

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
CONSOLIDATED HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 125, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD MONDAY,
MAY 20, 2024, AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION CENTER,
LINCOLNSHIRE, ILLINOIS

President Neault called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. On roll call, Ms. Neault, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, Ms. Cao, Mr. Gorson, and Ms. Moons answered. Mr. Frost was absent, and Mr. Tyler arrived at 7:48 p.m. Also in attendance were Superintendent Twadell, Mr. Gobble, Mr. Carney, and Recording Secretary Fortunato, along with 50 visitors.

ROLL CALL

Kash Rajesh, Student Council School Board Representative, presented his report and introduced the 24-25 School Board Representative, Rajan Sukhatme.

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES
REPORT**

There were no visitor statements.

**VISITORS'
STATEMENTS**

At the May meeting, the board presented Ambassador Awards to the following individuals:

**AMBASSADOR
AWARDS**

Student Representative to the Board of Education - Kashyap Rajesh

Student Success Story - Micah Anders, Akil Dougherty, and Nancy Noah

Those Who Excel Recipients - Deborah Marquardt, Katie Bennett, Kristin Koe, Sam Figueroa, and the Little Patriots Team: Eileen Schopen, Faina Kaminsky, Brenda Thomas-Hill, Hayley Larsen
Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Champions - Angela Guo, Aditya Gupta, Jonathan He, Angela Ho, Audrey Hong, Keona Liu, Tanav Ravella, Kevin Shen, Aaroh Tak, Jingyi Wu, Richard Xu, Mark Yang, Ethan Zhang, Eric Zhang, Michelle Zhang, Coach Paul Kim, Coach Eric Anderson, Coach Anna Renken, Coach Brad Der, Coach Kristin Koe

HOSA State Champions - Ishanvi Chaudhary, David Dong, Naomi George, Twisha Hegde, Pujita Jain, Sohini Jana, Jaden Kim, Ananya Krishnan, Prisha Kumari, Matthew Lee, Hansika Modupalli, Diya Nair, Vaishnavi Navalkar, Arya Pore, Helen Qian, Shaurya Roy, Tanvi Shitole, Aditi Thota, Avik Virdi, Stephanie Wu, Coach Jill Lipman, Coach Ross Purchatzke

Business Professionals of America State Champions - Abby Ma, Coach Beth Brilowski, Coach Jason Ford, Coach Jennifer Kazimer

ACES State Champion - Timothy Bui, Evelyn Chan, Jaden Chen, Aaron Gan, Jonathan He, Rhubyn Letuchy, Max Liu, Vedant Rathi,

Orlando Sirais, Gabriella Thalos, Prannay Veerabahu, Vedansh Wadhvani, Kevin Yang, Eric Zhang, Ethan Zhang, Coach Deborah Wiersema

FCCLA State Champions - Kylie Collins, Marlee Lewis, Amoolya Mahabhashyam, Bethany Payawal, Aashni Patel, Abigail Levy, Addison Pak, Shravani Khakkar, Sonakshi Singh, Sophia Kusztelak, Pujita Jain, Gregory Abshire, Olympia Yan, Coach Morgan Bykoff, and Coach Malinda Pum

Science Olympiad State Champions - Jeremy Lei, Shivaani Sivaraman, Rishi Mohan, Lucas Niu, Angela Wang, Caleb Song, Tej Kosaraju, Shourya Mehta, Angela Guo, Andrea Gualdron, Jeffrey Lu, Coach Ryan Korah, Coach Kim Lubecke, Coach Dr. Ann Maine, Coach Dr. Gordon Wood

IHSA Journalism State Champions - Jennifer Huang, Fiona Jin, Elizabeth Yuan, Sponsor Dean Bradshaw

The CSET/Applied Arts Division (Family & Consumer Science Team) presented the unique Social Emotional Learning (SEL) experiences they provide students in their courses.

CURRICULUM TEAM PRESENTATION

Ms. Cao moved, seconded by Dr. Ben-Yoseph, that the Board of Education approve the Letters of Intent for the 2025-2026 school year, as presented. On roll call, Ms. Neault, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, Ms. Cao, Mr. Gorson, Ms. Moons, and Mr. Tyer voted aye. The motion carried unanimously. (8:05 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF 2025-26 CURRICULUM LETTERS OF INTENT

Ms. Cao moved, seconded by Mr. Tyer, that the Board of Education approve the 2024 Summer Curriculum Project Proposals, as presented. On roll call, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, Ms. Cao, Mr. Gorson, Ms. Moons, Mr. Tyer, and Ms. Neault voted aye. The motion carried unanimously. (8:07 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF SUMMER CURRICULUM PROJECTS AND BUDGET

The Board was presented with a first reading of the 2024-2025 Student Guidebook.

APPROVAL OF 2024-2025 STUDENT GUIDEBOOK (FIRST READING)

The Board was presented with a first reading of the policy updates from PRESS Issue 114 along with an update to board policy 4:20 Fund Balance.

APPROVAL OF BOARD POLICY UPDATES (FIRST READING)

The Board was presented with a first reading of the final 2023-2024 school calendar.

APPROVAL OF FINAL 2023-2024 SCHOOL

CALENDAR (FIRST READING)

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

GRADUATE PROGRAM APPROVALS

Mr. Gorson moved, seconded by Mr. Tyer, that the Board of Education approve the purchase of a Treasurer's Bond in the amount of \$ 20,000,000.00 for Sean P. Carney at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. On roll call, Ms. Cao, Mr. Gorson, Ms. Moons, Mr. Tyer, Ms. Neault, and Dr. Ben-Yoseph voted aye. The motion carried unanimously. (8:09 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S BOND

Mr. Tyer moved, seconded by Ms. Cao, that the Board of Education appoint Sean P. Carney as the Treasurer and ISBE identified Chief School Business Officer for Adlai E. Stevenson High School for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2024. On roll call, Mr. Gorson, Ms. Moons, Mr. Tyer, Ms. Neault, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, and Ms. Cao voted aye. The motion carried unanimously. (8:11 p.m.)

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Mr. Tyer moved, seconded by Ms. Moons, that the Board of Education approve a three-year agreement with Newline Paving Services Inc. to provide seal coating services at a cost not to exceed \$223,343.00, as presented. On roll call, Ms. Moons, Mr. Tyer, Ms. Neault, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, Ms. Cao, and Mr. Gorson voted aye. The motion carried unanimously. (8:14 p.m.)

AWARD OF SEAL COATING BID

Mr. Tyer moved, seconded by Ms. Cao, that the Board of Education award the music instruments bid to Quinlan & Fabish at a cost not to exceed \$8,970.40, Washington Music at a cost not to exceed \$13,506.55, and Music & Arts at a cost not to exceed \$16,771.72 for a total cost not to exceed \$39,248.67. On roll call, Mr. Tyer, Ms. Neault, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, Ms. Cao, Mr. Gorson, and Ms. Moons voted aye. The motion carried unanimously. (8:18 p.m.)

AWARD OF MUSIC INSTRUMENTS BID

The Board was presented with a first reading of the Hulse Juvenile Justice Center. The children who reside at Depke are residents of our District for the duration of their incarceration in the Detention Center. In 1997, we worked out an agreement in which the District would provide funding for the Depke Center students and the Regional Superintendent of Schools would provide the educational services. The District would provide funding through the Illinois School Code Section 18-3 - *Orphanage Tuition Program*. This

APPROVAL OF HULSE DETENTION CENTER MOU (FIRST READING)

agreement has been in place for the last 15 years and has worked for all parties involved; Stevenson, Lincolnshire Prairie View School District 103, the Regional Superintendent of Schools, and the students of the Depke Center. Just to reiterate, funding is provided by the State through the Orphanage Tuition Program and simply flows through Stevenson and District 103. No local tax dollars are spent at the Depke Center.

The board was presented with a first reading of the approval of Budget transfers. As new information emerges post-budget approval, adjustments are made through these transfers to ensure accurate and detailed budgeting. The School Code, specifically Section 5/17-1, authorizes such transfers. For efficiency, transfers occur periodically throughout the year, culminating in a presentation to the Board for review and approval at fiscal year-end. A resolution and summary of transfers for the 2023-24 fiscal year will be up for final approval at the next regular meeting.

In May, the Board met with Eric and Troy to review the performance of the Administrative Team. In June, the Board will be asked to finalize adjustments to both salary pools.

The board was presented with a first reading of the approval of a contract for event photography services. Every week, sometimes every day of the week, there are a variety of Athletic, Curricular, Fine Arts, and Student Activity events held on campus. Because of the immense amount of events, we need the assistance of an independent photographer to assist in memorializing these events. In addition, many of the photographs are used by our Communications department in the different media vehicles utilized by Stevenson. In June, we are holding a Request for Proposal (RFP) for independent photography services. Final approval will be at the next regular meeting.

In April, the district received the annual spreadsheet with our tax extension information. After applying the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) formula, the District collected \$120,881,987.81.

**APPROVAL OF
BUDGET TRANSFERS
(FIRST READING)**

**APPROVAL OF
2024-2025
ADMINISTRATIVE AND
NON-UNION SALARY
POOLS (FIRST
READING)**

**APPROVAL OF
CONTRACT FOR
EVENT
PHOTOGRAPHY
SERVICES (FIRST
READING)**

**TAX YEAR 2023
FINALIZED TAX
EXTENSION
(INFORMATIONAL)**

The District uses the services of Scott Ginsburg from Robbins Schwartz to represent the District in the County’s Tax Appeal Process. The District only gets involved in appeals over \$100,000 for a single year or over the course of multiple years. Because of Scott’s work, large taxpayers received a reduction in their EAV of approximately 65% of what they were asking. This saved the remaining taxpayers in our community approximately \$537,000 in additional tax dollars they would have had to pay.

SUMMARY OF BOARD OF REVIEW DECISIONS (INFORMATIONAL)

There were no Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests this month.

FOIA REQUESTS

Dr. Ben-Yoseph moved, seconded by Ms. Cao, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda Items, as presented. On roll call, Ms. Neault, Dr. Ben-Yoseph, Ms. Cao, Mr. Gorson, Ms. Moons, and Mr. Tyler voted aye. The motion carried unanimously. (8:30 p.m.)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of April 9, 2024, regular meeting of April 15, 2024, and special meetings of April 22, 2024, and April 24, 2024.
2. Approval of Human Resources Report.
3. Approval of Designation of Depositories Resolution
4. Approval of 2025 County Indemnification Agreement
5. Approval of Disbursements & Payrolls, April 2024 (including travel-related expenses of members of the Board of Education, and of employees).

Dr. Ben-Yoseph moved, seconded by, Ms. Cao that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. (8:41 p.m.)

ADJOURNMENT

SECRETARY

PRESIDENT