



MINUTES OF AN OPEN SESSION SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 38, COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS; HELD IN ROOM 118B AT THE JOSEPH SEARS SCHOOL, 542 ABBOTSFORD ROAD, KENILWORTH, ILLINOIS, AT 8:30 A.M. ON THE 13TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.

President Paul Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Upon Roll Call, the following Board members answered as present: Mr. Paul Anderson, Ms. Lisa Graham, and Mr. Ashish Kaura.

Mr. Anderson entertained a motion to approve Board Member Eric Hayes to attend the meeting by videoconference for a reason permitted by the Open Meetings Act and Board Policy 2:220.

A motion was made by Ms. Graham, seconded by Mr. Kaura, to approve Board Members Eric Hayes to attend the meeting by videoconference for a reason permitted by the Open Meetings Act and Board Policy 2:220. The motion carried with a roll call vote of 3 to 0.

Upon Roll Call, the following Board members answered as present: Mr. Paul Anderson, Ms. Lisa Graham, Mr. Eric Hayes (Zoom), and Mr. Ashish Kaura.

The following members were absent: Mr. Bill Graham, Ms. Kate Tarbert, and Mr. Steve Potter.

Also present were Ms. Kate Donegan, Superintendent; Mr. Nathan McBride, Chief Operating Officer; and Ms. Rachel White, Recording Secretary.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Anderson invited public comment. There was no public comment.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration and Action upon a Resolution Approving the Petition for Withdrawal from TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804 filed by Glenview District 34

Ms. Donegan reminded the Board that District 34 had notified TrueNorth of its intent to withdraw from the cooperative. As outlined in the cooperative's articles of agreement, this withdrawal requires approval from each of the 18 member boards.

Mr. Anderson entertained a motion to approve the resolution approving the petition for withdrawal from TrueNorth Education Cooperative 804 filed by Glenview District 34.

A motion was made by Ms. Graham, seconded by Mr. Hayes, to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried with a roll call vote of members present voting 4-0.



DISCUSSION ITEMS

Review of School Board Policy 4:20, *Fund Balance*

Mr. McBride reported that at the January 16, 2025, Building and Finance Committee meeting, the committee discussed the District's financial strategy, focusing on the balance between rebuilding reserves, paying off debt, and funding for District initiatives. In response to the committee's request, Mr. McBride presented the Board with the District's current fund balance policy and those of other New Trier Township schools.

The Board reviewed various policy language options and considered adding provisions that would prompt a Board discussion when reserves reach 50%. To increase transparency, the Board also requested that the administration develop language outlining specific actions the Board could consider when fund balances reach that threshold (e.g., paying off debt, capital projects, tax rebate).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Anderson invited public comment. There was no public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Anderson entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Ms. Graham seconded by Mr. Kaura, to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 a.m.

The motion passed with a voice vote of all members present voting aye.

Attest for Distribution: _____
Secretary, Mr. Ashish Kaura

Approved: _____
Mr. Bill Graham, Paul Anderson

ATTEST: _____
Secretary, Mr. Ashish Kaura