

# District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 6:00 PM

Dyanna McCleverty Gymnasium, 2950 Glenwood-Dyer Road, Lynwood, Illinois 60411

1. **CALL TO ORDER** President Sonya Jenkins-Brown called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00pm CST.

2. **ROLL CALL: President Brown, Ms. Gray, Ms. Krueger, Ms. Newton, Mr. Colwell, Ms. Lee, Ms. Guthrie** Members absent: Newton and Guthrie

3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** was recited by all stakeholders in attendance.

## 4. **REPORTS**

4.1. Superintendent's Report Dr. Nalls commended President Sonja Jenkins-Brown for publicly sharing the positive changes the district is making toward the aesthetics of the building and curriculum initiatives. Dr. Nalls noted that because of the positive publicity, families from Wellington court are registering for the upcoming school year. Dr. Nalls informed the community that District 172 will offer bus transportation for all students. Dr. Nalls noted that last year there were about 20 students that attended summer school and this year Sandridge has approximately 75 students attending summer school.

4.1.1. PTA Update Mrs. Logan noted that the fun fair was a huge success with 29 volunteers who were recruited for the event. There were 100+ non-Sandridge families and students in attendance. She especially thanked those who volunteered for the event: Mr. Kosina, Clyde Hayes, Patricia Perkins, Joanna Demonte, Dr. Nalls, Ms. Polk, Ms. Hines, Mr. Blair, Mr. Pruitt, Ms. Aljoe, David Logan, Michael Ward, Village Trustee Kirk Marshall, School Board President Sonia Jenkins-Brown, School Board members Janell Krueger and Kim Newton. PTA executive officers would like to thank the school administration for allowing them to participate in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation. The PTA purchased balloons and cookies for the kindergarten graduation. They rented jumpy houses for the pre-K students on field day. PTA's next meeting will be in August and they will present their budget and proposed activities for the school year 2023-2024. Finally, the PTA is looking to recruit new members. The cost of membership is \$5.00 per member. If any

**Presenter:** Anita Logan

individual is interested, please contact members of the executive board for more information.

4.2. Principals Report: Map Data Analysis 3RD Assessment Mr. Kosina presented the board with the MAP data for fall 2022 and spring 2023 school year. Majority of students are scoring at the lower bottom (25th percentile), compared to the national average. Mr. Kosina noted that the MAP testing was not done at the correct time of the year. Member Gray asked about the winter data. Mr. Kosina responded that although the MAP testing was completed for the winter, the data was not presented on the graph presentation details. He further stated that all the assessment data for the MAP testing will be presented to the board in July when they get the final data. Member Gray asked how many students are at grade level. Dr. Nalls responded that the data speaks for itself and noted that most kids are not at grade level at this point. Dr. Nalls explained that the 1st MAP test is a baseline measurement to assess current level of performance. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Map test shows how the student has progressed and the 3<sup>rd</sup> MAP score shows the overall growth attainment made from assessment one to assessment 3.

**Presenter:** Mr. Joseph Kosina

Member Gray also asked about why the MAP scores were lower for the spring 2023, compared to the scores of fall 2022. Dr. Nalls responded that when she came on board only 13% of the students were proficient in ELA/Math and acknowledged that there was not a viable curriculum in place which included a lack of textbooks for students and teacher manuales. Dr. Nalls stated she inherited this situation; however the reading and math curriculum has been ordered in alignment with the curriculum audit.

Member Colwell stated that the correct methodology needs to be in place and suggested that the students may need more work using the right curriculum. Member Lee asked if the 23/24 school year will include winter MAP testing and Mr. Kosina stated it was completed in the fall 2022 and will continue for the upcoming school year. President Jenkins-Brown thanked Dr. Nalls for all her efforts thus far and raised the question to all, "How do you eat an elephant"? President Brown responded with "One bite at a time"

4.3. Special Education Audit Dr. Newman discussed findings/recommendations of the education audit. Dr. Newman presented the Y22 ISBE LEA Determination Matrix. She discussed each category with the total scores vs total possible points in the compliance

**Presenter:** Dr. Veda Newman

report. Dr. Newman noted that the district is meeting the requirements for the LEA determination. It was determined that there are 94 students with special needs, 23 placed at Speed or Echo and 1 in private day school. Dr. Newman presented/discussed the Professional Needs Assessment that was conducted on the 18 respondents surveyed, with the highest need, including but not limited to, 1-social/emotional learning, 2-supporting special needs students and 3-content specific programs for curriculum learning. Final recommendations were presented to include special education curriculum for ELA/Math Y24, training to staff on the Role of General Education Teacher in supporting students with disabilities, provide job embedded coaching support to special education teachers and expansion of continuum of placement options within the district.

4.3.1. CONSTRUCTION UPDATE Mr. Hayes presented the 2023 summer capital renovation projects. The excavation of the old sign foundation is completed. Pavement work is scheduled to begin later this summer. Carpentry and general construction with demolition work in the bathroom has begun, with demolition to continue to move North through the building. The roof deck is installed and ready for roofing. Painting will start once all the floors are mitigated. There will be no access to offices off of 300 hallway as demolition work is being completed. Demolition in bathrooms 107 and 109 is complete with bathroom 307 to be completed this week. Awaiting arrival of panel interior for the new electrical panel in the gymnasium. For access control, waiting on lead times for the new card readers. Installation is set to begin once material comes in and work can be completed.

**Presenter:** Mr. Clyde Hayes

5.  
**Recognition of Citizens: Any person may make comments to or ask questions of the Board. The Board meeting is a business meeting of the Board held in the public. As a gentle reminder, the board and administration will take note of the comment or question and the appropriate administrator will respond within 48 hours.**

## 6. ACTION ITEMS - CONSENT AGENDA

6.1. Approval of Board Minutes: May 18th and May 30<sup>th</sup> Member Gray asked that closed session board minutes of May 18 be pulled for amendment. Motion to approve May 30 board minutes. Motion made by member Lee, seconded by member Krueger, Passed.

Colwell: yea, Lee: yea, Gray: yea, Krueger: yea,  
Guthrie: absent, Newton: absent, Jenkins-Brown: yea

6.2. Approval of Payroll and Employee Benefits  
Totaling: \$347,976.10 Motion made by member Lee,  
seconded by Krueger, Passed. Colwell: yea, Lee:  
yea, Gray: yea, Krueger: yea, Guthrie: absent,  
Newton: absent, Jenkins-Brown: yea

6.3. Approval of all Bills for Payment Totaling:  
\$885,242.63 Motion made by member Krueger,  
seconded by Lee, Passed. Colwell: yea, Lee: yea,  
Gray: abstain, Krueger: yea, Newton: absent,  
Guthrie: absent, Jenkins-Brown: yea

6.4. Acceptance of Treasurer's Report Motion made  
by member Motioned made by Lee, seconded by  
Krueger, Passed. Colwell: yea, Guthrie: absent,  
Newton: absent, Lee: yea, Gray: yea, Krueger: yea,  
Jenkins-Brown: yea

7. **Motion to Approve Frank Cooney Furniture  
Order (Media Center) \$33,234.98** Motion made by  
member Krueger, seconded by member Lee, Passed.  
Colwell: yea, Guthrie: absent, Newton: absent, Lee:  
yea, Gray: yea, Krueger: yea, Jenkins-Brown: yea

8. **Motion to Approve Science Textbook and  
Instructional Materials Grades 6, 7, and 8  
\$27,558.12** Motion made by Lee, seconded by  
Krueger, Passed. Colwell: yea, Guthrie: absent,  
Gray: yea, Krueger: yea, Newton: absent, Lee: yea,  
Jenkins-Brown: yea

9. **Motion to Approve McGraw Hill Social Studies  
Textbook 6-8 \$24,016.28** Motion made by Lee,  
seconded by Krueger, Passed. Colwell: yea, Gray:  
yea, Krueger: yea, Guthrie: absent, Newton: absent,  
Lee: yea, Jenkins-Brown: yea

10. **Motion to Approve Math Textbook Renewal for 1  
Year \$18,392.18** Motion made by member Lee,  
seconded by Krueger, Passed. Colwell: yea, Lee:  
yea, Newton: absent, Krueger: yea, Gray: yea,  
Guthrie: absent, Jenkins-Brown: yea

11. **Motion to Approve Sandridge Mascot (Wildcats) Presenter: Kalea Polk**  
Motion made by member Lee, seconded by Krueger,  
Passed. Colwell: yea, Gray: yea, Newton: absent,  
Krueger: yea, Lee: yea, Guthrie: absent,  
Jenkins-Brown: yea

12. **Motion to Approve NSBA \$3,795.00** Motion made by member Krueger, seconded by Lee, Passed.  
Colwell: yea, Gray: yea, Newton: absent, Krueger: yea, Lee: yea, Guthrie: absent, Jenkins-Brown: yea

13. **Discussion: Select Dates for the Committee of the Whole** Discussion was brought about for selecting dates for the committee of the whole. Member Gray recommended a separate meeting for COW, other members recommended the meeting to continue as is, currently, right before the regular board meeting. Much discussion around why COW needs its own separate meeting. After much discussion, a determination was made to put on the next meeting agenda for a board vote.

14. **CLOSED SESSION AGENDA** Recommended Motion(s): to move to adjourn to closed session to discuss matters of resignation, appointment, employment, 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, non-renewal of contracts, compensation, performance, employee discipline, student discipline and to discuss minutes of meetings lawfully closed for the purpose of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes pursuant to Section 2A c of the Open Meeting Act. 8:18 pm This motion was made by member Lee, seconded by Krueger. Passed. Lee: yea, Gray: yea, Colwell: yea, Guthrie: absent, Krueger; yea, Newton: absent, Jenkins-Brown: yea

14.1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for 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.

15. **MOTION TO RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** Motion made by member Krueger, seconded by Lee, Passed

16. **NEW BUSINESS** President Jenkins-Brown discussed the upcoming board retreat with possible dates of July 14-15. Discussion around retreat agenda, which will include board goals for next year. Member Gray asked that the board be included in the agenda discussion for the upcoming retreat. President Jenkins-Brown acknowledged that she welcomes agenda ideas and is open to further discussion. Discussion was also around approximate cost for each board member and how the retreat would be paid for. Dr,

Nalls stated that the retreat will be paid from the local district budget and possibly use of grant funds. Dr. Nalls stated the current budget has 21K allotted for professional development for board members.

17. **OLD BUSINESS** Dr. Nalls discussed the district's renewal rates for Property Casualty Insurance for \$10849.00 and Click (workers compensation) for \$28,492.49. Wants board approval to release check to avoid relapse in coverage.

18. **ADJOURNMENT** It was moved to adjourn this regular meeting of the Board of Education for District 172. This motion was made by member Gray, seconded by Lee, Passed