

District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Thursday, October 19, 2023 Board Meeting

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER Meeting:** called to order at 6:00 pm by President Sonja Jenkins-Brown
2. **ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Newton, Ms. Guthrie, Ms. Krueger, Mr. Colwell, Ms. Lee, President Jenkins-Brown. All members present except for member Colwell who arrived at 6:08 pm.
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** All stakeholders recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **STUDENT AND FACULTY RECOGNITIONS:** Principal Polk gave a special recognition to the Students of the Month in the primary grades and a special recognition to staff member of the month, Coach Motley. The Sandridge cheerleaders raised 12K in the double good fundraiser. 6K of the fundraiser funds will be used to support their cause.
5. **NEW WEBSITE PRESENTATION:** Roosevelt Louissaint presented a run-through of Sandridge's new website that will officially launch November 1, 2023. The website will continue with Facebook/twitter links, the YouTube channel which will house Sandridge's history. The parent, student and staff portal will be coming soon. Also coming soon is the analytics to academics. **Presenter:** ROOSEVELT LOUISSAINT
6. **DISCUSSION TO SELL JOHN DEERE LAWNMOWER FOR \$1,000.00:** Dr Nalls discussed the history of the John Deere lawnmower that a local farmer wants to buy for \$1000.00. The lawnmower was bought in 2005 and currently needs major service repairs that the maintenance cost would not make sense to repair. If sold, the money would go directly back into the maintenance fund. This item will be put on the next month's meeting (November 9th, 2023) agenda for a vote.
7. **ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA Items 7.1 - 7.5**
 - 7.1. Approval of Board Minutes - August COW, August Special Board Meeting, August Board Meeting: Member Gray asked that a correction be made to the August consent agenda item 7.1, with special note to her vote to approval of payroll. August meeting updated to reflect corrected vote. August COH: 1st motioned by Newton, 2nd by Guthrie. Gray-abstain, Lee=yes, Newton=yes, Colwell=yes, Krueger=yes, Guthrie=yes, Jenkins-Brown=yes. August Special Board meeting: 1st motion by Newton, 2nd by Lee. Krueger=yes, Gray-abstain, Colwell=yes, Guthrie=yes, Lee=yes, Newton=yes, Jenkins-Brown=yes. Approval of September Board minutes: 1st motioned by member Newton, 2nd by Guthrie. Lee=yes, Gray-abstain, Colwell=yes, Guthrie=yes, Krueger=yes, Jenkins-Brown=yes. Motion passed

- 7.2. Approval of Payroll \$377,530.63: 1st motion by member Colwell, 2nd by member Newton. 7 yes
Motion passed.
- 7.3. Approval of all Bills for Payment \$146,952.75: 1st motion by member Newton, 2nd by member Colwell. Colwell=yes, Lee=yes, Newton=yes, Guthrie=yes, Gray=abstain, Krueger=yes, Jenkins-Brown=yes
Motion passed
- 7.4. Approval of Personnel Report: 1st motion by member Newton, 2nd by member Colwell. Krueger=yes, Colwell=yes, Newton=yes, Lee=yes, Gray=abstain, Guthrie =yes, Jenkins-Brown=yes. Motion passed
- 7.5. Approval of Treasures Report: 1st motion by member Guthrie, 2nd by Newton. Lee=yes, Guthrie=yes, Newton=yes, Gray=abstain, Krueger=yes, Colwell=yes, Jenkins-Brown=yes. Motion passed
8. **Motion to Approve Board Policy Revision 2:22 Board of Education Meeting Procedure** 1st motioned by member Newton, 2nd by Guthrie. Gray=no, Krueger=yes, Newton=yes, Guthrie=yes, Lee=no, Colwell=no, Jenkins-Brown=yes. Motion passed
9. **MOTION TO APPROVE THREAT ASSESSMENT PLAN** 1st motion by member Newton, 2nd by Gray. 7 yes
Motion passed
10. **MOTION TO APPROVE ELIMINATING A SEPARATE COW. APPROVAL OF COW/BOE MEETING ON THE SAME DAY.** 1st motion by member Newton, 2nd by Krueger. Gray=no, Guthrie=yes, Lee=no, Krueger=yes, Newton=yes, Colwell=no, Jenkins-Brown=yes. Motion passed
11. **MOTION TO MOVE NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING TO NOVEMBER 9, 2023** 1st motioned by member Newton, 2nd by Lee. Colwell=yes, Krueger=no, Lee=abstain, Newton=yes, Guthrie=yes, Gray=no, Jenkins Brown=yes. Motion passed
12. **DISCUSSION SY 24 SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT APPLICATION**
13. **DISCUSSION ON NEW RESOLUTIONS:** VP Guthrie presented discussion on the new resolutions for the IASB legislative initiatives. Each board member received the new resolutions for review. Included in the resolutions are, 1. Industrial Construction, 2. School resource officer funding, 3. Bus driver regulations, 4. Employment history review, 5. Alternative safe school funding. The Board of Education will vote for these resolutions at the next board meeting on November 9, 2023 and VP Guthrie will present our vote at the November 18th legislative meeting.
- 13.1. **INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION** Statement of resolution: IASB shall support and encourage legislation that prohibits the construction of industrial facilities near schools. Industrial facilities have negative consequences on schools that affect the health and safety of all students, faculty and staff, the learning outcomes of students, and the learning environment of students.

13.2. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FUNDING: IASB shall request that the Illinois legislature consider legislation providing educational funding to all school districts to offset the cost of a school resource officer.

13.3. BUS DRIVER REGULATIONS: IASB shall support changes to the Federal and State school transportation regulations that return licensing requirements and driver trainer liability back to pre-February 2023 level at a minimum; allow local training and testing for bus driver candidates and increase the transportation reimbursement rate from the state of Illinois to 100%.

13.4. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY REVIEW: IASB shall request the Illinois legislature consider using the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services, Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System as a means to fulfill the Employment History Review of Faith's Law.

13.5. ALTERNATIVE SAFE SCHOOL FUNDING: IASB shall advocate for additional funding to be provided for regional alternative safe schools to allow for an elementary appropriate program, additional funding and approved certification programs for board certified behavior analysts in school districts and additional flexibility with student discipline to help local districts provide the safest learning environment possible. Also allow for more control as it relates to student discipline post-Covid, especially at the elementary and middle schools.

Public comment: Mr. Nathan Wright from Excel, "The Etiquette Foundation of Illinois" presented letters of endorsements that his company has received from many of the community's supporters. He also discussed how grade behavior can have a direct influence on income scale. Dr. Nalls stated that some of Sandridge's students will participate in an Etiquette training class on October 21, 2023 and on Sunday, Oct 22, 2023, these same students will go to dinner at Rose Bud's restaurant in Dyer Indiana and then attend a field trip to the Black Violin musical. Who and what are the Black Violinist. They are composed of classically trained violinist Wilner Baptiste and Kevin Marcus who combine their classical training and hip hop influences to create a distinctive multi-genre sound that is often described as classical boom.

14. PTA update: PTA member Cheryl Ward noted that there are now 98 members signed up for 2023-24 school year. There is a \$5 renewal fee for each member per school year. New members are welcomed. Several upcoming PTA events are scheduled to include movie night Nov 5th, fall ball Nov 17th (grades 6-8) and the fall vendor fair taking place Dec 8th,; space is still available (\$25 per space). Next regular scheduled PTA meeting is

January 10, 2024, at 7:00pm. Dr. Nalls stated that on November 9th 2023 all teachers will be in attendance at the board meeting for a special announcement.

15. **MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

16. **MOTION TO ADJOURN BOARD MEETING: 1st motioned by member Newton, 2nd by Guthrie. Board meeting concluded at 7:17 pm.**