

District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Thursday, July 25, 2024 Board Meeting

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER at 6:59 pm by President Jenkins-Brown** **Presenter:** President Jenkins-Brown
2. **ROLL CALL: Mrs. Gray-absent, Mrs. Newton-present, Ms. Guthrie-present, Ms. Krueger-present, Mr. Colwell-present, Ms. Lee-present, President Jenkins-Brown-present**
3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG was recited by all stakeholders.**
4. **Director of Student Support Services Report:** **Presenter: Dr. Nalls**

Dr. Nalls asked the board to accept Mr. Hooks' report as submitted. Dr. Nalls gave an update and reported that the district offered summer school and ESY (extended school year) for summer 2024. All the evaluations are in progress. All evaluations for academic, cognitive, functional, social work, occupational therapy and speech therapy have been completed. The school nurse is working to complete health updates. Under student support services the model for next school year staffing includes Case Manager/MTSS Coordinator, Early childhood instructors for, K-2, 3-5, 6-8 (self-contained) and resource, structure learning program, SW, OT, SLP and a school nurse. Currently there are 97 students receiving services through the department of student support services. The speech therapist is asking for an assistant, but the state does not have an assistant currently. Through the state of Illinois, a school should have approximately 60 students or more to qualify for an assistant. Currently the district has 45 students which meet the guidelines for one speech pathologist, however, the district will continue to monitor the needs. Out of the district there are 9 students at SPEED, 5 At ECHO, 1 at Easter Seals. Bonnie Smith is currently working on early childhood screenings. The district is reviewing the IEP's and working on a plan to transfer students back to district 172. The district has applied for a grant for special education and the application is currently in progress.
5. **Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Nalls reported that there was a power outage last week which interfered with the completion of the final assessment of I Ready. Due to the power outage experienced last week, summer school enrollment was down. Summer school was extended for two additional days to compensate for the down days. **Presenter:** Dr. Kim Nalls
6. **Public Comments: There were no public comments.**

7. **Motion to Approve Super Psyched Contract for the 2024-2025:** Dr. Nalls reported that currently the district does not employ a full-time psychologist because of the lack of student needs. However, the district will consult/contract with Affirm for such needs as they arise and will be paid billable hours at \$92/hour when an evaluation is performed on site for case studies and re-evaluations by a licensed school psychologist. Dr. Nalls noted that this is a cost saving for the district.

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

8. **Motion to Approve the Payment of Bills (June final)**

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

9. **Motion to Approve Employee Support Personnel RIF (honorable dismissal) Resolution. Maurice**

**Richardson, Monica Cousins, Aja Brown
Motioned by Guthrie, seconded by Kreuger
Lee-yes, Kreuger-yes, Newton-yes, Colwell-yes,
Gray-absent, Guthrie-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion carries**

10. **Motion to Approve Minutes (June 2024)**

Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger
VP Guthrie asked when the review of the handbook will take place. Dr. Nalls responded that the handbook review will take place in August due to the principal illness this meeting.

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

11. **Motion to Approve Payroll (July 2024)**

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

12. **Approval of Personnel (July 2024)**

**Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger
Newton-yes, Lee-yes, Guthrie-yes, Colwell-yes,
Gray-absent, Kreuger-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motioned carries**

13. **Motion to Approve PTAB Resolution:** Dr. Nalls reported that there was an increase from the assessor for property taxes for residents and businesses. There were 13 challenges in total with twelve of those being companies and one resident challenge. If the district does not challenge this, the district will lose 2.5 million dollars. The recommendations from district legal is to challenge the larger companies. Once the challenge is applied, there

will be an appeal process for determination. The total cost for the appeal is \$1500.

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

14. Motion to Approve E-Rate Consultant: Roosevelt Louissaint

Dr. Nalls reported that the district currently pays an outside vendor in the amount of \$1500.00 per month for E-rate contract services. She noted that she would like to replace the contract vendor with Mr. Louissaint who has been with the district and is familiar with the website and district needs. She noted that Mr. Louissaint has agreed to a contract rate of 1k/year, which yields the district a five hundred dollar saving per month. She presented a brief overview of the responsibilities of the consultant position including, but not limited to website updates when Mr. Vega is out, covering board meetings as needed, etc. Member Lee asked what is the cost for covering board meetings? Dr. Nalls replied that the board meeting cost would be paid at \$50/hour.

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

15. Motion to Approve Policy 2:230: Dr. Nalls reviewed seconded reading of policy 2:230 which notes changes to policy verbiage highlighted in red. These changes include persons wishing to participate in public comment must sign in before the board meeting begins, comments are limited to three minutes, with board President approval to any one person wishing to speak more than the allotted three minutes and no speaker is allowed to pass or give their allotted time to another speaker.

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

16. Motion to Adjourn

**Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger
All members present in agreement to adjourn
meeting at 7:25 pm**

17. Motion to Adjourn to Closed Session: There are no items for 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.

