



Board of Education

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Call to Order and Roll Call

President Eileen Kowalczyk called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of March 18, 2021, held at Fairview School, to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present were Vicki Chung, Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Gerald McCluskey, Rachael Rothrauff, and Eileen Kowalczyk. Member Maye arrived at 7:07 p.m. Absent: None.

Communications

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- NSSEO: Member Maye attended the March 3 meeting. He said the Shining Star was a young man who started a business selling masks. The next meeting is April 7.
- Education Foundation: Vice President Chung attended the March 16 meeting and said the grants might be moving from two grants a year to a one grant cycle. Fundraising was discussed and there may be a fall outdoor event. She said there are open positions on the Board for next year. The next meeting is April 20 at 7 p.m.
- PTO Reports: Member McCluskey (Lincoln), Member Fay (Fairview), and Vice President Chung (Lions Park) reported on PTO meetings. Member Rothrauff (Westbrook) said the PTO meeting was postponed.
- Board President Report: President Kowalczyk stated from now on, emails from the community would include emails received from after the current Board meeting until noon of the next Board meeting when they will be posted on the website. Member Kobus asked if there was a disclaimer about confidentiality. Superintendent Aumiller said the identification of parents or children is removed but not staff names. Anything clearly personal is not posted.

Community Comments

President Kowalczyk said those wishing to share comments, who were not in attendance at the meeting, were to email their comments using the Board feedback form on the district's website. The emails were seen by each of the Board members and district administration. The comments were posted on the website at noon that day. She said there would be two times on the agenda for those in-person to comment. She stated each time would be allotted one hour for comments. Eight people, which included one student, commented. The comments thanked the Board for making the right decision and some requested that the Board keep full time remote teachers instead of live-streaming. Two people commented about the parent letters read at a previous meeting and about equity. They also asked for an apology from the Board regarding equity and that the Board categorized them as angry parents. President Kowalczyk thanked everyone for their comments and for being respectful of one another. She also said she does not think the Board had categorized anyone as angry.

Staff Reports

- Superintendent Report
 - Return to School Plan Update
Superintendent Aumiller introduced Dr. Mary Gorr and asked her to present the update. Dr. Gorr started the presentation on the spring learning model update with information on the new state and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines lowering the social distancing for in-person learning to 3 to 6 feet for students and fully vaccinated staff and six feet of distancing during lunch and for unvaccinated staff. There can also be more than 50 individuals in a space where social

distancing can be maintained. Also, effective March 29, temperature screenings upon arrival are no longer recommended by IDPH and the CDC. Dr. Gorr reviewed the in-person and remote enrollment data from each of the schools which was 75-79% for in-person and 21-25% for remote. She said we can continue to offer a full remote option with a dedicated remote teacher in the elementary schools. There may need to be a livestream model for limited circumstances at the elementary level particularly for students receiving interventions or specialized services. Lincoln is much more complex and, at this time, there is still a possibility that livestream will be implemented in situations where not enough staffing resources are available to provide a dedicated remote teacher for a small number of remote learners. Dr. Gorr also reviewed the schedule for the week of April 5 with class placements announced to families on April 5, no student attendance on April 6 which is an institute day, April 7 would be final day of hybrid learning, and April 8-9 would be staff planning days, with no student attendance.

Board discussion followed the presentation. Board members thanked Dr. Gorr for the detailed presentation. They discussed adding two tents to each school. Mr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, did not recommend the tents as each tent would only hold 15 students in good weather. The Board reached consensus that there would be no tents for this spring. They commented that they were happy to have dedicated remote teachers at the elementary level but were concerned about Lincoln. Dr. Gorr said they were trying not to promise this at Lincoln if we might not be able to do it. It would require hiring eight additional teachers for the end of the school year. The Board reached consensus and gave administration the directive to explore hiring additional teachers for the last weeks of the school year to enable Lincoln to provide more dedicated remote classes for even those with a small number of students. They also asked about students having to have new teachers and Dr. Gorr said the principals were working really hard to minimize this. The Board asked administration to explore the possibility of offering summer school this year. In addition, there was discussion about the option of offering families in-person and full remote for next fall.

President Kowalczyk asked about the Task Force. Superintendent Aumiller said they are on pause but if administration needs them they are willing to work together again. If nothing comes up before the fall, they will probably meet then. Those who left the Task Force will be replaced.

○ Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Superintendent Aumiller said she had two FOIA requests to report.

- ✓ The first request was received on February 19 from Paul Russo. He requested information about running for the school board for either this April's election or the next election. We responded on February 26 and furnished information regarding school board elections.
- ✓ The second request was a commercial request received on March 3 from Zoe Yalin of SmartProcure. She requested information for purchase orders dated November 20 to current. We responded on March 9 and sent her a spreadsheet that included the information requested.

○ Curriculum Review Cycle and Professional Development Plan

Superintendent Aumiller said there were memos in the Board packet on the Curriculum Review Cycle and the Professional Development Plan but no formal presentation for either. She asked the Board if they had any questions but there were none.

Consent Agenda

President Kowalczyk said it was not necessary to pull the minutes from the Consent Agenda because all members were present at the meetings. Member Fay reviewed the bills and said everything was in order. President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Rothrauff moved, seconded by Member Fay, to approve the items of the Consent Agenda as follows

- Item 1. Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings
 Special Meeting February 2, 2021 – Closed Session
 Special Meeting February 3, 2021 – Closed Session
 Special Meeting February 10, 2021 – Closed Session
 Regular Business Meeting February 18, 2021 – Open and Closed Sessions
 Special Meeting February 25, 2021 – Closed Session
 Regular Business Meeting March 4, 2021 – Open Session

- Item 2. Personnel Transactions

That the Board of Education approve the contracts of the following administrators:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Base Salary</u>
Karl Anderson	Assistant Principal	Westbrook	8/1/21	\$90,177
Una Durkan	Assistant Principal	Fairview	8/1/21	\$93,717
Danielle Dillon	Assistant Principal	Lions Park	8/1/21	\$93,717
Adam Parisi	Assistant Superintendent	Admin	7/1/21	\$158,488
Randy Steen	Assistant Principal	Lincoln	8/1/21	\$126,472
Susannah Wade	Assistant Principal	Lincoln	8/1/21	\$88,580

That the Board of Education approve the contract amendment of the following administrators:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Base Salary</u>
Mark Fijor	Director Technology	Admin	7/1/21	\$118,450
Katherine Kelly	Principal	Lions Park	8/1/21	\$127,293
Daniel Ophus	Principal	Fairview	8/1/21	\$127,293
Paul Suminski	Principal	Lincoln	7/1/21	\$136,748
Sara Tyburski	Director Student Services	Admin	7/1/21	\$116,166
Kristin Vonder Haar	Principal	Westbrook	8/1/21	\$117,760

That the Board of Education approve a return from leave of absence of the following certified employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Amy Marker	Teacher – Math	Lincoln	8/16/21	*\$83,524
Aleksandra Solimini	Teacher – EL	Westbrook	8/16/21	*\$72,049

*Salary includes Board paid TRS

That the Board of Education approve a second year leave of absence of the following certified employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Margaret Balk	Teacher – Grade 1	Westbrook	End of 2020-21 School Year
Ella Bruno	Teacher – K	Westbrook	End of 2020-21 School Year
Alison Kuebler	Teacher – Special Ed	Lincoln	End of 2020-21 School Year

That the Board of Education accept the resignation from second year leave of absence of the following certified employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Carlie Hasselbring	Teacher – Grade 3	Lions Park	End of 2020-21 School Year
Devin Johnston	Teacher – Math	Lincoln	End of 2020-21 School Year
Bridget Lyjak	Teacher – Grade 4	Fairview	End of 2020-21 School Year

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of the following certified employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Joseph Bajorek	Teacher – Math/Science	Lincoln	End of 2020-21 School Year

Laura Frayn	Teacher – Special Ed	Lincoln	End of 2020-21 School Year
Mark Williams	Teacher – LA/Social Science	Lincoln	End of 2020-21 School Year

That the Board of Education approve the employment of the following ESP individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Timothy Daker	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	3/10/21	\$16.02/hour
Nancy Lai-Gallagher	Instructional Assistant	Westbrook	2/17/21	\$16.02/hour
Sarah Marzullo	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	2/22/21	\$16.02/hour

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of the following ESP employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brett Frey	Payroll Specialist	Admin	3/12/21

Item 3. Financial Reports – February 2021

Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills Totaling \$464,124.57

Item 5. Approve Three-year Contract for Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. as District Auditor

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Fay, Kobus, Maye, McCluskey, Rothrauff, Kowalczyk
 No: None Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

Community Comments

President Kowalczyk said this was the second time for community comments and that the Board would hear Community Comments for one hour and again asked people to be respectful. She said people could also submit comments on the Board Submission Form. No one from the audience addressed the Board.

New Business1. **Approve FY22 Preliminary Staffing Plan**

Superintendent Aumiller said the Preliminary FY22 Staffing Plan shows a 2.0 FTE increase in certified. One position is the addition of an elementary teacher at Lions Park and the other increase is an EL position. President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the staffing plan. Vice President Chung moved, seconded by Member Maye, to approve the FY22 Preliminary Staffing Plan. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Fay, Kobus, Maye, McCluskey, Rothrauff, Chung, Kowalczyk
 No: None Motion carried.

Board Discussion

President Kowalczyk suggested that the Board discuss community engagement at a future meeting. Member Fay agreed and mentioned maybe a School Board 101 where transparency could be explained to provide greater information to the community. Member Fay volunteered to work on it. President Kowalczyk thought it was a good idea. There was also some discussion regarding the emails from the community that are posted online.

Closed Session


President Kowalczyk said there was no need for closed session.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Maye moved, seconded by Member McCluskey, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kobus, Maye, McCluskey, Rothrauff, Chung, Fay, Kowalczyk

No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.



Virginia Webster, Secretary



Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: April 15, 2021