

District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Thursday, January 18, 2024 Board Meeting

Media Center, 2950 Glenwood-Dyer Road, Lynwood, Illinois 60411

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by President Jenkins-Brown. **Presenter:** Sonja Brown
2. **ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Gray-absent, Mrs. Newton-present, Ms. Guthrie-present, Ms. Krueger-present, Mr. Colwell-present, Ms. Lee-present, President Jenkins-Brown-present
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:** All stakeholder recited the Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Principal's Report:** Principal Polk congratulated/honored all students of the month. She also recognized staff member of the month, Ms. Aldridge (4th grade teacher) for fostering a positive climate in her classroom. Pictures were taken with those students being recognized alongside the board members. Also recognized were the staff tutoring rock stars. There were 12 new students enrolled in Sandridge, while 7 students have transitioned out of the district. The school attendance winner for December goes to Ms. Morris class with 93.62%. Tutoring started on 11/11/24. Currently 58 students are participating in tutoring classes. Upcoming events: Staff meeting @ 2:45 on 1/13/24, 8th grade parent meeting @ 5pm on 1/25/24, Science Fair @ 6pm on 1/25/24 and early release day 1/31/24 at 12 noon. The district is currently looking for judges for the upcoming science fair. Please see Principal Polk if interested in being a judge. Member Guthrie asked how students are being selected for the tutoring classes. Principal Polk stated the students are chosen by recommendations from the teachers, MAP scores, etc. Tutoring is offered from K-8th grade. **Presenter:** Ms. Polk
5. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Nalls explained the process in how she determines/calls snow days. She acknowledged her entire team for being available and working together to get information out to all those involved during the recent school shutdown. She gave a special shout out to Donna Hirosky, Rebecca Ginaven, Clyde Hayes and Anthony Colyer. Dr. Nalls has posted all teaching positions and will send forms to all teachers with their intent/plans for the next school year and if they plan to return to Sandridge. Posted through Handshake.com there will be an onsite job fair on Feb 3, 2024. Student teachers are also encouraged to apply. Dr. Nalls will ask the board for a special board meeting in March for individuals that are recommended for non-renewal and post those positions as well. **Presenter:** Dr. Nalls
6. **South Cook Division Chair Report:** Member Gray not in attendance, new date TBD. **Presenter:** Mrs. Gray

7. Discussion on SY 25 Board Meeting Dates, Times, and Location: A discussion took place with all board members present, all board members were in agreement to keep current board meeting for the (3rd Thursday of the month) at 6pm for COH and regular board meeting at 7pm.

8. Public Comments: Mrs. Logan noted that the PTA will present to the board recommendations for CPR classes. Mrs. Logan thank member Kreuger for her support and information on dates for upcoming classes.

9. Motion To Approve Consent Agenda items (9.1-9.3) President Jenkins-Brown called the consent agenda and asked members for any discussion. No members requested discussion on this motion. Motioned by Newton, 2nd by Krueger: Guthrie-yes, Colwell-yes, Newton-yes, Lee-yes, Krueger-yes, Gray-absent, Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motioned passed

9.1. Approval of Minutes

9.2. Approval of Payroll \$648,828.28

9.3. Approval of Trial/Fund Balance

10. MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS \$1,112,882.94 President Jenkins-Brown called for any discussion on approval of bills. No members requested discussion on this motion. Motioned by Lee, 2nd by Newton: Newton-yes, Lee-yes, Gray-absent, Colwell-yes, Colwell-yes, Kreuger-yes, Guthrie, Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motion passed

11. MOTION TO APPROVE PRESS PLUS POLICIES ISSUE 113 except for policy 2:220 which is up for policy amendment with second reading at the February 2024 board meeting. Motioned by Newton, 2nd by Kreuger: Colwell-yes, Kreuger-yes, Guthrie-yes, Gray-absent, Lee-yes, Newton-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motioned passed

12. MOTION TO APPROVE SPEECH CONTRACT FOR COMPENSATORY SERVICES for a 30-day amended contract through Presence to catch up those students up who have not had any scheduled services. Motioned by Newton, 2nd by Kreuger: Guthrie-yes, Gray-absent, Lee-yes, Colwell-yes, Kreuger-yes, Newton-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motioned Passed

Presenter: Veda
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13. Motion to Approve SY 25 Board of Education Dates, Times, and Locations: Members agreed to discuss/approve SY 25 Board of Education meeting dates/times/locations at the special board meeting taking place on January 22, 2024. Motioned by Guthrie, 2nd by Lee: Newton-yes, Gray-absent, Guthrie-yes, Kreuger-yes, Lee-yes, Colwell-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motioned Passed

14. Old Business: There was no new business

15. New Business

Presenter: Dr. Nalls

1. Last day for district superintendent to certify to the county clerk the names and addresses of school employees who are required to file the statement of economic interests. Dr. Nalls encouraged all board members to check their district emails/spam for statement of interest. Last day to file is May 1, 2024. If filed after May 1st a \$15 late fee will incur. Board members will receive a code for this filling.

2. Sandridge SD 172 Job Fair: February 3, 2024

3. Discussion on setting a date for the Superintendent's Evaluation (Evaluation February 2024) Discussion regarding superintendent evaluation date and what tool will be used for the upcoming evaluation. It was suggested by member Guthrie to review the present tool (Dan Johnson) and see what is usable. Most members felt the current tool is very simplistic but due to time constraints it may be necessary to continue with the current tool until another tool is approved by both the board and superintendent. Dr. Nalls recommended a tool called the Super Eval (cost 2K), which if agreed upon, can be put in the budget for next year. Some members recommended a more cohesive evaluation process. It was agreed upon to table the discussion regarding the dates and process at the next special board meeting to be held on Monday January 22, 2024.

4. Discussion on setting a date for the Board to review minutes of all closed sessions that have not been released for public inspection at least semi-annually to determine if they should remain confidential. The specific dates these reviews are conducted are up to the individual board. The board agreed to table this discussion until Monday, January 22, 2024, at the upcoming special board meeting.

16. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session: Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of 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. Closed session meeting was called by President Sonja Jenkins-Brown. Members went into closed session @ 8:10pm.

17. Motion to Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned by President Sonja Jenkins-Brown @ 8:30pm. Motioned by Kreuger, 2nd by Newton.
Minutes submitted by Secretary Lee