

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
MARCH 15, 2023, 6:00 PM

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tony Sparks, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, , Mr. Matt Merboth, Mrs. Sally Taliani, and Mr. Gary Ferrari (arrived at 6:03pm)

ABSENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, and Dr. Rose Marie Lynch

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Principal, Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, Director Area Career Center, Mr. Christopher Gibson, Associate Principal for Teaching and Learning, Mrs. April Eutis, Associate Principal for Student Support Services, Ms. Kate Lance, Interim Associate Principal for School Safety, Mr. Michael Kuziel, Athletic Director, Mr. Matt Baker, Director of Communications, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Walt Zukowski, Ms. Olivia Doak, News Tribune Reporter and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 15, 2023, REGULAR MEETING AND MARCH 7, 2023, SPECIAL MEETING

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the minutes from February 15, 2023, Regular Meeting, and March 7, 2023, Special Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 4-0.**

RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS

Recognitions: Mr. Sparks recognized and presented the following Student-Athletes and Coaches with certificates: **Girls' Bowling Team:** 6th Place Finish at State - Christine, Ricci (13th individual place), Olivia Weber (24th individual place) Anna Ricci (52nd individual place), Makenzie Hamilton (53rd individual place), Camryn Perra, Kamryn Oscepinski, Melveena Jordan, Head Coach Jim McCabe and Assistant Coach Scott Weber. **Wrestling:** Student-Athletes: Connor Lorden - State Runner-Up in Class 2A 220-pound division, Kiely Domyancich – First ever female wrestler at L-P to qualify for state, Head Coach Matt Rebholz, Assistant Coach Mark Lorden, and Assistant Coach Nolan Keeney. **L-P Staff:** Mrs. Kelly Liebhart, Spanish and ELL Teacher. Mrs. Liebhart has done an amazing job teaching and leading our bilingual program. She goes above and beyond in the support she provides our non-English speaking students.

Division Spotlight: The Special Education Department was highlighted this month. Special Education teacher, Abby Goy, presented how the department is using the Reading Plus program to support students and guide instruction.

Public Comment: Jennifer Ebner, LaSalle County Clerk requested the District's assistance in registering eligible high school students to serve as Election Judges.

FINANCE

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the LP Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to approve the ACC Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve, Financial Report, ACH Report, Activity Fund Report, Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Cash and Investments Report and Hometown Cash Management Report as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you letter from Mr. Gerald Walter and Family for the floral arrangement and support in memory of Mr. Gerald Walter Sr. (Father of Mr. Gerald Walter). Thank you card from LaSalle Police Departments Administrative Sergeant, Mr. Brain Zebon, expressing appreciation for collaborative efforts of school personnel, Mr. Tandy Huebbe, Security, and Mrs. Kate Lance, Interim Principal of School Safety, during an active shooter training. TIF Reimbursements: City of Peru: TIF Surplus Distribution \$31,640.19
TOTAL MONTHLY TIF REIMBURSEMENT \$31,640.19

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Building and Grounds Committee: Dr. Wroblewski reported on the Building and Grounds Committee Meeting from the Monday, March 13, 2023, reporting on current project updates: L-P Sports Complex Phase II, Auditorium Stairwell Repairs, Track Resurfacing Renovation, Dolan Building Greeter's Station, and Sellett Gymnasium Scoreboard/Message Board. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board approve the following: Nurse's Office Renovation Bid, Tennis Court Renovation, Dolan Building - 2nd Floor Asbestos Abatement, and a 2016 Genie GS-3232 Scissor Lift purchase.

Finance Committee: Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair of the Finance Committee gave his report from the Tuesday, March 14, 2023, meeting reported on: Monthly Financials Reports – 66.7% through the year. 133.51% of revenue (receipt of bond issuance), 69.97% of expenditures (transfer of Working Cash). Finance Committee agreed to recommend to the Board approve the following: 2023-2024 District Fees, Nurse's Office Renovation Bid, Tennis Court Renovation, Dolan Building – 2nd Floor Asbestos Abatement, 2016 Genie GS-3232 Scissor Lift purchase, and Staffing recommendation based on 2023-2024 student enrollment and extracurricular openings. Update on current projects: Track Resurfacing Renovation, Dolan Building Greeter's Station, and Copy Machine Bid release.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS **SUPERINTENDENT**

- a. **Staffing Update for FY2024:** The Counseling department recently finished student registrations for 2023-2024. Mrs. Cushing, Mrs. Whalen, and I are meeting to allocate staffing sections on Monday, 3/13/23. I will have staffing recommendations ready for Board approval by Wednesday.
- b. **Head Boys' Basketball Coach Recommendation:** I am requesting approval to create a teaching position as an added tool to attract a high-quality coach to replace Coach Cherveney. Our primary focus will always be teacher-first, coach-second. However, I believe we need to make this position as attractive and enticing as possible.

- c. **FY 2024 Budget Development:** Mrs. Whalen is meeting with building administration and division chairs to gather input and ideas for next year’s budget. The 120 Promise guides these discussions as a tool to stay focused on our District priorities.
- d. **ROE Excellence in Education Recognitions:** On May 4, 2023, the following individuals will be recognized at the annual ROE Excellence in Education Celebration.
 - Sherry Kurtz, Special Education Teacher
 - Jason Miller, Interim Dean of Students
 - Andrea Eichelkraut, Counselor
 - Cristina Sarabia, Data Management Specialist
 - Ed Yoder, Retiring Teacher
 - Theresa Wolfe, Retiring Para-Professional
 - Tony Sparks, Retiring Board Member
- e. **Kudos to Mrs. Cushing:** Congratulations to Mrs. Cushing on her selection to participate as a panelist at the Aspiring Leaders Summit sponsored by the Illinois Principals Association on March 7, 2023. This event provided future school leaders an opportunity to hear and learn from sitting building administrators.
- f. **Congrats to Mrs. Cushing & Mr. Gibson:** Mrs. Cushing and Mr. Gibson are 2023 recipients of the Moon Scholarship – which is a competitive scholarship program sponsored by the IASA. They both are receiving academic scholarships to support their graduate studies. Mr. Gibson is in the final stages of completing his doctorate and superintendent’s endorsement and Mrs. Cushing is at the starting point of her studies to earn the superintendent’s license. There were 21 applicants from around the state. They were one of seven to be selected.
- g. **FOIA Requests:** We received the following FOIA requests in the past month.

| Requestor | Date | Request | District Action |
|------------------|-------------|--|---|
| Bo Kim | 2/14/23 | Bid Tab Results for Window & Entrance Door Replacement | Approved the request and provided materials via email |
| Karen Garcia | 2/21/23 | Request for contact information | Approved the request and provided materials via email |
| Olivia Doak | 3/7/23 | -Separation agreement between Shaver & L-P -Resignation letter -Personnel files, including disciplinary records -All records related to disciplinary action or internal investigations involving Shaver | In-progress |

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, reported on the following topics:

During the past month, we have been diligently working to ensure that we are providing support for our teachers and students through the following tasks:

- We hosted our High Scholarship Legion Honor Program on Thursday, February 23 in Matthiessen Auditorium. We honored 260 students for earning 3.5 GPA or higher for either three, five, or seven semesters. The auditorium was filled. Mr. Bill Zens served as our guest speaker, who provided an inspirational speech as an alumni and former recipient of the award.
- We will also honor students this month with the induction ceremony for the LPHS Honor Society. This ceremony will be held during the morning of Thursday, March 30th. The honorees’ families are invited as well as our student body. The seniors will be honored for their high grades as well as overall character and commitments to the school and community.

- During this month, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Mrs. Diane Bergagna, Mr. Chris Gibson, and I have met with individually with each division chair to discuss next year's division budgets and their 5-year plan. Aligning resources with curricular needs while thinking about future needs is a helpful process.
- Summer School planning has begun at the ILT meeting. Determining course offerings, the logistical aspects, and the selection of teaching staff have been the areas of focus. We will be able to offer the courses that we have offer in the past.
- The career fair will be held on Tuesday, March 14th for our sophomore students. We had an excellent response from local businesses and appreciate their willingness to work with our students. This event is a culminating activity with our English curriculum and connects to the current College and Career Readiness Indicators for ISBE.
- The mandated assessments are scheduled for this school year and some have been administered to students this month. We administered the State's Science Assessment on March 9 to all juniors. Our SAT testing days will be conducted the week we return from Spring Break. Mr. Gibson will conduct a training for faculty on administration of the tests at our next regularly scheduled staff meeting.
- In order to get additional feedback from students about their perceptions of what they enjoy about being a Cavalier and what they would like to see happen to make their experience more meaningful, I am inviting students in for meetings during the upcoming month. The meetings will be with freshmen students and will be called Conversations and Cookies with Mrs. Cushing. While this year will be freshmen students, I would like to expand the program to other grade levels in future school years.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Mr. Michael Kuziel, reported on the following topics:

1. Item 1: Athletics Update

a. Winter Sports

- i. Boys Wrestling – Connor Lorden finished 2nd at State.
- ii. Girls Bowling – finished 6th in State as a Team
 1. Christine Ricci was 13th overall in individual high score.
- iii. Kiely Domyancich represented and wrestled well at the State meet as LP's first Girl's State Qualifier

b. Spring Sports have begun.

- i. Track and Field have begun the indoor season and already had their first competitions of the year.
- ii. All other sports had tryouts start on 2/27.

2. Item 2: Activities Update

- i. **TALK** – Hosted at Oswego East High School, replace Challenge Day. The students and faculty had the opportunity to have a second training to allow for LP to hold our own TALK.
- ii. **Pep Rally** – A pep rally was held to celebrate the Winter Athletic Season and show case the unified basketball team.
- iii. **Polar Plunge** – Several LP students and faculty participated in the Polar Plunge in Mendota. LP was 2nd in fundraising for the region, raising money for Special Olympics.
- iv. **Spring Musical** – The L-P Spring Musical is coming soon! This year's performance is "The Addams Family." Showtimes will be at 7 p.m. on March 17-18, and 2 p.m. on March 19.
- v. **Key Club** – The Key Club will be at the DCLC (District Convention & Leadership Conference) from March 10th – March 12th. The District Convention Leadership Conference is a training for members on leadership.

ACC DIRECTOR

Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, reported on the following topics:

The ACC students of the month for March are LP Computer Programming student Cate MacLeod and Putnam County Cosmetology student Sihana Zulfari. Both students were nominated for their academic performance and their ability to lead in a positive way.

The ACC will be touring PGI manufacturing on March 17th, this is a continuation of the business partner outreach of the ACC and a direct result of the donation by Mr. Tom Kowalski.

The ACC participated in a trades expo at IVCC on March 7th. Many trades were represented and students were able to ask pertinent questions regarding apprenticeship opportunities, and skill sets required. The ACC thanks IVCC for sponsoring this event.

The ACC has shown an increase in class requests for the 2023-24 school year. As of March 7th, there were over 400 requests. While numbers will settle over summer, this increase is a very positive development in all aspects, especially the reflection of student and parent interest.

On February 23rd, representatives of the NuCor corporation came to campus again to work on softskills development with the Culinary Arts class. Mock interviews were held, and feedback was given to the students. Overall, NuCor was very complimentary of what our students had to offer, and the tips for improvement should serve to strengthen their potential employment opportunities going forward.

The ACC invites you to look at a longitudinal study, and its findings. The survey is found at: www.populace.org/research. One of the key findings of this survey is as below (it speaks well for the mission of the ACC)

College Should No Longer Be the End Goal of K-12 Education:

Before COVID, respondents ranked being prepared to enroll in a college or university as their 10th highest priority for K-12 education. In post-COVID America, this is no longer the case. When given 57 priorities for children's K-12 education, Americans ranked it as #47. However, they believe it is other people's third-highest priority, demonstrating a deep societal misunderstanding of one another.

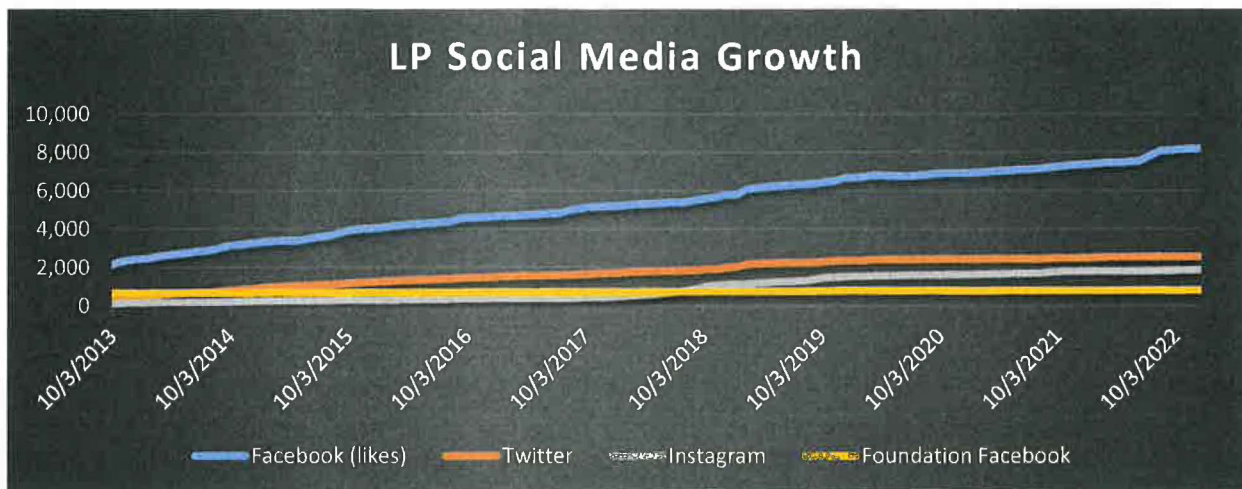
Practical Skills & Outcomes Should Be the End Goal:

Respondents reported developing practical skills as the #1 priority for education outcomes, and consistently prioritized practical, tangible skills and outcomes over lofty ideals and other short-term goals.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Matt Baker, reported on the following topics:

- We've been busy working with Dr. Wroblewski and Mr. Kuziel on the promotional components of the Sports Complex Phase II ground-breaking plans, including a walking tour of local neighbors.
- We're beginning to schedule Board Coffee Talk dates with Dr. Wroblewski.
- We're overseeing online ticket sales for the spring musical, "The Addams Family."



NEW BUSINESS

Approval of Hillman Pediatric Therapy, P.C. contract for the 2023-2024 school year

Motion by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve of Hillman Pediatric Therapy, P.C. contract for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to hire Vissering Construction Co., Streator, IL, for the Nurses' Office Renovation for \$380,700

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve to hire Vissering Construction Co., Streator, IL, for the Nurses' Office Renovation for \$380,700, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to hire Byrne & Jones Sports Construction, St. Louis, MO via the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative for tennis court repairs for \$801,000 subject to a mutually acceptable contract

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approval to hire Byrne & Jones Sports Construction, St. Louis, MO via the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative for tennis court repairs for \$801,000, subject to a mutually acceptable contract as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to hire Abel Plus Services, Inc., Gilbert, IL for the Dolan Building – 2nd Floor tile asbestos abatement project for \$24,800

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to hire Abel Plus Services, Inc., Gilbert, IL for the Dolan Building – 2nd Floor tile asbestos abatement project for \$24,800, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to purchase a 2016 Genie GS-3232 scissor lift from MH Equipment, Ottawa, IL for \$23,990

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to purchase a 2016 Genie GS-3232 scissor lift from MH Equipment, Ottawa, IL for \$23,990, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of 2023-2024 School Fees

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of 2023-2024 School Fees as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to let bids for the L-P Athletic Sports Complex Support Buildings (Concession Stand, Press Box, Storage, and Bathroom Addition to the Soccer Building)

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve to let bids for the L-P Athletic Sports Complex Support Buildings (Concession Stand, Press Box, Storage, and Bathroom Addition to the Soccer Building) as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to establish a Field Trip Activity Account

Motion by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve to establish a Field Trip Activity Account as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the following retirements:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve of the following retirements as presented.

- a Mrs. Gladys Ramey, World Language Teacher, effective the conclusion of the 2027-2028 school year

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the following resignations:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the following resignations as presented.

- a. Dr. Jens Soderholm, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, effective March 1, 2023
- b. Mr. Zachary Zrust, Part-Time Teacher for Illinois Valley Entrepreneurial Opportunities (IVEO) Program, effective the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year
- c. Mrs. Cassie Graham, Assistant Volleyball Coach, effective March 10, 2023
- d. Mrs. Betsy Sobin, Reading Specialist, effective the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year
- e. Mr. James Cherveney, Head Boys' Basketball Coach, effective March 10, 2023
- f. Mr. Randy Koehler, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, effective March 12, 2023
- g. Mr. John Riva, Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach, effective March 13, 2023

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the following appointments as presented.

- a. Mr. Dan Burkart, Assistant Girls' Track Coach, effective for the 2022-2023 school year (replaces Mr. Noah Hancock)
- b. Mr. Matt Rebholz, Volunteer Assistant Girls' Track Coach, effective for the 2022-2023 school year
- c. Mr. Edgar Esquivel, Volunteer Assistant Girls' Soccer Coach, effective for the 2022-2023 school year

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of the following probationary certified staff reappointments for the 2023-2024 school year:

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the following probationary certified staff reappointments for the 2023-2024 school year as presented.

- a. Part-time status:
 - i. Mrs. Robbyn Partain, ACC Fire Science Teacher
 - ii. Mr. Zachary Koesler, ACC Computer Repair/Intro to Programming Teacher
- b. First-year probationary teachers to be rehired as second-year probationary teachers:
 - i. Mrs. Alyssa McCauley, English Teacher
 - ii. Mr. William Shalter, English Teacher
 - iii. Mrs. Natalie Verucchi, Music-Choir Director
 - iv. Mr. Alex Popidinski, Science Teacher
 - v. Mr. Dan Burkart, Science Teacher
 - vi. Mr. Brent Thomas, Special Education Teacher
- c. Second-year probationary teachers to be rehired as third-year probationary teachers:
 - i. Mr. Cameron Mignone, Physical Education/Health Teacher
 - ii. Mrs. Jennifer Scoma, Family & Consumer Science Teacher
 - iii. Mr. Aaron Beale, Mathematics Teacher
 - iv. Mrs. Ericka Tomminello, Special Education Teacher
 - v. Mrs. Rebecca Fredericksen, Special Education Teacher
 - vi. Mrs. Maria (Mollie) Taylor, Special Education Teacher
 - vii. Ms. Julia May, Special Education Teacher
 - viii. Ms. Madeline Piller, Science Teacher (1.5 year)
 - ix. Mr. Brandon Placher, High School Counselor (1.5 year)
- d. Third-year probationary teachers to be rehired as fourth-year probationary teachers:
 - i. Mrs. Julie Jenkins, Art Teacher
 - ii. Mrs. Brenda Carbajal, Spanish Teacher
 - iii. Mr. Jeremy Stevens, Band Director
- e. Approval to grant tenure to the following fourth-year teachers:
 - i. Mrs. Addie Kostellic, English Teacher
 - ii. Mr. Andrew Nelson, Social Science Teacher
 - iii. Mrs. Megan Mahaffey, School Social Worker
 - iv. Mrs. Carol Navarro, Science Teacher
 - v. Mrs. Lori Johnson, ACC Early Childhood Teacher
 - vi. Mr. Scott Blessman, Physical Education Teacher

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 5-0.

Approval to rehire the following administrative positions for the 2023-2024 school year:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve to rehire the following administrative positions for the 2023-2024 school year as presented

- a. Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, Principal
- b. Mr. Michael Kuziel, Athletic Director
- c. Mrs. April Eutis, Associate Principal for Student Support Services
- d. Mr. Chris Gibson, Associate Principal for Teaching and Learning

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of the following staff reduction-in-force for the 2023-2024 school year:

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve of the following staff reduction-in-force for the 2023-2024 school year as presented

- a. Mrs. Katherine Baker, STEP Job Coach, due to financial consideration
- b. Ms. Kristen Derix, Title I Reading Para-Professional, due to financial consideration

- c. Mr. Connor Soenksen, Title I Math Para-Professional, due to financial consideration
- d. Mrs. Nicole Kowalczyk, SEL Interventionist, due to financial considerations
- e. Mrs. Shelby Knickerbocker, School Nurse, due to financial considerations
- f. Mr. Matthew Lambert, Permanent Substitute Teacher, due to financial considerations
- g. Ms. Paige Scoma, Permanent Substitute Teacher, due to financial considerations
- h. Ms. Quince Weber, Permanent Substitute Teacher, due to financial considerations

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 5-0.

Approval of staffing recommendation based on 2023-2024 student enrollment and extracurricular openings

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve of staffing recommendation based on 2023-2024 student enrollment and extracurricular openings as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Ferrari, to move to executive/closed session for purpose of:

- a) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Minutes Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of minutes, and b) Imminent/Pending Litigation, with open session and possible action items to follow.

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Saver. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 5-0. Time 7:01 p.m.

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 5-0. Time 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mr. Matt Merboth, Mrs. Sally Taliani, and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, and Dr. Rose Marie Lynch,

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski and Mrs. Jennifer Riva Board Secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval and retain the Executive Closed Session minutes for February 15, 2023, Regular Meeting and March 7, 2023, Special Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of February 15, 2023, Regular Meeting, and March 7, 2023, Special Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval of destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to October 1, 2021, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Taliani, to approve destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to October 1, 2021, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120, as presented.

- a. Regular Meeting Minutes, September 22, 2021,
- b. Special Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2021

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

Approval to open recommended sections of the following closed minutes as part of the semi-annual review

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve to open recommended sections of the following closed minutes as part of the semi-annual review as presented

- a. January 20, 2021
- b. February 1, 2021 Special Meeting
- c. February 17, 2021
- d. March 4, 2021 Special Meeting
- e. March 11, 2021 Special Meeting
- f. March 17, 2021
- g. April 21, 2021
- h. May 19, 2021
- i. June 23, 2021
- j. August 18, 2021
- k. September 22, 2021
- l. September 30, 2021 Special Meeting
- m. October 6, 2021 Special Meeting
- n. October 20, 2021
- o. November 17, 2021
- p. December 15, 2021
- q. January 12, 2022 Special Meeting
- r. January 19, 2022
- s. February 6, 2022 Emergency Meeting
- t. February 23, 2022
- u. March 16, 2022
- v. April 20, 2022
- w. May 9, 2022 Special Meeting
- x. May 18, 2022
- y. June 22, 2022
- z. July 25, 2022 Special Meeting
- aa. August 24, 2022
- bb. September 28, 2022
- cc. October 19, 2022
- dd. November 16, 2022
- ee. December 1, 2022 Special Meeting
- ff. December 21, 2022

Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 5-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari to adjourn. All in favor, Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 5-0. Time: 7:32 p.m.


Mr. Tony Sparks
President


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary