adatto; and Nanette Adatto.

VISITORS' COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Ginny Hiltz introduced Nanette Adatto, a kindergarten instructional assistant at Greenbriar School. Ms. Adatto was recently notified that she received the Illinois State Board of Education Meritorious Award in the Those Who Excel recognition program. She is just one of 19 individuals to receive the award in her category in Cook County. Greenbriar families and colleagues nominated Ms. Adatto for the award as a tribute to her career as she will be retiring in June.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(Review Pandemic Mitigation Strategies)

COVID-19 cases continue to drop to levels not seen since October and the district is awaiting updated guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health on the status of mitigation strategies that have been in place since August 2020.

Dr. Hewitt is forming an advisory committee made up of representatives from the Board of Education, school nurses, staff members and administrators that will meet weekly to review the day-to-day procedures and strategies used within schools to mitigate the effects of the pandemic. The district will monitor the impact of spring break travel and possible changes to health department protocols.

(7:19 Member Beth Bazer arrives)

(Ratification of New Staff - Action Item)

It was moved by Member Gallinson and seconded by Member Kohler that the Board approve the employment agreements for:

Jennifer T. Andersen	WM	Early Childhood Teacher, M+00-12, \$77,724
Sophia Halkias	NBJH	Literacy Instructional Specialist, M+00-11, \$75,523
Alexandria M. Hibbard-Brown	NBJH	Orchestra Director, B+00-01 \$50,342
Trina Newman	WM	Gifted & Talented Teacher, B+12-15, \$72,162
Jamie Zimniok	NBJH	Band Director, M+00-11, \$75,523

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Cassidy and seconded by Member Kohler that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting minutes of February 22, 2022, since members had each previously been sent copies.

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

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

(Payroll – last half of February 2022 and first half of March 2022)

the payment of employee salaries for the last half of February 2022, in the amount of \$1,235,188.05 and covered by check numbers 66059 through 66079, and deduction check numbers 66080 through 66097, 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 March 15, 2022;

the payment of employee salaries for the first half of March 2022, in the amount of \$1,201,255.60 and covered by check numbers 66098 through 66118, and deduction check numbers 66119 through 66127, 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 March 15, 2022;

(Bills)

vendor invoices totaling \$376,048.61 and Warrants listed as Numbers 58255 through 58379, with the following void 58297, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District 28 Board of Education, and dated March 15, 2022;

(Personnel Report: Contract Changes, Employment of Staff, Leaves, Resignations)

New Hires

Jenny Common	WM	Special Education Aide	\$17/hr.
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Leaves

Holly Osifalujo	NBJH	Young Explorers Teacher
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Resignations

Michelle Finch	WM	Special Education Aide
Annie Forchetti	MB	5 th Grade Aide
Mollie King	GB	School Social Worker
Carrie McElvain	MB	3 rd Grade Aide

(Open Closed Session Minutes of 6/22/21, 7/27/21, 9/12/21, 10/26/21, 11/9/21, 11/16/21, 11/18/21, 12/1/21, and 12/4/21).

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

FINANCE
(Financial Report)

Chief School Business Official Jessica Donato presented the financial report, including monthly financial reports, food service sales, the February 2022 natural gas invoice, a monetary donation for the gifted program from a District 28 family, as well as local, state and federal reporting requirements.

It was moved by Member Cassidy and seconded by Member Gallinson that the Board accept the District 28 Financial Report for the period ending February 2022.

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

BUILDINGS and GROUNDS

The Buildings and Grounds Committee met on March 10, 2022. The committee members, Jessica Donato (CSBO), Joel Gallegos (Director of B&G), and Larry Hewitt reviewed and presented to the Board the 10-year Capital Improvements Plan. One item related to security will be discussed in closed session.

COMMUNICATION

The Communications Report dated March 8, 2022 was accepted as presented.

TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804

TrueNorth Leadership Council meeting report was provided as information.

Standing Committees

(SAF)

The summary from the Superintendent's Advisory Forum (SAF) meeting, which was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2022, was provided as information.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

(In)

At 7:32 p.m., it was moved by Member Kohler and seconded by Member Arms that the Board of Education go into Closed Session to discuss the following:

1. 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 as authorized by 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2),
- 2.. Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(8), and
3. Student disciplinary cases, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).

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

Member Silver-Schack arrived at 7:56 p.m.

(Out)

At 9:11 p.m., it was moved by Member Kohler and seconded by Member Arms that the Board return to Regular Session.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 p.m., it was moved by Member Gallinson and seconded by Member Cassidy that the meeting adjourn.

On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Jennifer Gallinson, Secretary

Tracy Katz Muhl, President