



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 May 20, 2021, to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Kevin Bull, Vicki Chung, Jennifer Ciok, Kimberly Fay, and Eileen Kowalczyk. Absent: Jennifer Kobus.

Communications

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- NSSEO: Member Chung reported on the May 9 meeting and said there were three Shining Stars recognized. She said May is Better Hearing and Speech Month and the students were chosen to celebrate their achievements in communications and use of technology. May 6 was Nurses Appreciation Day and they recognized their nurses in their role of taking care of the health and safety of the students. They are preparing for graduation and the end of the school year and the next meeting is June 2.
- Education Foundation: President Kowalczyk said the Foundation is doing an online raffle of gift cards in amounts from \$25 to \$400. The raffle will be May 26. She said Mallory Reyes is stepping down as Chair and will be replaced by Kirstin Samp. President Kowalczyk thanked Mallory for her service to the Foundation and welcomed Kirstin Samp as the new Chair. There are no meetings in June or July and they will let us know about future meetings.
- PTO Reports: Vice President Fay (Fairview), Member Ciok (Lincoln) and Member Chung (Lions Park), reported on PTO meetings.
- Board President Report: President Kowalczyk said the liaison sheet showing everyone's assignment was at their places. She said the deadline for people to apply for the open seat on the Board is May 28 and that the Board should appoint the new person at the June 17 meeting. She thanked Rachael Rothrauff for her time on the Board and said Mrs. Rothrauff helped with the superintendent search. She said the Board appreciated Mrs. Rothrauff's support as the Board navigated through this challenging year.

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 earlier that day. Four people from the audience addressed the Board regarding the handling of the recent quarantine issue at Westbrook, the need to continue to build on the strategic plan and that the Board and administration review all curriculum and include all populations. One person stated that all communications should be multilingual. In addition, Diane Rush and Amy Traversone introduced themselves and said they are the new Co-Presidents of the MPEA. They encouraged parents to continue to speak at the meetings and be involved. They commented that staff has mastered lots of technology. They thanked the Board for all their hard work and everyone for making this year successful and that they look forward to a return to normal. President Kowalczyk thanked everyone for their comments.

Staff Reports

- Superintendent's Report
 - Preview 2021 – 2026 Strategic Plan
Superintendent Aumiller said it was that time of year to review the Strategic Plan and that it would be on the agenda of the June 17 meeting for approval. She said goal 3-5 was no longer mandated and would no longer be on the Strategic Plan. Member Chung asked if Dr. Aumiller would consider leaving it on the plan. Dr. Mary Gorr said it could be kept on the Strategic Plan and if we are

interested in pursuing and making sure we are reviewing and enhancing equity, we should secure an equity audit. The Board discussed this and Dr. Gorr stated that the students, families, and parents should have a voice in the process. Another Board member questioned that Facilities was also included under Key Success Factor 3, and thought it should have its own Key Success Factor. Superintendent Aumiller said the strategic plan has been used for 12 years and suggested that Dr. Gorr revise it with the help of a committee. Another Board member said equity has become a buzz word and would like a clear definition and goals for equity. President Kowalczyk suggested that the Board discuss an equity audit at the next meeting. There was also some discussion regarding communication in different languages. In addition, the Satisfaction Survey was brought up and Dr. Aumiller said it is typically done every other year in November and reported to the Board in January. She said it would have been done this past year but was not because of COVID. The Board asked administration to show in the strategic plan that there will be an equity audit.

○ Communications Plan

Superintendent Aumiller said the Communications Plan is updated bi-annually. She said she and Jenny Quinn work on it together and Jenny Quinn does a great job on the report and carrying out all the responsibilities included in the plan. There was some Board discussion regarding multiple languages, the group being reached, and community engagement. President Kowalczyk said she thought they should wait to discuss further until the new Board member is seated. Member Chung congratulated Jenny on the work she does for District 57 and the comprehensive plan.

- Superintendent Aumiller said she had one more item to report. She asked Dr. Gorr to talk about the ISBE resolution that was passed on May 19 requiring schools to resume in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year. Dr. Gorr said it remains unclear about wider access to remote learning. The resolution states remote instruction must be available for students who are not eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine; and under a quarantine order by a local public health department or the Illinois Department of Public Health. The resolution further states that both requirements must be met in order for a student to be eligible for remote instruction. She said we need to wait for further guidelines from ISBE. She also said sectioning was to take place the next day and that they would be moving forward and, if there are changes, the district would deal with that when notified.

Consent Agenda

President Kowalczyk said it was necessary to pull the minutes of the April 15 meeting from the Consent Agenda because there were not enough members present at the meeting to approve those minutes. The April 15 Minutes would be moved to the agenda of the June 17 meeting. President Kowalczyk said she reviewed the bills and everything was in order. President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda excluding the April 15 Minutes. Member Chung moved, seconded by Vice President Fay, to approve the items of the Consent Agenda as follows

- Item 1. Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting and Board Reorganization April 29, 2021 – Open Session
Item 2. Personnel Transactions

That the Board of Education approve the administrative contracts for the following individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Danielle Crandall	Principal	Westbrook	8/1/21	\$115,000
Jason Kaiz	Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations	Admin	7/1/21	\$162,500

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Adam Parisi	Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations	Admin	6/30/21

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Benjamin Courtney	Teacher – Special Ed	Lions Park	8/16/21	* \$45,582/year
Malina Prodan	Teacher – Orchestra	Lincoln	8/16/21	* \$45,582/year

*Salary includes Board paid TRS

That the Board of Education approve the change in status of the following certified employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Cindy Larson	From .6 FTE to 1.0 FTE LRC Director	Westbrook	8/16/21	* \$62,150/year

*Salary includes Board paid TRS

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Greg Fudala	Teacher – Band	Lincoln	6/25/21
Julie Leeney	Teacher – PE	FV/LP/LN	6/2/21

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Courtney Stedman	Teacher – Special Ed	Lions Park	6/2/21

That the Board of Education approve the change in status of the following ESP employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Zachary Fredrickson	From 11 month to 12 month District BTA	Admin	7/1/21	\$19.45/hour
Nadine Ragucci	From Kids’ Corner Assistant Supervisor to Kids’ Corner Supervisor	Lions Park	8/16/21	\$24,858.67/year

That the Board of Education accept the retirement of the following ESP employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mary Cunningham	Kids’ Corner Supervisor	Westbrook	6/2/21
Rose Trupiano	Kids’ Corner Supervisor	Lions Park	6/2/21

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>
Annika Pentikainen	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	6/2/21

- Item 3. Financial Reports – April 2021
- Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills Totaling \$794,804.92
- Item 5. Approve Board of Education Meeting Dates July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Bull, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kowalczyk
 Absent: Kobus
 No: None Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

President Kowalczyk said there were two items for approval under New Business.

1. Approve Maintenance Vehicle Purchase

She entertained a motion to approve the purchase of a district maintenance vehicle. Vice President Fay moved, seconded by Member Ciok, to approve the maintenance vehicle purchase. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Ciok, Fay, Bull, Kowalczyk

Absent: Kobus

No: None Motion carried.

2. Approve NSSEO FY22 Budget

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the NSSEO Budget. Member Bull moved, seconded by Member Chung, to approve the NSSEO FY22 Budget. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Ciok, Fay, Bull, Chung, Kowalczyk

Absent: Kobus

No: None Motion carried.

Board Discussion

There was discussion regarding a Covid-19 positive case at Westbrook and the resulting quarantining. Dr. Gorr said she could understand the frustration. She stated this was the first incident in District 57 which is something to celebrate and rare and she credited the students, families and staff for this being the first time the district had to deal with it. She said the district needs to be cautious about privacy and that it is hard to share information and keep the privacy of an individual. Dr. Gorr said the nurses have had training with Cook County and that the district has followed the guidelines of the Cook County Department of Health and the Illinois Department of Public Health. The Board further discussed the issue and felt there should be some guidelines in place so that parents would know what to expect if it happens again in the future.

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 Bull moved, seconded by Vice President Fay, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Fay, Bull, Chung, Ciok, Kowalczyk

Absent: Kobus

No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.


Virginia Webster, Secretary


Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: June 17, 2021