

**MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
JUNE 25, 2025, 6:00 PM**

PUBLIC HEARING MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mr. Scott Pescetto, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, Mr. Gary Ferrari, and Mr. Matt Merboth

ABSENT: Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice President

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven R. Wroblewski, Superintendent, Mr. Matt Baker, Director of Communications, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary.

PUBLIC HEARING ON L-P FY2025 TENTATIVE AMENDED BUDGET

The Tentative Amended Budget for FY 2025 has been available for public review for the required 30 days. This public hearing offers an opportunity for any member of the public to comment on the proposed budget. Mr. Sarver asked twice if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 6-0. Time: 6:01p.m.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Greg Sarver, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:01 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mr. Scott Pescetto, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, Mr. Gary Ferrari, and Mr. Matt Merboth

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MAY 21, 2025, REGULAR MEETING MINUTES, AND MAY 28, 2025, SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

MOTION by Mrs. Krzyaniak, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting Minutes and May 28, 2025, Special Meeting Minutes, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr.

Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

RECOGNITION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

There are no scheduled public recognitions or requested public comments. State qualifying students will be recognized at the August 20, 2025, Board meeting (Eli Sines (track), Ricardo Santiago & Griffin Hammers (track), Nick Olivero (tennis), and Emily Guadarrama, Brielle Wren, and Alyssa Errisuris (journalism)).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Sarver updated the Board on the Superintendent Search timeline.

FINANCE

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the L-P Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the ACC Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the Payroll as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve Financial Report, ACH Report, Activity Fund Report, Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Cash and Investments Report and Hometown Cash Management Report as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 6-0.**

CORRESPONDENCE

We received a thank-you card from Mrs. Carol Navarro, retired Science Teacher, in which she expressed her heartfelt appreciation to the Board of Education for the opportunity to teach at L-P, launch the Sports Medicine classes, and contribute to Cavs Day. She also shared her gratitude for the continued support she received from both the Administration and the Board over the past six years,

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION

Finance Committee: Dr. Wroblewski provided the Finance report from the meeting held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, reporting on the following: Monthly Financials, FY2025 Budget Amendment Recommendations, FY2026 Differential Recommendations, FY2026 Budget Update, and Update on Summer Projects.

Policy Committee: Mrs. Alcorn, Committee Chair, provided the Policy report from the meeting held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025, reporting on the following: Press Policy Issue 118 (April 2025) 2nd Reading and Artificial Intelligence Update,

Building and Grounds Committee: Mr. Ferrari provided the report from the Building and Grounds meeting held on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, reporting on the following: Current Project Updates: Health Occupations Remodel, 6th Street Renovation and Parking Lots, Roofing Repair/Replacement and Masonry Restoration, Ag Building, Transition House Roof/Gutter Replacement and Sip N Savor. Other: HLS Tracker, gym floors will be stripped and waxed during two weeks in July, the project to sync the basketball clocks has been completed, RTV11 repair and wiring shot clocks. Track Resurfacing project out to bid and the Dolan Building Mass Notification Replacement HLS amendment will be submitted after July 1, 2025.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Open Session Minutes – June 25, 2025

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Steven Wroblewski, reported on the following topics:

1. **FY 2025 District Audit:** Newkirk and Associates will conduct preliminary fieldwork on June 26th. On-site fieldwork will begin on August 25th and conclude on August 29th. Mr. Bill Newkirk will share the final report at the October or November Board meeting.
2. **FY 2026 District 120 Budget:** Mrs. Does and I continue to work on the district budget. We'll complete the tentative budget for presentation at the August Board meeting, followed by a 30-day public display. The final budget approval will occur at the regular September meeting.
3. **FY 2025 Student Discipline Report:** Ms. Lance will present a summary report on student discipline from the 2024-2025 school year.
4. **Update on NIU and USF Teaching Schedule:** I would like to inform the Board that I will be teaching School Community Relations at NIU again this summer. Classes began on Monday, June 16th, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. This online class runs for eight weeks on Mondays. This fall, I will be teaching School District Finance again at the University of St. Francis. The class meets every other Tuesday, from August 19 to November 25, and is conducted online from 4:30 pm to 8:30 pm. For NIU, I will be supervising superintendent candidate interns. This will entail some travel. Once I have the visitation schedule, I will schedule vacation days.
5. **FOIA Requests:** We received one FOIA request in the past month.

Requestor	Date	Request	District Action
CT Mills Public Info Access LLC esnetworkllc1@gmail.com	June 11, 2025	Seeking a list of all school and district-level administrators, including: • Name • Title/Position • Work Email Address • Work Location (School Name or Central Office) I hereby grant your request in full. Please note information	We approved the request and responded within the statutory timeframe.
Karen Garcia Data Acquisition Specialist SmartProcure	June 19, 2025	All current employee/staff contact information. The specific information requested from your record-keeping system is: 1. First Name 2. Last Name 3. Position Title 4. Department 5. Direct Phone Number (if does not exist, list main phone number with extension) 6. Business Cell Phone (if provided by LaSalle-Peru Township High School District No. 120) 7. Email Address 8. Office Address (Address, City, State, Zip)	We approved the request and responded within the statutory timeframe.

6. **No July 2025 Board Meeting:** Just a reminder that there is no July Board meeting.

PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, reported on the following topics:

- Summer School has successfully started. For the June session, we have 75 students who are enrolled in credit recovery classes. This is an increase of 5 students from last year. The July session has higher enrollment numbers of 77, which is our trend. Comparing this year's July session to last year's though our numbers are slightly lower as we have 5 fewer students. Our numbers are very good considering that this year we did not have enough students sign up for some of our classes and they had to be cancelled.
- Each year, we evaluate our registration process to ensure it effectively meets the needs of both our students and families, as well as our internal requirements. As families have become more comfortable with the online system and PowerSchool continues to update its platform, we are expanding the online registration options available to parents. Last year, families could upload documents such as proof of residency, the Home Language Survey, and parking sticker forms. This year, we've added the remaining registration forms to the online portal. These enhancements are designed to reduce wait times during in-person registration and provide a more convenient experience for our families. We are confident these improvements will be a meaningful benefit to our school community.
- While we have filled some staff and faculty positions for next year, we are in the process of hiring a World Language teacher and an administrative position. We will continue our tradition of conducting our New Education Induction Program over the course of two days to welcome the new educators to the district and to acquaint them with their mentors. This will occur just prior to the start of the school year.
- To reflect on the progress of our students and their work in their 2nd semester class, they have done an excellent job! Using the pass-fail rates of their courses, the data shows that of the 6,797 grades earned in courses this semester 94.56% were passing grades. When I analyzed the grades by class level the seniors had 95.86% of their courses as passing grades. What was also an amazing piece of data was that of those 6,797, 70.87% were either A's or B's, which means that not only are our students passing their classes, but they are truly understanding their coursework. This is outstanding data to see as it takes the diligent work of all our staff members to help our students be this successful.

ACC DIRECTOR

Dr. Shane Lange, provided a report on the following topics:

The ACC construction projects are going along nicely. Demolition was completed in the Health Occupations Suite on June 6th. The framing has been completed, and drywall started on June 16th. We received a proposal to complete ADA compliance upgrades for the first-floor bathrooms as part of the project. This work would be partially funded through the ISBE Building Maintenance Grant.



The new sidewalk was completed in front of the Dolan building. A couple of small areas of asphalt repair where the forms were laid are all that remains of the sidewalk project there.

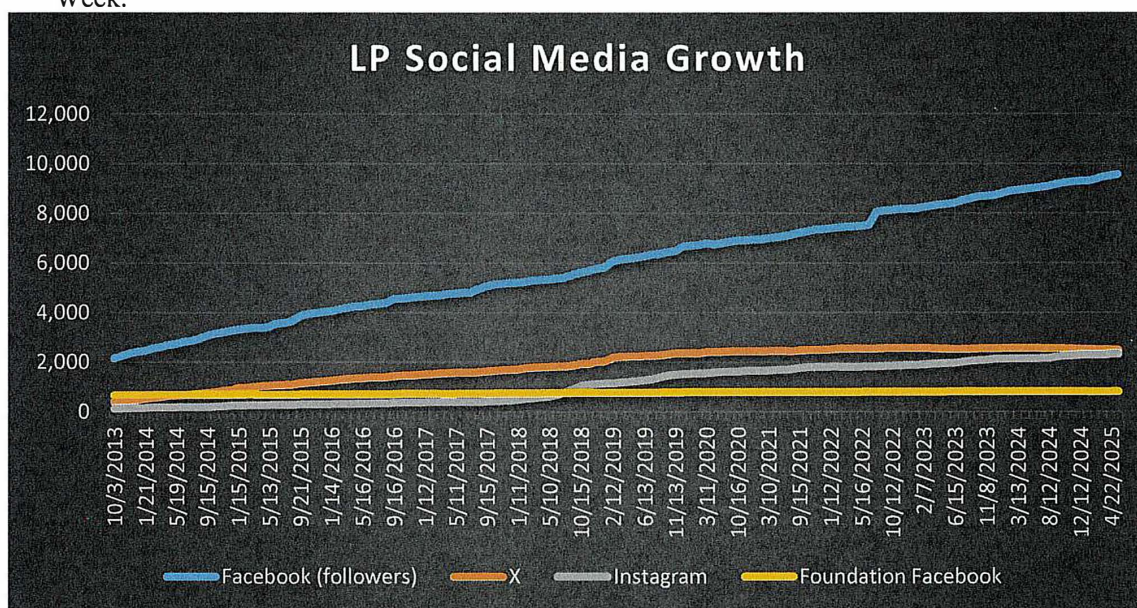
The ACC Board advanced the recommendation to expand staffing for the Health Occupations program in anticipation of the new space. The changes would allow additional seat availability to students looking to participate in the very popular program.

The Early Childhood, Automotive, Culinary, and Aviation programs have received support via end-of-year grant funding for equipment and supplies. Auto received a new tire balancer. ECE received New Interactive Presentation equipment and many curriculum items to support the Education Pathway. The items for Aviation and Culinary, reported during the May Board report, have begun to arrive.

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Matt Baker, provided a report on the following topics:

- We are preparing for graduation and all other related end of year announcements and celebrations.
- Dr. Wroblewski and I attended a seminar on strategic district communication efforts and implementing AI into our process.
- The L-P Foundation cooked and served lunch to all faculty and staff during Teacher Appreciation Week.



NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the FY 2025 Amended District Budget

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the FY 2025 Amended District Budget, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Resolution 2025-10 to abate \$150,000 in the Working Cash Fund (Fund 70 to the Education Fund (10))

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the Resolution 2025-10 to abate \$150,000 in the Working Cash Fund (Fund 70 to the Education Fund (10)), as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Resolution 2025-11 to transfer \$40,000 of earned interest from the Working Cash Fund (70) to the Education Fund (10)

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve Resolution 2025-11 to transfer \$40,000 of earned interest from the Working Cash Fund (70) to the Education Fund (10): as presented. Voting Aye:

Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of Resolution 2025-12 to transfer the capital lease payment of \$330,514 from the Education Fund (10) to the Debt Service Fund (30)

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve Resolution 2025-12 to transfer the capital lease payment of \$330,514 from the Education Fund (10) to the Debt Service Fund (30), as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to authorize the Superintendent to approve July 2025 L-P and ACC bills up to \$4,000,000.00

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve to authorize the Superintendent to approve July 2025 L-P and ACC bills up to \$4,000,000.00, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the Superintendent's 2025-2026 bond renewal

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approval of the Superintendent's 2025-2026 bond renewal, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0**

Approval to authorize the Superintendent to hire staff in July and August 2025

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to authorize the Superintendent to hire staff in July and August 2025, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to submit the Dolan Building HLS Amendment #13 for the fire alarm replacement project

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to submit the Dolan Building HLS Amendment #13 for the fire alarm replacement project, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to submit the Auto Shop HLS Amendment #8 for the fire alarm replacement project

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to submit the Auto Shop HLS Amendment #8 for the fire alarm replacement project, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the PRESS Policy Issue 118 – 2nd Reading, with the exception of 2:150-AP, 6:235, 6:235-API, and 6:235-AP3 related to Artificial Intelligence, which will be considered in August.

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve the PRESS Policy Issue 118 – 2nd Reading, with the exception of 2:150-AP, 6:235, 6:235-API, and 6:235-AP3 related to Artificial Intelligence, which will be considered in August, as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to reclassify the Activities Director stipend from Group 2 to Group 1 effective July 1, 2025

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve to reclassify the Activities Director stipend from Group 2 to Group 1 effective July 1, 2025, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following retirements with regret:

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the following retirements as presented:

- a. Mr. Scott Leonard, Technology Support Technician, effective the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver.
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Ferrari, to approve the following appointments as presented:

- a. Ms. Amanda Nation, Paraprofessional, effective for the 2025-2026 school year (replaces Mrs. Becky Johnson)
- b. Ms. Abigale Baker, Paraprofessional, effective for the 2025-2026 school year (replaces Mrs. Mary Kay Lamboley)
- c. Mrs. Bridget Wilmot, Choral Accompanist, effective for the 2025-2026 school year (replaces Mr. Kevin Kramer)

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval for the Varsity Softball Team's Spring Break Trip to either Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, or Disney World, Orlando, Florida, to compete in a softball tournament – departing Sunday, March 29, 2026, and returning Friday, April 3, 2026. The softball program's fundraising throughout the year will cover all expenses for players and coaches

MOTION by Mr. Pescetto, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the Varsity Softball Team's Spring Break Trip to either Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, or Disney World, Orlando, Florida, to compete in a softball tournament – departing Sunday, March 29, 2026, and returning Friday, April 3, 2026, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to move to executive/closed session for purpose of: a) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Minutes Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of minutes, b) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schools for one or more classes of employees, with open session and possible action items to follow Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0 Time 6:23 p.m.**

MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Krzyaniak to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0. Time 6:34p.m.**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mr. Greg Sarver, President, Mr. Scott Pescetto, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Mrs. Chris Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Gary Ferrari,

ABSENT: Mrs. Sally Taliani, Vice-President

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski, and Mrs. Jennifer Riva

NEW BUSINESS

Approval and retain the Executive Closed Session minutes for May 21, 2025, Regular Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Pescetto, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of May 21, 2025., as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approval to review recommended destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to January 1, 2024, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Krzyaniak, to approve review of recommended destruction of verbatim audio records from Executive Session held prior to January 1, 2024, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120

a. Regular Meeting, December 20, 2023

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

Approve to ratify the 2025-2028 collective bargaining agreement with the Building Service Employees Local 138 (custodians-maintenance)

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Krzyaniak, to ratify the 2025-2028 collective bargaining agreement with the Building Service Employees Local 138 (custodians-maintenance) as presented: Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Pescetto, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 6-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Krzyaniak, to adjourn. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Krzyaniak, Mr. Pescetto, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sarver. Voting Nay: None.

The motion carried 6-0. Time: 6:35p.m.


Mr. Greg Sarver
President


Mrs. Jennifer Riva
Board Secretary