

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
FOR THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
EVERGREEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 124
October 16, 2024

1. A Regular Meeting for the Board of Education of Evergreen Park Elementary School District 124 was called to order at 6:00 p.m. on October 16, 2024 in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Administrative Center, Evergreen Park, IL.

The following Board Members were physically present at roll call:

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

Absent at roll call: Mrs. Colleen Klimczak

Also present: Dr. Jenna Woodland, Dr. Ashley Carlson, Mr. Eric Grossi, Mrs. Patricia Roberts, Ms. Rebecca Tyrrell, Mr. Dan Lee, Ms. Julia Hemry, Ms. Amanda Hattar, Dr. Matthew Banach, Mrs. Carrie Berry, Mr. Scott Liska, Dr. Jenna Moller, Mrs. Kathleen Kasprowicz, Ms. Meagan Franko, Mr. Djimon Smith, and Recording Secretary, Ms. Sonia Hernandez

2. Vice-President Aumiller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Mr. Aumiller asked that Item C. Approve PBIS Awards, be added under X. Action Items and that Item XIII. Employment Action Related to Tenure Teacher, be removed from the agenda. Consideration was made by the Board to approve the agenda as amended. A motion was made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Marroquin to approve the agenda as amended. A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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 (6-0)

4. Under Staff Reports:

Dr. Jenna Woodland:

- Announced a new tradition in the District, Unity Day, a day to show support for bullying prevention and send a message of kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Added that it is celebrated on the third Wednesday of October, which is also part of

the National Bullying Prevention Month. Stated that the color orange is associated with Unity Day, and is commonly worn to show support for bullying prevention. Welcomed and Directed attention to Londyn Orange, 7th Grade Student at Central Middle School, who reported on the District Unity Day. The following was discussed:

- Over 13 million students are bullied each year
- How to help students being bullied at CMS
 - Report it to Administration or a trusted adult
 - Social Worker or Administrator pulls student to discuss why and how to resolve the situation
 - All bullying is taken seriously, with a consequence given as a result
- Why it is important not to bully
- Londyn created a canva with message that *reads Be Strong, Be Kind, Be Bold, but not Bully* and the design was chosen for the District Anti-Bullying T-Shirts
- Currently celebrating the message of Anti-Bullying and Unity throughout CMS

After the report, Dr. Woodland thanked Londyn for her wonderful presentation. A sample of the Anti-Bullying T-Shirt was presented.

- Shared a video by the Southeast Kindness Club, lead and facilitated by 5th Grade Teacher Allison Banks. The video was created for Unity Day, as a reminder to spread kindness and speak up against bullying. Dr. Woodland thanked the Southeast Kindness Club for putting the wonderful video together.
- Welcomed/Introduced the Central Middle School Panthers Softball Team, including their Coaches Ms. Ann Magdziasz and Ms. Sara Tobin. Ms. Ann Magdziasz proudly spoke on the team's accomplishments. A photo of the team was shared. The Members of the Board and Dr. Woodland recognized the team (listed below) and coaches for securing 2nd Place the 2024 S.W.I.C. Regular Season and Conference Tournament. Certificates of Recognition were distributed, photos were taken, and cupcakes were served.

6th Grade

Rebecca Chapman
Addalyn Dawson
Alexis Salazar
Evelyn Tesdall

7th Grade

Sophia DeRoss
Delaney Feltes
Kasey Normoyle
Emmy O'Rourke

8th Grade

Ashlynn Dawson
Ella Garvin
Shelby Izzo
Evelyn Kowalczyk
Lanaya Mosley

- Surprised the Building Principals by inviting teachers to prepare presentations to share during the meeting, as October is National Principal Month. The teachers (listed below) spoke highly of the Building Principals and shared comical videos:
 - Sara Bledsoe, 2nd Grade Teacher at Southeast School
 - Julie O'Connor, Kindergarten Teacher at Southwest School
 - Michelle Reckling, Kindergarten Teacher at Southwest School
 - Olivia Mosley, 5th Grade Teacher at Northeast School
 - Leslie Mannion, Speech/Language Pathologist at Northwest School
 - Louise Baldwin, Project Tree Teacher at Northwest School
 - Alana Lieske, ELA Teacher at Central Middle School
 - Paola Polasek, STEM Teacher at Central Middle School

Dr. Woodland spoke proudly of the entire District Administration, and distributed a gift to each of the Administrators as a small token of appreciation for all they do.

- Directed attention to Ms. Julie Hemry, Director of Food Services, who spoke briefly in regards to National School Lunch Week. Ms. Hemry proudly shared that she worked at Southwest School on Kindness Day, and students that were her lunch helpers assembled the word *Kind* out of the milk cartons they were distributing to students. A photo was shared. Announced that this week is National School Lunch Week, to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life, as it not only promotes nutrition and satisfies their hunger, but plays an important role in a child's learning. Ms. Hemry reported that new items have been added to the lunch menu, such as orange chicken and egg rolls, homemade tacos, plant based options (veggie burgers, nuggets). She mentioned that adding juices to the Central Middle School menu has been successful. Reported that five team members are located at the elementary buildings and six at Central Middle School, and acknowledged them for going above and beyond to make sure students receive a nutritious lunch.

Curriculum and Instruction and Student Support Services Dr. Ashley Carlson and Rebecca Tyrrell

- Provided a review on the October 11th Teacher Institute Day. Photos were shared. The following was included:
 - Math for All
 - Meeting Diverse Learning Needs with Jenn Dale
 - SSIS Data Review
 - CKLA Intervention Training
 - De-escalation with Tammy Bobel
 - Co-teaching with Megan Locke
 - Math for Diverse Learners with Jenn Dale
 - Special Teams Specific Work

After the review, Dr. Carlson and Ms. Tyrrell recognized/expressed appreciation towards Dr. Woodland, as it is Boss's Day. Photos were shared.

Business Office

Mr. Eric Grossi:

- Reported that three Freedom of Information Requests, two from Southcooknews.com and one from Burbank School District 111, were received and have been completed.
 - Reviewed the Monthly Financial Report as of September 2024. Mentioned the following:
 - Statement of Expenditures
 - Salaries and Benefits
 - Finalized Construction Payments
 - Statement of Revenues
 - Revenue remained relatively flat
 - Fund Balance Report
 - Fund Balance went down
 - Brought up the Working Cash Fund Bonds Discussion. Dr. Woodland stated that this item serves as a reminder of the Action Item during this meeting.
5. At 7:00 p.m., the Board, led by Vice-President Aumiller, Opened/Closed the Floor for a Public Hearing concerning the intent of the Board of Education to sell not to exceed \$6,200,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds for the purpose of increasing the District's Working Cash Fund, where no comments were made. At 7:01 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Marroquin to adjourn the Hearing. A roll call vote was taken with the following response:

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 (6-0)

6. Under 'Public Comments':
- Vice-President Aumiller shared Public Comment Reminders as follows:
 - There is a three minute limit on comments
 - The Board cannot and does not respond to comments during the meetings, but does hear them
 - If there is a specific question that comes up, the Board will follow up in a timely manner

7. Board Reports:

- Mr. Aumiller provided a brief background on the PBIS Awards. He announced that it was decided to award \$200 per school for a total of \$1000, to fund for PBIS Prizes.
- Mr. Sheppard reported on School Visits. He stated that he went on a tour of Central Middle School and Southeast School, where some students served as amazing tour guides, and shared details of his experience. He stated that overall, the visits were educational, and he is looking forward to visiting the remaining schools.
- Mr. Aumiller briefly spoke on the 2024 Resolutions Committee Report of the 2024, and encouraged the Members of the Board to respond to Mrs. Colleen Klimczak individually, with any thoughts or ideas in regards to the issues.

8. Consent Agenda items 1 through 8 were reviewed by the Board, thereafter, a motion was made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Sheppard to approve the following items as recommended:

1. Approve Monthly Transaction Reports for September 2024
2. Approve Fund Balance Reports for September 2024
3. Approve Expenditure Report and Projected Payroll Report for October 2024
4. Approve Board Minutes from the Special Meeting of September 10, 2024
5. Approve Board Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2024
6. Approve the Closed Session Minutes from the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2024
7. Approve Destruction of Closed Session Tapes from June 2020
8. Personnel Recommendations:
 - a. Additions:
 1. Daniela Salazar, HR Clerk - District Office, effective October 15, 2024
 2. Daniel Gutierrez, 2nd Shift Custodian - SW, effective October 21, 2024
 - b. FMLA Leave of Absence:
 1. Margaret Qualter, 2nd Grade Teacher - SE, effective March 24, 2025
 2. Rachel Boynton, Custodian - NE, effective October 29, 2024
 - c. Medical Leave:
 1. Jeanette Alonso, Food Service - SW, effective September 18, 2024
 2. Scott Dieterle, Data Management Specialist, DO, effective December 4, 2024
 - d. Resignation with Intent to Retire:
 1. James Wrage, Day Shift Custodian - CMS, effective December 31, 2024
 2. Sharon Bergeron, Extended Day Assistant - SE, effective June 6, 2025
 3. Donna Dilley, Paraprofessional - NE, effective June 6, 2025
 - e. Resignations:
 1. Martha La Spina, Paraprofessional - NE, effective October 7, 2024
 2. Jennifer Rhead, Paraprofessional - NW, effective October 11, 2024
 3. Fiona Harper, Paraprofessional - NW, effective October 4, 2024

FUND	IMPREST ACCOUNT September, 2024	EXPENSES October, 2024	PROJECTED PAYROLL October, 2024	TOTAL PROJECTED EXPENSES October, 2024
EDUCATION	0.00	605,195.97	1,610,633.71	2,365,829.68
BUILDING	0.00	41,779.79	91,708.19	258,487.98
BOND/INT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TRANS.	0.00	177,648.48	0.00	182,648.48
IMRF	0.00	0.00	68,864.72	68,864.72
TORT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
WK. CASH	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FIRE PREV. & SAFETY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTALS:	0.00	824,624.24	1,771,206.62	2,875,830.86

A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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 (6-0)

9. Consideration was made by the Board to approve underwriter selection for Series 2024 Bonds. A motion was made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Mrs. Marroquin to approve underwriter selection for Series 2024. A roll call vote was taken with the following response:

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 (6-0)

10. Consideration was made by the Board to approve PBIS Awards. A motion was made by Mrs. Marroquin and seconded by Dr. Thomas to approve PBIS Prizes in the amount of \$200 per school, for a total of \$1,000. A roll call vote was taken with the following response:

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 (6-0)

11. At 7:20 p.m. a motion was made by Dr. Thomas and seconded by Mr. Sheppard to recess to Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) (Conference Room). A roll call vote was taken with the following results:

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 (6-0)

12. At 8:19 p.m. the Board returned to Open Meeting with the following members returning:

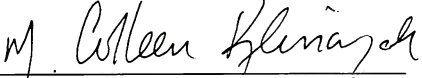
Mr. Michael Aumiller
Mrs. Denise Jones
Mrs. Rachel Marroquin
Mr. David Sheppard
Mrs. Lauren Dowden
Dr. Michael Thomas

13. At 8:22 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:

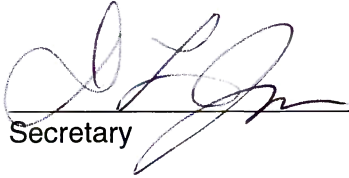
Mr. Michael Aumiller	yea
Mrs. Denise Jones	yea
Mrs. Rachel Marroquin	yea
Mr. David Sheppard	yea
Mrs. Lauren Dowden	yea
Dr. Michael Thomas	yea

MOTION CARRIED (6-0)

14. The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on November 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Administrative Center, 2929 West 87th Street, Evergreen Park.



President



Secretary