

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 28
HELD TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, District 28, Cook County, Illinois, was held in the HOH Conference room in said district on Tuesday evening, October 22, 2024, and streamed on the district's YouTube Channel.

President Gallinson called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. with the following members present at roll call:

DeShawn Arms
Christine Beeftink
Matt Cassidy
Jennifer Gallinson
Mara Silver-Schack
Adam Weinstock

Absent: Beth Bazer

Also present were Dr. Jason Pearson, Superintendent; Dr. Kris Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent; Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official; Dr. Kelly Sculles, Director of Student Services; Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services; Michelle Jackson, Director of Learning; Maria Stavropoulos, Director of Technology; Terry Ryan, Communications Director; Chrissy Yonaites, Recording Secretary; Jeremy Bartunek, Greenbriar Teacher/Streaming Tech and Kerry Edwards, Core Council.

Public Attendees: None.

VISITORS COMMENTS / PRESENTATIONS

None.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Facility Master Plan Update

Dr. Pearson, Superintendent, presented an overview of the work accomplished for the Facility Master Plan. There have been four Facilitation Team Meetings and one Community Engagement Session. Upcoming is the second Engagement Session on Monday, October 28 and Building Tours are scheduled for the weeks of November 11 and 18. There will be a Special Meeting in December where the Facilitating Team will present their recommendations to the Board.

Enrollment

Dr. Pearson included the September enrollment for the board to review. Enrollment is

currently 1,824 students.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Member Silver-Schack and seconded by Member Cassidy that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 24, 2024.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Bazer. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Weinstock and seconded by Member Cassidy that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

Payroll

The payment of employee salaries for the last half of September 2024, in the amount of \$1,867,522.86 and covered by check numbers 67919 through 67928 and deduction check numbers 67929 through 67949 inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated October 22, 2024;

The payment of employee salaries for the first half of October 2024, in the amount of \$1,872,553.11 and covered by check number 67950 through 67962 and deduction check numbers 67963 through 67972 inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated October 22, 2024.

Bills

Vendor invoices totaling \$1,233,808.67 and Warrants listed as Numbers 63561 through 63765, and the following voids: 62918, 63103 and 202400109, confirmed by the signature of the President of the School District 28 Board of Education, and dated October 22, 2024.

Personnel Report: Contract Changes, Employment of Staff, Leaves, Resignations and Dismissals

Staff Recommended for Employment				
Name	Position	Location	Salary	Effective Date

Marisa Martin	Special Educ Asst.	MB	\$22.85/hr	9/25/24
Deepti Bansal	Classroom Asst.	WM	\$19.83/hr	9/25/24
Alyssa Incrocci	Classroom Asst.	GB	\$19.34/hr	10/01/24
Kathleen Corcoran	Special Educ Asst.	GB	\$22.74/hr	10/9/24
Grace Bush	Special Educ Asst.	GB	\$22.63/hr	10/15/24
Charity Davis*	Elem Teacher (long term sub)	NBJH	BA+00-04 \$58,069	10/22/24
Carla Smith	Special Educ Asst.	GB	\$22.74/hr	10/14/24
Claudia Daniluk	Classroom Asst.	MB	\$19.15/hr	10/16/24
Nicholas Crain-Flor	Administrative Asst	DO	\$22.05/hr	10/18/24

* Certified Candidate details below

Staff Leave of Absence				
Name	Position	Location	Reason	Effective Date
Mary Bergman	KidCare Director	MB	Parent Leave	12/18/24

Staff Lane Changes 2024-25				
Name	Position	Location	Current Salary	New Salary
Trina Newman	Gifted & Talented	WM	B+24-17 \$83,033	M+12-17 \$99,314

Background Data on Certified Staff Recommended for Employment	
Name	Charity Davis

License	Learning Behavior Specialist I, Kindergarten through Age 22
Education	Bachelor of Science - Elementary and Special Education, Indiana University
Experience	3rd Grade Teacher, Gwinnett County Public Schools, August 2022 - June 2023; 7th Grade Special Education Teacher, Evanston-Skokie School District 65, August 2021 - June 2022

Open Closed Meeting Minutes

The Board reviewed the following closed meeting minutes and approved that they be opened to the public: 9/26/23, 10/24/23 and 11/28/23.

District Office Administrative Assistant Compensation Adjustment

It was recommended to approve a salary adjustment with the transition of an office member from Business Office Assistant to Administrative Assistant.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Bazer. Motion carried.

STAFF AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

FINANCE

Finance Report

Ms. Donato, Chief School Business Official, provided the finance report for the month ending September 30, 2024 and the list of bills paid in September were included in the board packet. After two months of the new fiscal year, the monthly variance report shows 17% of the 2024-25 budget expended and 40% of budgeted revenues collected.

Food Service Sales

NBJH food services for the month of September totaled \$52,131. Organic Life's operating statement has a surplus of \$8,507 for the month. The year-to-date operating surplus is \$448.

Fiscal Year 2024 Audit

The audit will be presented at the November Board meeting. The capital assets report was delayed, and the auditors are working through those details. The district applied for and received an extension from the North Cook ISC.

Member Weinstock moved, and Member Arms seconded, that the Board of Education approve the Finance Report for September 2024.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Bazer. Motion carried.

Resolution of Estimated Property Tax Levy 2024

Every year, the district must adopt a tax levy to request local property tax revenues. Ms. Donato presented the estimated property tax levy for 2024 of \$48.6 million. The tax levy is subject to the limitation of the Property Tax Limitation Law, (PTELL), otherwise known as the tax cap, which restricts growth in property tax revenue to the lesser of 5% or the CPI from the previous calendar year. With the combination of the terminated TIF, the unknowns (equalized assessed valuation and new property) and a CPI at 3.4%, the district is proposing a levy increase of 9.97% over the prior year's extension. Because the proposed 2024 levy will exceed 5.0%, the district is required to publish a notice and hold a public hearing.

It was moved by Member Arms and seconded by Member Silver-Schack that the Board approve the 2024 Estimated Property Tax Levy resolution, as presented.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Bazer. Motion carried.

Illinois Energy Consortium (IEC) Electric Renewal Amendment

Ms. Donato presented an Electric Renewal Contract with Engie Resources. With this contract, the district will lock rates for 50% of the estimated usage. The remaining 50% would be purchased at the next-day market rate. This would allow the district to purchase the remainder of our need if the market comes down.

It was moved by Member Beeftink and seconded by Member Cassidy that the Board approve the Electric Renewal Contract, as presented.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Arms, Beeftink, Cassidy, Gallinson, Silver-Schack and Weinstock. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Bazer. Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Edward Brophy, Director of Human Resources and Administrative Services, informed the Board that all positions are filled.

STUDENT SERVICES

No report.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

State Library Grant

Dr. Raitzer, Assistant Superintendent, informed the board about the State Library Grant. The School District Library Grant Program is designed to support library media services in Illinois public school districts. The district rotates which school receives the grant funding each year. This year, Northbrook Junior High and librarian Claire Greene will receive the \$1,624.86 award.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

No report.

LEGISLATION

IASB Resolutions Committee Report 2024

Member Cassidy reviewed the IASB Delegate Assembly process with the Board. The Board was provided the IASB resolutions committee report ahead of the meeting. The Board will decide at a later date if a member will attend the Delegate Meeting. Additionally, the Board will further review the proposed resolutions and provide feedback to Member Cassidy.

POLICY

No report.

COMMUNICATION

Terry Ryan, Communications Director, provided more information on the Community Engagement work including how she is reaching out to the community with direct mail, emails and texts.

There were three FOIA's this month.

TRUENORTH EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE 804

Member Beeftink mentioned the last TrueNorth meeting she attended included updates on policies along with discussion about a potential district withdrawal.

Dr. Pearson noted that Glenview 34 is looking to leave the cooperative and explained that the Board will eventually have to approve the withdrawal of District 34 from the co-op. This is a standard procedure for exiting a cooperative.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

CLOSED SESSION

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:32pm., Member Silver-Schack moved, and Member Weinstock seconded, to adjourn the meeting. All members present voted Aye to adjourn the meeting. Nay: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Member Bazer. Motion carried.

Beth Bazer, Secretary

Jennifer Gallinson, President