

District 172 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

Thursday, November 14, 2024 Media Center, 2950 Glenwood Dyer Rd, Lynwood, IL 60411

Call to order by President Sonja Jenkins-Brown at 7:21 pm

Roll call by Secretary Lee: members present-Newton, Kreuger, Colwell, Lee, President Jenkins-Brown
members absent-Gray and Guthrie

Pledge to the Flag by all stakeholders present.

Recognition of School Board Members: In honor of National School Board Members Day, Dr. Nalls thanked and recognized each board members for their continued support to the district.

Tax levy presentation: Dr. Evans gave a presentation about the tax levy and how it affects the school district currently and for the long-term. She explained it is a two-part process with certain criteria guidelines. The first part of the levy process is the preliminary, levy which must be approved by December 19, 2024 and the final levy documents must be in by December 30, 2024. It is simply a request for property tax revenue. The levy request is limited to 5%. Her recommendation is to seek a request of 4.99% increase over last year's extension and funds received to be deposited into the education, transportation, building/grounds fund. The estimated levy request totals approximately \$3 million dollars. She also discussed the fund balance with a goal to grow the fund balances. Dr. Nalls asked Dr. Evans to explain the supplemental levy. Dr. Evans explained that a supplemental levy is a provision to levy any additional money needed to pay for debt services. She explained that there were bonds issued in 2016 that had a provision in it that allowed the district to levy additional money to make debt service payments. She explained that if this levy is not approved, then the debt must be satisfied through local dollars. The supplemental debt is in the amount \$133,423, with a maturity date of 2034. She stated there is 10 years left to pay this dept, and it is the only outstanding debt left. Member Colwell asked where did the debt come from, how much is remaining and the interest amount? Dr. Evans stated she was not sure where it came from, but thought it was due to some kind of project. She noted the remaining balance is a little over 1 million dollars. President Jenkins-Brown asked if there a plan to pay of the remaining. Dr. Evans replied there is a plan in place to pay off the remaining balance. Dr. Evans also went over the trial fund balances as of Oct 31, 2024. To date the district received approximately 2.8 million dollars and the district has spent about 2 million dollars, with a current surplus of \$827,485.

Superintendents' discussion on Consent Agenda Resolutions for the Delegate Assembly: Dr. Nalls noted that member Guthrie is the district delegate representative and will be attending the joint conference next week. During this conference the Delegate Assembly is recommending adopting certain policies that will be placed on the ballot along with recommended policies to not adopt. Dr. Nalls gave a brief description on the policies that will be placed on the ballot for vote. Member Guthrie will represent the district on items A-F.

Public Comments: President of PTA, Cheryl Ward gave updates on the PTA happening/events, Mr. Logan and Edmond Walker

Consent Agenda: items 1-4 motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger.

8.1 approval of payment of bills \$132,250.29

8.2 approval of minutes 10/17/2024

8.3 approval of payroll

8.4 approval of personal

Motion to approve the resolution of meal reimbursement expenses from \$100-\$200 per day for conferences: Motioned by Colwell, seconded by Newton Guthrie-absent, Kreuger-yes, Lee-yes, Colwell-yes, Newton-yes, Gray-absent, Jenkins-Brown-yes Motion Carries

Motion to Approve Board Community Engagement at Lencioni's on December 2, 2024: Motioned by Newton, seconded by Lee Colwell-yes, Guthrie-absent, Newton-yes, Lee-yes, Gray-absent, Kreuger-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes Motion Carries

Motion to approve Preliminary Property Tax Levy 2024: Motioned by Kreuger, seconded by Newton Gray-absent, Guthrie-absent, Lee-no, Newton-yes, Kreuger-yes, Colwell-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes Motion Carries

1st Reading of Issue 117: Information only, no action. Board will take action next month. Dr. Nalls will send the board a link for registration for professional development on this issue reading.

Motion to approve Supplemental Tax Levy: Motioned by Colwell, seconded by Newton Kreuger-yes, Lee-no, Newton-yes, Guthrie-absent, Gray-absent, Colwell-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes

Motioned Carries

Motion to Approve Superintendent /Board Members Dinner for Joint Conference on 11/22/2024: Motioned by Colwell, seconded by Newton Lee-yes, Newton-yes, Gray-absent, Colwell-yes, Guthrie-absent, Kreuger-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes Motion Carries

Motion to approve Superintendent Employment Contract: Motioned by Kreuger, seconded by Newton Guthrie-absent, Gray-absent, Kreuger-yes, Newton-yes, Colwell-yes, Lee-no, Jenkins-Brown-yes Motion Carries

Member Lee acknowledged Dr. Nalls for her continued efforts and thanked her for the hard work she has put forth thus far in bringing the district to where it is today. She stated she was not opposed to the right contract in the future but stated that it is simply “not the right time”. She stated that it is imperative that the district see solid financial stability moving forward and the need for continued student growth and achievement.

New Business: Triple I Conference is on November 22, 2024. An Informational package was given to all board members with information to help navigate all things related to the conference. Board members will receive \$200 reimbursement per day and instructed to keep all original receipts to turn into Dr. Nalls for any allotted reimbursement.

Old Business: Board Community Engagement is an adult only event. Recommended for community members to scan QR code on flyer to register as space is limited.

Motion to Adjourn: motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger All members in agreement, meeting adjourned at 20:21 pm