

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 125, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CENTER, LINCOLNSHIRE, ILLINOIS

President Pro-Tem Frost called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. On roll call, Mr. Frost, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, Ms. Cao, Mr. Gorson, Ms. Moons, and Mr. Tyler answered. Ms. Neault was absent. Also in attendance were Superintendent Twadell, Mr. Gobble, Mr. Carney, and Recording Secretary Fortunato, along with 10 visitors.

ROLL CALL

Kash Rajesh, Student Council School Board Representative, was unable to present his report, a copy was given to the board.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES REPORT

There were no visitor statements.

VISITORS' STATEMENTS

The Mathematics Division (Algebra 2) presented the unique Social Emotional Learning (SEL) experiences they provide students in their courses.

CURRICULUM TEAM PRESENTATION

The board was presented with a first reading of a summary listing of possible curriculum changes for the 2025-26 school year. Every spring, the administrative team meets to discuss these possible curriculum changes and how they might better support student learning. During the months of April and early May, the Administrative Team will continue to meet to discuss these proposed changes. In May, a final listing will be submitted for the Board's initial approval. Then, in the Fall of 2024, finalized curriculum changes for the 2025-26 school year will be determined.

APPROVAL OF 2025-26 CURRICULUM LETTERS OF INTENT (FIRST READING)

The Board of Education was presented with the graduate program approvals as of April 2024.

GRADUATE PROGRAM APPROVALS

Mr. Tyler moved, seconded by Ms. Cao, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of technology equipment from Netrix as part of the E-Rate program at a cost not to exceed \$337,080.00 prior to the 40% reimbursement from the Federal Government. On roll call, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, Ms. Cao, Mr. Gorson, Ms. Moons, Mr. Tyler, and Mr. Frost voted aye. The motion carried unanimously. (7:36 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT WITH E-RATE

The Board was presented with a first reading of the purchase of a Treasurer's Bond. As required by the Illinois School Code, the District will purchase a Treasurer's Bond for the District Treasurer position. The FY23 AFR and audited financial statement have been sent to our insurer for review and determination of the surety bond amount.

**APPROVAL OF
TREASURER'S BOND
(FIRST READING)**

The Board was presented with a first reading of the approval of the Treasurer's Appointment. Every two years, the Board must appoint a Treasurer of the District. Since July 1, 2016, Sean Carney has been serving as the District's Treasurer, and it is time for his reappointment. Furthermore, the State also requests the District to identify who is serving as the Chief School Business Officer (CSBO) for every District. Thus, at our next board meeting, we will recommend the Board appoint Sean P. Carney to serve as the Treasurer for the District from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2026, and that Sean be identified as the District's Chief School Business Officer.

**APPROVAL OF
TREASURER'S
APPOINTMENT (FIRST
READING)**

The Board was presented with a first reading of the seal coating bid. Every summer, the District seal coats each of its parking lots. Seal coating extends the useful life of the asphalt and makes the driveway and parking lot surfaces look much nicer overall. Samantha Benak and Reem Varghese are working on the development of final bid documents and have set a bid opening for April 30th.

**AWARD OF SEAL
COATING BID (FIRST
READING)**

The Board was presented with a first reading of the Music Instruments bid. We review our existing music instrument inventory annually and determine which instruments are beyond their useful life. Samantha Benak, Reem Varghese, and the Band/String team members determined the instruments and peripherals needed. This bid allows us to separate the purchase by instrument. Similar to the Seal Coating bid, we have set the bid opening for April 30th.

**AWARD OF MUSIC
INSTRUMENTS BID
(FIRST READING)**

The Board was presented with a first reading of the Ombudsman Agreement. Ombudsman provides services to some of our students who require a different school structure than that of the traditional setting. Every year, a new agreement is signed with Ombudsman for the upcoming school year. Sean Carney and Eric Ramos continue to negotiate terms with Ombudsman and will present the final renewal rates for approval at the May Board meeting.

**APPROVAL OF
OMBUDSMAN
AGREEMENT FOR
STUDENT SUPPORT
SERVICES (FIRST
READING)**

As discussed at a first reading in March, we have met with a few energy suppliers and brokers to purchase energy in the forward market at today’s prices. This will stabilize the budget and allow the District to avoid the extreme volatility in the energy market.

**APPROVAL OF
NATURAL GAS AND
ELECTRICITY
CONTRACTS
(INFORMATIONAL)**

Unfortunately, because of the complex nature of forward pricing and the potential of a new process, reverse auctions, we aren’t in a position to make a recommendation to the Board without additional research, reference checks, and evaluation. We will present additional information to the board along with a recommendation at the May Board meeting.

The Board of Education was presented with three requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and the status of the District’s response.

FOIA REQUESTS

Dr. Ben-Yoseph moved, seconded by Mr. Gorson, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented. On roll call, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, Ms. Cao, Mr. Gorson, Ms. Moons, Mr. Tyer, and Mr. Frost, voted aye. The motion carried unanimously. (7:42 p.m.)

**CONSENT AGENDA
ITEMS**

- 1. Approval of the Special Meeting, Executive Session, and Regular Meeting minutes of March 18, 2024.
- 2. Approval of Human Resources Report.
- 3. Adoption of Developer Donation Resolution with the Village of Buffalo Grove.
- 4. Consideration of Financial Report, Approval of Disbursements & Payrolls, March 2024 (including travel-related expenses of members of the Board of Education and of employees).

Ms. Cao moved, seconded by Dr. Ben-Yoseph, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. (7:51 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT