

District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Thursday, September 19, 2024 Board Meeting

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 7:20 pm by President Jenkins-Brown** **Presenter:** President Jenkins-Brown
2. **ROLL CALL: President Jenkins-Brown, Ms. Guthrie, Ms. Lee, Mr. Colwell, Mrs. Gray, Ms. Krueger, Mrs. Newton. All members present except Mr. Colwell.**
3. **Motion To Open The Public Hearing For The FY 25 School Budget** **Presenter:** Dr. Alicia Evans
Motioned by Lee, seconded by Guthrie
Kreuger-yes, Lee-yes, Colwell-absent, Guthrie-yes, Newton-yes, Gray-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion Carries
4. **Presentation of the FY 25 Budget: Dr. Evans presented the Sandridge District 172 SY 25 budget requirement review and the budget process procedure. This includes posting notice of budget hearing and availability for public inspection for at least 30 days prior to budget hearing, adopt budget at public meeting held after the budget hearing no later than September 30, 2024, post budget on district website and submit budget to Illinois State Board of Education. She noted that the total revenue for SY 2025 is estimated at \$7,123,039, total expenditures is estimated at 7,024,708 which leaves a surplus of \$98,331, with a balanced budget. Member Gray asked if this budget included callable bonds? Dr. Evans replied that there were 3 series bonds for year 2013, 2016-A and 2016-B. She noted that the 2013 bond is retired, 2016 A/B are currently being paid off. She also noted that these bonds are not showing as callable but would review this information and get back to the board with her findings. Member Gray also asked about some possible discrepancies as it relates to the special areas of salaries, as they do not show any benefits attached. Dr. Evans replied that these benefits are reflected in a different area of the budget and is captured on page 12 line 5. Member Gray also questioned a one-time payout for \$30,500 on the AXA and inquired what this was for. Dr. Nalls replied that is for her stipend in lieu of her family medical benefits. She stated, per her contract, she is entitled to a once-a-year stipend to be played out in her 403B in lieu of medical/dental benefits. Member Gray asked if there is a dollar amount specific to this stipend, and if there is, what is the amount? Dr. Nalls responded that this amount is based upon her benefits/insurance rate and the amount can change from year to year. She further stated she** **Presenter:** Dr. Alicia Evans

would provide her contract to the board for clarity on this matter.

5. **Motion To Close The FY 25 Budget Hearing**

Motioned by Gray, seconded by Newton
Lee-yes, Kreuger-yes, Gray-yes, Guthrie-yes,
Colwell-absent, Newton-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion Carries

6. **Motion To Reconvene the Regular Board Meeting**

Motioned by Gray, seconded by Kreuger
Kreuger-yes, Guthrie-yes, Newton-yes, Lee-yes,
Gray-yes, Colwell-absent, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion Carries

7. **Roll Call: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Newton, Ms. Guthrie,**

Ms. Krueger, Mr. Colwell, Ms. Lee, President
Jenkins-Brown. All member present except member
Colwell.

8. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG-All stakeholders recited the Pledge of Allegiance.**

9. **Public Comments: This is an opportunity for the public to address comments to the Board. It is not a conversation with the Board or individual Board members. Questions will be referred to the appropriate administrator for a response. If a Board response is required, it will be provided at a future date. Speakers are limited to three minutes and may not pass or give their time to any other speaker. Speakers will be required to sign in to speak before the meeting begins. Speakers are expected to conduct themselves with civility in accordance with Board Policy 8:30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.**

This is the only opportunity for members of the public to speak during the Board meeting. During the remainder of the meeting, the public is welcome to observe the meeting but are not participants in the Board's discussion of agenda items. There were no public comments.

10. **FOIA Information**

1. SMARTCURE
2. Bobby Vaughn (3) Requests
3. Bobby Vaughn (1) Request to the Treasurer's Office
4. Jane Kratchovel

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

Dr. Nalls noted that all the above reference FOIA's have been satisfied.

11. **Motion To Approve the Consent Agenda Items**

11.1-11.4. Member Gray asked that each item be voted on individually. She stated that some bills did not have requisitions attached to them.

11.1. **Motion to Approve the Payment of Bills**

Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger
Guthrie-yes, Colwell-absent, Gray-no, Newton-yes,
Lee-yes, Kreuger-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion Carries

11.2. **Motion to Approve Minutes**

Motioned by Guthrie, seconded by Newton

Member Gray asked for an amendment to the meeting minutes of July 25, 2024, to reflect that Dr. Evans is contracted with the district and is not a district employee. She also requested that the amendment include that she asked Dr. Evans when her contract is going to end and how much is she being paid? Amendment noted by Secretary Lee. Kreuger-yes, Lee-yes, Newton-yes, Gray-yes, Colwell-absent, Guthrie-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motion Carries

11.3. Motion to Approve Payroll

Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger
Member Gray stated she has asked for a breakdown of payroll per pay period, but has not received that information. Dr. Nalls responded that she would need to get clarification from legal because some of that information contains specific information which could possibly be a violation of the employees' privacy. Lee-abstain, Newton-yes, Gray-no, Guthrie-yes, Kreuger-yes, Colwell-absent, Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motion Carries

11.4. Motion to Approve Personnel

Motioned by Guthrie, seconded by Newton
Member Gray stated that the applicant's application was missing from board books and would like to see the application for review. Dr. Nalls replied that she never includes the applicant's application in board books. She further noted that the resume is a shortened version of the applicant's application, and she follows board policy as it pertains to hiring practices. Motioned by Guthrie, seconded by Newton Gray-no, Kreuger-yes, Guthrie-yes, Colwell-absent, Lee-yes, Newton-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes Motion Carries

12. Motion to Approve FY 25 Budget

Motioned by Guthrie, seconded by Kreuger
Guthrie-yes, Kreuger-yes, Newton-yes, Lee-yes, Gray-no, Colwell-absent, Jenkins-Brown-yes. Motion Carries

13. Motion to Approve the Resolution Appointing Trustee of Schools.

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

President Jenkins-Brown
Motioned to appoint Dr. Kim Nalls as Trustee of Schools, seconded by Newton
Member Gray stated this is a conflict of interest and is not in the best interest of the community. President Jenkins-Brown replied that there will not be any check writing responsibility or financial responsibility for this position. Member Kreuger noted that there 12 positions and there are currently 8 Superintends serving in this capacity, therefore she sees no conflict of interest. Member Lee asked if there are any other members interested in this position. Member Gray stated she was interested. Member Lee motioned

to appoint member Gray as Trustee of Schools, seconded by Gray. President Jenkins-Brown stated we need to address the first motion as stated. Members took vote to appoint Dr. Nalls as Trustee of Schools.

Newton-yes, Gray-no, Guthrie-yes, Colwell-absent, Kreuger-yes, Lee-no, Jenkins-Brown-yes

Motion Carries

14. Motion to Approve Title I, II, IV, ESSER III, and IDEA Grants

Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger

Lee-yes, Kreuger-yes, Colwell-absent, Gray-yes, Newton-yes, Guthrie-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes

Motion Carries

15. Motion to Approve the Annual Recognition of Schools

Motioned by Kreuger, seconded by Guthrie

Guthrie-yes, Colwell-absent, Newton-yes, Kreuger-yes, Lee-yes, Gray-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes

Motion Carries

16. New Business: Discussion on the Board Goals:

Community Involvement. President Jenkins-Brown reminded that board that "community involvement" was one of the board goals that was identified as of importance. She stated that the board has failed to address/act on this goal. She asked the board what ideas they may have to get the community involved in this process? Members discussed different ideas from newsletters, Dojo announcements, videos, robo calls, community specific forums, surveys, etc. Dr. Nalls stated that she talked to legal counsel surrounding this matter and was advised that the board would have to set an agenda for this and would need to stick to those agenda specific items when meeting with the community. Meetings must be in an easily accessible location. Member Gray asked if legal counsel was consulted on this? Dr. Nalls replied, "in alignment with board policy the Superintendent and president can reach out to legal for advice and then share that information with the board". President Jenkins-Brown did a round table discussion with board members to see who was in support of having the community meetings. All board members agreed in support of this. Member Gray recommended that a survey go out to the community to see how much interest there is for community participation. Board members agreed that surveying the community is a necessary step before further planning on this happens. The board will re-convene with a special board meeting to address the language of the survey before the next regular board meeting on October 19, 2024.

17. Old Business: there was no old business

18. **Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session**

: Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of 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.

Motioned by Gray, seconded by Lee

Colwell-absent, Lee-yes, Newton-absent, Gray-yes, Kreuger-yes, Guthrie-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes

Motion Carries. Board went into closed session at 8:47 pm.

19. **Motion to Adjourn. Meeting was not adjourned, no quorum present.**