

District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Thursday, December 21, 2023 Board Meeting

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER** by President Sonja Jenkins-Brown at 7:11 pm.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Gray-present via zoom, Mrs. Newton-absent, Ms. Guthrie-present, Ms. Krueger-present, Mr. Colwell-present, Ms. Lee-present, President Jenkins-Brown-present
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** All- stakeholders recited the Pledge of Allegiance
4. **Principal's Report** Principle Kalea Polk gave recognition to each student of the month for each grade level. Principal Polk also gave staff member recognition to Corey Horton for staff member of the month, Mr. Adamson for the attendance acknowledgement and Miss Breese for best use of Blocksii time. Enrollment at Sandridge as of December 14th 2023 is 447 students with 9 students of campus for a total enrollment of 456 students. Principal Polk also noted that the disciple interventions in place are working with a decline from 72 students referrals in November to 43 referrals in the month of December. Top referrals now being reported are of disrespectful/disruptive behaviors, and physical harassment. Upcoming events: Kindergarten spring fundraiser with estimated cost of \$40/student. The kindergarten graduation will take place May 24, 2024 at 10:00 am. The 8th grade activities will include a pin and ribbon on May 8th, luncheon on May 14th on the Spirit of Odyssey and graduation trip to Springfield, Illinois on May 17, 2024. Physics day at Great America in May, 2024. 8th grade graduation will be on May 23, 2024 at 5:30 pm. Estimated cost per student is \$200, there will be 2-3 fund raisers to help cover cost of activities. Upcoming activities: Winter break December 25, 2023 through January 8, 2024. Teacher institute day will take place on January 8, 2024. Map testing will wrap up with 5 mores students to be tested and data will be analyzed over winter break. **Presenter:** Kalea Polk
5. **Superintendent's Report** **Presenter:** Dr. Kim Nalls
6. **ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA** Member Gray asked that consent agenda items be voted on individually.
 - 6.1. Approval of Payroll \$348,585.68 Motioned by Colwell, 2nd by Krueger. Colwell-yes, Newton-absent, Lee-yes, Krueger-yes, Gray-yes, Guthrie-yes, President Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motion Passed
 - 6.2. Approval of Bills \$ 563,597.22 Motioned by Krueger, 2nd by Colwell. Discussion by member Gray stated that it is a challenge to approve bills

when invoices are not seen in the board books". Dr. Nalls noted that the ledger/invoices are loaded into the board docs to include who the vender is and the dollar amount that is being paid. Member Gray asked that the invoices with itemization be scanned into the board docs for board members to review. Member Krueger replied that itemizations have never been in board docs, but that the book with the invoices are kept in the district office and are available for board members to see as soon as they become available. Dr. Nalls noted the invoices are difficult to scan in board books. Dr. Nalls noted that she will make herself available anytime to any board member that wants to come in and review the invoices. Newton-absent, Gray-no, Colwell-yes, Guthrie-yes, Krueger-yes, Lee-yes, President Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motion Passed

6.3. Approval of Minutes Motioned by Guthrie, 2nd by Lee. Lee-yes, Guthrie-yes, Gray-yes, Krueger-yes, Colwell-yes, Newton-absent, President Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motion Passed

6.4. Approval of Personnel Motioned by Colwell, 2nd by Guthrie. Discussion was raised by member Gray regarding new hire and resignation of Martinez Sutton. Dr. Nalls stated that the club/activities are in alignment with the collective bargaining. Teachers are offered jobs first, paraprofessionals/secretaries are offered 2nd. All internal stipends for work completed are paid twice a year in the fall and winter. Dr. Nalls noted that a home health aide has been hired. The home health aid is a CNA (certified nurse assistant), who will be responsible for applying ice packs, taking temperatures etc,. She will also assist the agency RN with record keeping. Member Gray asked what the cost is for the agency RN. Dr. Nalls replied that she didn't have the information in front of her but that the RN will be paid on an hourly basis and will get that information to the board at the Friday update. Dr. Nalls estimated that the cost for the agency RN is <\$500/day. Dr. Nalls also noted that the board approved the agency contract a few month ago. Member Lee raised the question if the CNA will be administering any medications to the students. Dr. Nalls stated that in the absence of a nurse, administration gives the medications to the student based on what is listed on the bottle and signs a log to the date and time medication was given. Member Gary asked if hiring a CNA is allowed by the IASB? Dr. Nalls stated that it is allowed by the state of Illinois. Dr. Nalls asked the board if they no of anyone who may be interested in this position to please refer them to her directly. Guthrie-yes, Newton-

absent, Lee=yes, Gray=no, Krueger=yes, Colwell=yes, Sonya Jenkins-Brown-recuse Motion Passed

6.5. Trial Balance Report Motioned by Colwell, 2nd by Newton. Krueger=yes, Gray-abstain, Colwell=yes, Lee=yes, Guthrie=yes, Newton-absent, President Jenkins-Brown=yes Motion Passed

7. **MOTION TO APPROVE PRESENCE PSYCHOLOGICAL**

SERVICES CONTRACT Motioned by Colwell, 2nd by Krueger. Member Guthrie noted they she has not seen the contract for Presence contract and would like input from Dr. Nalls. Dr. Nalls stated that the district psychologist resigned 2 months ago. Position has been posted and district does not want to be out of compliant. The district interviewed several agencies but did not meet the needs of the students. Upon discussion of assistant superintendent, it was determined that a psychologist needs to be on site for the needs of the students. Dr. Nalls stated that Presence contract provides Spanish and English-speaking services. Minimal contact amount is 12K and the agency will be called only when services are necessary, ie-special education, re-evaluation and new cases that arise. However, the contract allowable amount is 30k. Member Gray asked how did Dr. Nalls come to know about Presence agency? Dr. Nalls stated that Dr. Neman researched agencies that provided the services the district needed and felt that Presence was the best agency to support our students. Dr. Nalls stated the funding for this will come from the Elevating Special Education grant. Gray-abstain, Colwell=yes, Lee-abstain, Newton-absent, Krueger=yes, Guthrie=yes, President Jenkins-Brown=yes. Motion Passed

8. **Motion to Approve Tax Levy & Resolution**

Motioned by Lee, 2nd by Guthrie Dr. Evans presented discussion on what the tax levy is and why it is important. Dr. Evans noted that the levy is 37% of district revenue, roughly(\$2.6 million). The levy is a request for tax dollars, but usually don't get what is asked for. Every year, the levy compounds, therefore it is better to ask for as much as you can. Currently the levy is 4.99% of last year's extension. Discussion raised by President Jenkins-Brown what the impact of not approving tax levy? Dr. Evans explained by not approving the tax levy, the district will not be able to cover expenditures with the alternative being to drain the districts reserve. Member Gray asked what the deficit reduction plan is in place so the district doesn't go over 5%? Dr. Evans stated that the growth of revenue will not be enough to cover the expenditures. She noted that the district had one-time expenses that have impacted the budget in this fiscal year. Discussions around reduction of staff,

ancillary staff and elimination of some current expenses are a way to reach the reduction plan. Although Dr. Evan also noted that with the increase of students, the district will need to have proper educators to meet the needs of the students. Lee-yes, Newton-absent, Gray-abstain, Guthrie-yes, Colwell-yes, Kreuger-yes, President Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motion Passed

9. Discussion of old/new business. Member Gray raised the concern of having items placed/removed from the agenda for board meetings. Ms. Gray noted that the item agenda (homework) was for discussion only. Dr. Nalls explained why the item was removed from the agenda. President Jenkins-Brown commended member Colwell for his concern as it pertains to homework and that will be looked at in the coming months.

10. Public Comments Chery Ward stated that the next PTA meeting will be on January 10, 2024 at 7pm. The PTA is seeking nominations for upcoming office. Elections will take place in March 2024.

11. 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.

12. Motion to Adjourn Motioned by Jenkins, 2nd by Kreuger