

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
FOR THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EVERGREEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
January 14, 2025

1. A Special Meeting for the Board of Education of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 was called to order at 5:30 p.m. on January 14, 2025 in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Administrative Center, Evergreen Park, IL.

The following Board Members were physically present at roll call:

Mrs. Colleen Klimczak
Mr. Michael Aumiller
Mrs. Denise Jones
Mrs. Rachel Marroquin
Mr. David Sheppard
Mrs. Lauren Dowden
Dr. Michael Thomas

Also present: Dr. Jenna Woodland, Mr. Eric Grossi, Mr. Dan Lee, and Recording Secretary Ms. Sonia Hernandez

2. Mrs. Klimczak led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Mr. Aumiller and seconded by Dr. Thomas to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

Mrs. Colleen Klimczak	yea
Mr. Michael Aumiller	yea
Mrs. Denise Jones	yea
Mrs. Rachel Marroquin	yea
Mr. David Sheppard	yea
Mrs. Lauren Dowden	yea
Dr. Michael Thomas	yea

MOTION CARRIED (7-0)

4. Under Public Comments:

- President Klimczak shared reminders on Public Comments as follows:
 - Three-minute limit – will set a timer
 - The Members of the Board do not respond to Public Comments, but absolutely hear them

5. Under Staff Reports:

Dr. Jenna Woodland:

- Spoke in regards to Beyond Your Base (BYB), a consulting group of Wight & Company. Directed attention to Dr. Paul Hanley, Managing Director and Mr. Skylar White, Project Manager of Beyond Your Base, who joined the meeting via Zoom. Dr. Hanley and Mr. White presented on a Public Engagement and Public Opinion Research Services Proposal. The Members of the Board received copies of the proposal for their review. The following was included in the presentation:
 - Public opinion for funding options for Long-Term Facilities Plan
 - Historical Information 2019-2024
 - 41 Successful Referenda
 - All 8 IL Referenda 2024 were successful
 - List of School Districts BYB has worked with was provided
 - Services:
 - Public Policy Training
 - Voter Analytics
 - Timelines & Budgets
 - Proposal Development
 - Approach:
 - Five Steps
 - ✓ Proposal Development
 - ✓ Community Outreach
 - ✓ Public Opinion Research
 - ✓ Follow-Up Communication
 - ✓ Citizen-Led Campaign
 - Questions & Answers

After the presentation, a lengthy discussion took place. It was decided to include the proposal as an Action Item during the next Regular Board Meeting for the Board's consideration. The Members of the Board and Dr. Woodland thanked Dr. Hanley and Mr. White for the information.

Mr. Eric Grossi:

- Mr. Grossi presented on School Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year. The following was mentioned.
 - Recommendation of reduction in fees
 - Registration will occur in the spring
 - 50% Discount for those who register during the Registration Window

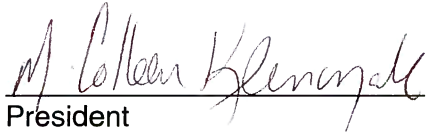
After the presentation, a brief discussion took place. It was decided to include School Fees for the 2025-2026 School Year as a Discussion Item and Action Item during the next Regular Board Meeting, for the Board's consideration. The Members of the Board and Dr. Woodland thanked Mr. Grossi for a job well done.

6. At 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Aumiller and seconded by Dr. Thomas to adjourn the meeting. A roll call vote was taken with the following response:

Mrs. Colleen Klimczak	yea
Mr. Michael Aumiller	yea
Mrs. Denise Jones	yea
Mrs. Rachel Marroquin	yea
Mr. David Sheppard	yea
Mrs. Lauren Dowden	yea
Dr. Michael Thomas	yea

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7. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 22, 2025 beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Administrative Center, 2929 West 87th Street, Evergreen Park.



President



Secretary