

District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Thursday, December 19, 2024 Board Meeting

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

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Sonja Jenkins-Brown at 7:04 pm.	Presenter: President Jenkins-Brown
2. ROLL CALL: Mrs. Gray, Mrs. Newton, Ms. Guthrie, Ms. Krueger, Mr. Colwell, Ms. Lee, President Jenkins-Brown. All members present	
3. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG recited by all stakeholders present.	
4. Director of Curriculum and Instruction Report: Mr. Kosina presented copy of the OCI report. He explained how and why Sandridge received the targeted designation and the process involved in implementing the school improvement plan (SIP). He noted that Sandridge SD 172 is currently in partnership with the Intermediate Service Center South Cook 4 and that the SIP process is aligned with ISBE. Key components of the process include identifying local needs, create a school leadership team, build a stakeholder advisory group (SAG), conduct a needs assessment called the IQFSR which describes all the standards and indicators that need to be included. Currently the district is in the process of identifying local needs. He identified members of the leadership team to include K. Polk, D. Hook, J. Kosina, S. Adamson, C. Conroy, S. Winfrey, K. Hale and G. Redmerski. There are key dates that are required to provide deliverables during this process. These dates will be shared with the board on a monthly basis. The next step is to complete the Illinois Quality Framework supporting Rubric (IQFSR) with the school leadership team and the professional learning community. The first progress report to SAG is due on January 6, 2025. Member Gary noted that students are still grade levels behind and scores have not been over 20% proficiency. She asked what happened to the SIP data that started when the district was placed in targeted status? Mr. Kosina noted that this information was captured and will be used in the current SIP. Dr. Nalls noted that the state of Illinois shows that in comparison to other students, Sandridge students are showing growth in every category. Member Colwell stated that it is important that every staff member understand what is expected of them and understand the goals the district has set forth. Member Guthrie asked how did the special education students affect the school scores? Mr. Kosina explained the summative designation was assigned primarily due to children with special needs. He stated it assigns an index score and each group of students are scored on specific	Presenter: Mr. Joe Kosina

indicators which they did not meet. Dr. Nalls will provide additional information to the board in the Friday updates concerning this.

5. **Director of Student Support Services Report:**

Presenter: Mr. David Hook

Mr. Hook noted that there are currently 72 students in district, with 13 students out of district. Currently there are 8 initials in progress but noted that these numbers remain fluid depending on the new students. One student is at Country Club Hill's tech trade and will be transiting back in school during the am hours and returning to CC Hills in the afternoon², with plans to bring him back full-time during spring break. He also noted that for the IDEA grant, the district received another \$19,687 in carryover funds. He noted the grant was amended to allocate for these funds and they will be used for professional development, evaluation materials, assessments and SPEED tuition. The district has seen an increase in behaviors, therefore will provide professional development for CPI training which will start in January with Ms. Jordan attending a Train the Trainer class that focuses how to train staff in de-escalation and crisis management. Once complete, Ms. Jordan will train and certify the district staff during an upcoming institute day sometime in February 2025. Mr. Hook also noted that he received incorrect invoices from SPEED (Oct-Nov) and was advised from the SPEED SI to not pay the invoices until an investigation is completed. Through the investigation of the contractual agreement, it showed that the invoices from SPEED was not correct. Mr. Hook asked the board to vote to reject the incorrect invoices labeled #190 (\$20,800) & #211 (\$28,750), and to approve the adjusted amount for \$10,200 and \$12,750 as stated for the corrected invoices.

6. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Nalls discussed the land acquisition request call she received from Dillion Santa Cruz on behalf of the Cook County Transportation/Highway regarding a road improvement project from Torrence to Burnham. The land was appraised for \$25,000. They are asking for 1.7 acres of land. Dr. Nalls gave these documents to legal and have invited all interested parties back in January for a full discussion on the matter. Legal has advised Dr. Nalls it is not in the best interest of the district to fight this in court because the property resided in Cook County. Dr. Nalls went over the property tax levy request which provides 53% of revenue to the school. If the tax levy is not approved the school will not be able to fully operate. She discussed SCOPE and its responsibilities and noted the board will take action to appoint a representative on this

Presenter: Dr. Kim Nalls

tonight. Cost to join SCPOE is \$1033. The winter program was cancelled due to illness of the choir director and will be rescheduled in January 2025.

- 6.1. **Discussion of Trial/Fund Balance:** Dr. Nalls discussed the Trial fund balance and stated the district is in excellent financial standing. The district began the 2024 SY with 6.3 million, revenue received 3.4 million, expenditures 2.6 million with a reserve of 7.1 million.

- 6.2. **Review and Discussion of the School Year 2024 School Maintenance Grant Application:** FY 2025 grant application opened Sept 24, 2024; Mr. Hayes noted there are urgent projects that are needed at Sandridge. He listed the proposed projects are as follows: 1)replace the failed intercom throughout the entire building with estimate budget of \$44,000, 2)replace failing access control hardware for 3 exterior door locations with estimate budget of \$15,750, 3)is to replace failing window balances and damaged/missing window screens of the 1952 building addition with budget of \$28,000, 4)provide vision kit for nurses office, budget of \$750, 5)remove or replace existing damage sheet metal to prevent insects from entering with budget \$8,000, 6)repair damage wall surface in cafeteria budget \$3,500. All projects are to begin spring 2025. Member Colwell asked about protections for cost over runs? Dr. Nalls replied that any costs will be covered in the bid and if there are any cost overs they will be presented to the board for approval. Member Gray asked what will happen with the projects if the district does not receive the total \$50,000 asked for and are the architectural fees included in these costs? Dr. Nalls replied if the district does not receive the total amount asked the district will prioritize the projects with replacing the intercom system, window replacement and soffit and sheet metal for exterior doors. Dr. Nalls further noted no charges have been applied yet and these are only estimated costs.

7. **Public Comments:** there were no public comments

8. **Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda:** Member Gray asked these be voted on individually.

- 8.1. Motion to Approve the Payment of Bills:
Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger
Newton-yes, Gray-yes, Colwell-yes, Kreuger-yes,
Lee-yes, Guthrie-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion Carries

- 8.2. Motion to Approve Personnel:
Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger
Guthrie-yes, Lee-yes, Newton-yes, Colwell-yes,
Gray-abstain, Kreuger-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Member Gray noted in the future she wants to see

details/full job description of role included in board books. Motion Carries

8.3. Motion to Approve Payroll:

Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger
Lee-yes, Kreuger-yes, Guthrie-yes, Newton-yes,
Gray-yes, Colwell-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Member Gray noted she would like to see every
person on the payroll listed in board books.
Motion Carries

8.4. Motion to Approve Minutes November 14, 2024:

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

9. Motion to Appoint (1) Board Member as the SD 172 SCOPE Representative

Member Gray motioned to table the appointment of Board Member as the SD 172 SCOPE representative, seconded by Colwell
Kreuger-no, Colwell-yes, Guthrie-no, Newton-no, Gray-yes, Lee-yes, Jenkins-Brown-no
Motion failed
President Jenkins-Brown asked if there were any board members interested in representing the district for SCOPE. There were no board members interested, therefore, President Jenkins-Brown stated she would volunteer to serve as SCOPE representative. Motion to appoint President Jenkins-Brown as SCOPE representative made by, seconded by Motioned Newton, seconded by Guthrie
Kreuger-yes, Colwell-abstain, Guthrie-yes, Newton-yes, Gray-no, Lee-abstain, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion Carries

10. Motion To Approve Adjusted Transportation Fees for SPEED Transportation:

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

11. Motion to Approve, Adopt and File the 2024 Tax Levy and Resolution:

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

11.1. Motion to Approve the 2024 Supplemental Tax Levy:

Motioned by Kreuger, seconded by Newton
Discussion: Member Gray asked why do we need one and asked what is the supplemental tax levy extension for? Dr. Nalls replied it is used to pay off bonds so that the district will not have to use its revenue. Member Gray asked what is the bond balance? Dr. Nalls noted this information was discussed at the last meeting and she doesn't

have the information at hand, but again noted the district is asking for a \$150,000 levy tax extension. Member Colwell noted the district occurred this debt many years ago and the district has been paying on it. Member Gray asked why don't we pay the bond off from the reserves? Dr. Nalls replied she was advised by the finance department that is not wise to do so and recommended to pay off this debt over time. Colwell-yes, Newton-yes, Lee-no, Guthrie-yes, Kreuger-yes, Gray-no, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion Carries

12. **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 Newton Lee-yes, Colwell-yes, Guthrie-yes, Gray-yes, Kreuger-yes, Newton-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes. Members went into closed session at 9:03 pm. Members returned from closed session at 9:24 pm.

13. **Motion to Approve Suspension without pay for certified staff member XOX312:** Motioned by Lee, seconded by Kreuger Kreuger-yes, Guthrie-yes, Lee-yes, Gray-yes, Newton-yes, Colwell-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion Carries

14. **New Business: Board Members Update or Comments on Triple I Conference:** Member Kreuger noted she did have a presentation from the Triple I conference she wanted to present but gave the information to Mr. Hook. She asked if the clubs would resume after Christmas? Dr. Nalls stated that the clubs/tutoring will resume in January. Member Gray noted that a vote for the OIG (office of inspector general) did not pass during this last vote at the Triple I conference. She gave a brief discussion on purpose and responsibilities of the OIG and how it can be of use to school districts.

15. **Old Business:** No old business

16. **Motion to Adjourn:** motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger. All members in agreement. Board meeting adjourned at 9:42 pm.