

District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Thursday, March 21, 2024 Board Meeting

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

1. CALL TO ORDER by President Sonja 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: All stakeholders recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. Public Comments: PTA updates by Cheryl Ward
Ice cream day is a success with approximately 300 treats being sold on March 18. Mrs. Rush is using ice cream as a reward for her students who perform well on their site word test. Next ice cream day is scheduled for April 22, 2024. Breakfast with the easter bunny took place on March 16 with 5 kids receiving easter baskets. Special shout out/thanks to the easter bunny and to Dyer Indiana Dunkin Donuts and Jewel Osco for donating food items. Double popcorn fund raiser raised approximately \$3500 with 14 students participating. Student Eaden Ward, Skylar Ulloa, and Makala McAllister were the top 3 selling students raising about 90% of all profits. A pizza party will be held for all the students who participated in the popcorn fund raiser. Mrs. Breeze 6th grade class was the top selling classroom. The funds will be used for the fun fare that is scheduled to take place on June 1 from 12-4pm. The PTA is recruiting members to assist and help with this event. Volunteer participants will receive a free lunch ticket. The event is free to all Sandridge students. Former student graduates who volunteer will receive community hours. Attraction tickets will be available to non-Sandridge students. Auditions for the PTA talent show took place on March 20th with 16 students auditioning and all received a part in the play. The talent show is scheduled for April 19 from 6-8pm in the school gymnasium. The spring fling dance for grades 6-8th is tentatively scheduled for April 26 from 6-9pm. PTA congratulated two students that competed in the regional spelling bee. Next scheduled PTA meeting is on April 10, 2024, at 7pm. Elections will take place during this meeting. Dr. Nalls and Principal Polk honored student Bosco Bui (6th grade) for advancing and participating in the regional spelling bee. Bosco was awarded by Sandridge school district a trophy, a gold medal and \$100 Amazon gift card. The runner up for the spelling bee contest was none other than Mia Kimbrell (8th grade). Mia will receive a silver

medal and a \$50 Amazon gift card.

5. School Board Candidate Application Process: John Fester presented an information session on the appropriate processes for anyone interested in running for a school board seat. He discussed specific qualifications one must meet for the application process, seat applicant is seeking (2 vs 4 year) and filing of forms. He discussed three essential things that are time sensitive that need to take place; accordingly, statement of candidacy, signed petitions and statement of economic interest. For information on applying for a seat, please go to [https://www.elections.il.gov/agencyforms/3%20Petition%20Forms/Board%20of%20Education%20or%20Board%20of%20Directors%20\(At%20Large\)%20Petition%20P-7.pdf](https://www.elections.il.gov/agencyforms/3%20Petition%20Forms/Board%20of%20Education%20or%20Board%20of%20Directors%20(At%20Large)%20Petition%20P-7.pdf) Member Gray asked if the school candidate application process is published to the public. Dr. Nalls replied that the information is available to board members in board docs., and that the information is available to the public for them to view on the agenda and in the meeting minutes. Dr. Nalls stated that she will upload this information to the school website for public viewing. Presenter: John Fester
6. Review of School Board Goals: President Jenkins-Brown discussed/reviewed the Board of Education goals as it relates to academic achievement and student performance, parent involvement, community involvement and fiscal responsibility. She raised the question to all board members if we are on track with our goals, and if not, what needs to be done to move forward in the execution of the goals. After discussion with board members, it was agreed that more work needs to be done in this area, but that a separate meeting needs to occur. Board members set a date for May 14, 2024, at 6pm for the continued work with planning on the execution of board goals. Presenter: Sonja Jenkins-Brown
7. Motion to Approve Board Policy 2:220 Discussion-Member Gray asked what the process is for requesting approval to attend board meetings via video/audio beyond the 3 missed per calendar year. Board Attorney John Fester replied that once a member is beyond the 3 per calendar year, and makes a request to the board, the superintendent or recording secretary will take a poll with all other board members for approval. This is not final action, therefore does not require a board vote. Member Gray asked about the legal liability surrounding the potential that the board could be sued if someone feels their rights are being violated. Mr. Fester replied that the Open Meetings Act does not state the right to attend a board meeting remotely. However, if a board or public body consents to it, the public body can then set rules for remote attendance. Motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger Guthrie-yes, Lee-no, Newton-yes, Gray-no,

Colwell-yes, Kreuger-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion Carries

8. ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA

8.1. Approval of Minutes

motioned by Newton, seconded by Gray
Guthrie-yes, Lee-yes, Newton-yes, Gray-yes,
Colwell-yes, Kreuger-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion carries

8.2. Approval of Payroll \$714,023.25

motioned by Newton, seconded by Gray
Kreuger-yes, Colwell-yes, Guthrie-yes, Gray-yes,
Newton-yes, Lee-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion carries

8.3. Approval of Trial/Fund Balance

**information not available at time of meeting-
motion struck**

9. Motion to Approve the Personnel Report

**Discussion: member Gray noted that she had 2
separate personnel reports with/without Patti
Jackson listed and asked for clarification
surrounding these reports. Dr. Nalls went over
all new hires/resignations: New hire Brook
Shelton James was hired as part of the job fair
and will be placed as a classroom teacher. Three
resignations, Patti Jackson, Brittany Washington
and Rhonda Pedretti and 2 non-renewal of
permanent subs. Terry Harris (perm sub) will end
May 31, 2024, Allyson Rush (perm-sub) will
transition to a day-to-day sub. Patti Jackson
was asked to stay by the administration for
another year and subsequently rescinded her
resignation. Recommendations by Dr. Nalls to
rehire all current administration assistants with
their current salary with recommended raises
pending board approval. Current vacancies include
4th grade teacher, special education teacher and
music teacher. Dr. Nalls noted that there will be
a panel interview that will take place on Monday
by her team. Placement of teachers will occur in
May. Member Gray asked if any employee has any
relation to any board members or administration.
Dr. Nalls stated that "there is a
paraprofessional employee related to a board
member" and will notify the board who the
employee is in the Friday board update.**

motioned by Newton, seconded by Kreuger
Newton-yes, Gray-abstain, Kreuger-yes, Lee-yes,
Guthrie-yes, Colwell-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion carries

10. Approval of Bills \$511,043.43

motioned by Newton seconded by Guthrie
Gray-abstain, Guthrie-yes, Lee-yes, Newton-yes,
Colwell-yes, Kreuger-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion carries

**11. Motion to Approve Resolution for Dismissal of
Probationary Teachers. Motion struck**

12. Motion to approve Regional Safe School Program

motioned by Newton, seconded by Lee
Lee-yes, Gray-yes, Guthrie-yes, Colwell-yes,
Newton-yes, Kreuger-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
Motion carries

13. New Business: Dr. Nalls noted that she received a FIOA request made by David Kaplin for a list of school board members official/individual or school issued information. Reports, documents or otherwise to reflect an employee's salary database, sufficient to show total yearly employee compensation, benefits package, dates of employment of each position employed by the school from January 1, 2022, to present. 2nd FIOA request, a list of all school district 172 credit cards, debit cards used for fiscal transaction, identifiers for each item to link to other reports. List of all persons authorized to use the cards, copy of procedures/policies that govern access to the cards. Dates staff were authorized to use the cards. List of all fiscal transactions the cards were used for. Request dates from June 1, 2021, to current. The Office of Attorney General sent Dr. Nalls an email from the public access bureau noting that they received the above request, alleging that Sandridge school district 172 has not responded to the freedom of information act request. Dr. Nalls responded to assistant attorney general Victoria Frazier and informed her that the email address the individual used was going to a dead email at Sandridgeschool@sandridge.net. Dr. Nalls indicated that this email address was removed from the district website. Dr. Nalls stated that the "FIOA request will be satisfied in 5 days".

14. Old Business: Reminder to check your spam and to complete your statement of economic interest prior to May 1, 2024

15.

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 @ 8:35 pm
Colwell-yes, Newton-yes, Kreuger-yes, Lee-yes,
Gray-yes, Guthrie-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes
The Board will go into closed session with attorney John Fester.

16. Motion to Adjourn form closed session

motioned by Newton, seconded by Lee, all members in agreement

17. **Motion to Approve the Honorable Dismissal
of Administrator**

1. XOX359

2. XOX360

motioned by Gray, seconded by Newton

Lee-yes, Newton-yes, Colwell-yes, Gray-yes,

Kreuger-yes, Guthrie-yes, Jenkins-Brown-yes

motioned carries

18. **Motion to Adjourn meeting at 9:15 pm made by
Newton, seconded by Gray, all members in
agreement.**