



## Board of Education

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### Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice President Kimberly Fay called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education on June 23, 2022, held at Lions Park School, to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members present were Vicki Chung, Jennifer Kobus, Corrin Bennett-Kill, Jennifer Ciok, and Chris Lettow. Absent: Eileen Kowalczyk.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Student Recognition

Vice President Fay thanked the coaches of the Special Olympics team and welcomed two District 57 students in the audience to come forward to receive a certificate. The coaches are Katianne Olson, Tim Benka, Sara Cilia, and Carol Bemben. The next recognition is for the Lincoln State Qualifiers for Track and Field. Coaches Steve Shaffer and Kelly Bailey came before the Board to recognize the elite Lincoln athletes. Each team member received a certificate, and Coach Shaffer detailed each student's accomplishments.

### New Business

1. Approve MPEA Contractual Bargaining Agreement 7-1-2022-6-30-2027

Vice President Fay entertained a motion to approve the MPEA Bargaining Agreement for 7/1/22 - 6/30/27. Member Ciok moved, seconded by Member Chung. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Bennett-Kill, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Lettow  
Absent: Kowalczyk  
No: None Motion carried.

### Communications

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- NSSEO: Member Lettow shared he attended the last meeting at Timber Ridge School. The NSSEO Board recognized seven retirees with a reception, and these staff members were also honored as Shining Stars. The NSSEO Budget was officially approved. The July meeting will be canceled.
- Education Foundation: No report at this time.
- PTO Reports: No reports at this time.
- Board President Report:
  - Recognition of Jenny Quinn  
Vice President Fay recognized Jenny Quinn, our District 57 Communications Consultant for her contribution to District 57 for the last 12 years. Superintendent Gorr presented her with flowers and she spoke graciously of her time working with past and present administrators.
  - Community Engagement  
Vice President Fay reminded the Board and public of the events in our community with District 57. First, on the 4th of July parade, staff will join the Board and Superintendent Gorr on the District 57 float starting at 1 pm. Also, on July 22 and 23, the Board will have a booth at the Mt. Prospect Block Party, shared with District 59 to engage with our District families.

**Community Comments**

Vice President Fay said there were two times on the agenda for community comments. Each time the Board would listen for up to 60 minutes and asked people to limit their time speaking to three minutes.

- An audience member addressed the Board regarding Illinois Education Curriculum and asked if opt-out forms could be added to the website if our District will implement it.

**Staff Reports**❖ **Superintendent Report**

- Summer Construction Update

Superintendent Gorr asked Jason Kaiz, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, to give an overview of the current work in the district. Mr. Kaiz shared that the work is going very well. Some improvements include flooring, carpeting near doors, painting, hand dryers at Fairview and Lions Park, and a chiller at Fairview amongst other small items at each school.

- Revised 22/23 Calendar

Superintendent Gorr explained that with the MPEA contract approval, the 22/23 calendar would be amended. There is now a non-attendance day for students on November 1 for parent-teacher conferences. Also, teachers will have additional time for parents in February with teacher check-ins.

- Spring Student Achievement Data

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Kristin Vonder Haar shared a presentation with the Board on the Spring Student Achievement Data. Overall, student progress is nearing our pre-pandemic achievement data, and Dr. Vonder Haar explained that it will be closely monitored for growth trends to inform instruction and interventions as needed. Dr. Vonder Haar explained that our District has Summer School, Summer Bridge, and Bi-Lingual Services.

- Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

A presentation was shared in the Board packet for review.

- Equity Audit Update

Superintendent Gorr presented to the Board to share the focus and expected outcomes of the Audit. The equity audit process engages the collection and analysis of comprehensive quantitative data with critical qualitative information. The District Equity Leadership Team had its first meeting and completed Stage one of a five-stage process. The equity audit aims to identify areas of strength and needed improvement with particular attention to marginalized groups. This fall, district parents, students, and staff will have the opportunity to participate in focus groups and give feedback through a survey. Students in grades 4-8 will also be surveyed. More information will come in the months ahead from the building principals and Superintendent Gorr.

- Freedom of Information Act

There was one FOIA to report. Superintendent Gorr shared the following information:

- On May 19, 2022, a request was made from Vito LiRosi requesting information on Covid funding and ESSER funds.

A response was sent on March 26, 2022.

**Consent Agenda**

Vice President Fay entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Kobus reviewed the bills and said everything was in order. Member Kobus moved, seconded by Member Lettow, to approve the items of the Consent Agenda as follows:

Item 1. Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings

- Regular Business Meeting May 19, 2022 – Open Session and Closed

Item 2. Personnel Transactions

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Karl Anderson	Assistant Principal	Westbrook	08/01/2022	\$ 94,686
Una Durkin	Assistant Principal	Fairview	08/01/2022	\$ 98,403
Mark Fijor	Director of Technology	Admin	07/01/2022	\$124,373
Katie Kelly	Principal	Lions Park	08/01/2022	\$133,658
Dan Ophus	Principal	Fairview	08/01/2022	\$133,658
Randy Steen	Assistant Principal	Lincoln	08/01/2022	\$132,796

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Danielle Crandall	Principal	Westbrook	08/01/2022	\$120,750
Jason Kaiz	Asst. Supt. Finance/Operations	Admin	07/01/2022	\$170,625
Sara Tyburski	Director Student Services	Admin	07/01/2022	\$132,429
Kristin Vonder Haar	Asst Supt Teach & Learning	Admin	07/01/2022	\$161,700

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>
Susannah Wade	Assistant Principal	Lincoln	06/30/2022

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Mary Groenke	Teacher - Speech-Language	Fairview	08/15/2022	*\$53,484
Michelle Tuchner	Teacher	Fairview	08/15/2022	*\$55,088

\*Salary includes Board paid TRS

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jamie Daniel	Teacher	Fairview	08/01/2022
Jodi Kotowski	Teacher	Fairview	06/01/2022

That the Board of Education approves the employment of the following ESP individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Anna Berezowska	Instructional Assist EC/SOAR	Westbrook	08/16/2022	\$17.82/\$18.07/Hr
Katie Messing	Instructional Assistant	Westbrook	08/16/2022	\$16.83

That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following ESP employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Elizabeth Wiley	Clerical Assistant	Lincoln	06/06/2022

Item 3. Financial Reports – May 2022

Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills Totaling \$748,991.18

Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Yes: Chung, Lettow, Bennet-Kill, Ciok, Fay  
 No: None Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business**

None

**New Business**

1. First Read PRESS Policies Issue 109

Policy Number	Title
● 2:230	Public Participation at School Board Meetings and Petitions to the Board
● 3:70	Succession of Authority
● 4:10	Fiscal and Business Management
● 4:70	Resource Conservation
● 5:40	Communicable and Chronic Infectious Disease
● 5:70	Religious Holidays
● 5:80	Court Duty
● 5:110	Recognition for Service
● 5:140	Solicitations By or From Staff
● 5:240	Suspension
● 6:70	Teaching About Religions
● 6:80	Teaching About Controversial Issue
● 6:140	Education of Homeless Children
● 6:290	Homework
● 6:330	Achievement and Awards
● 7:15	Student and Family Privacy Rights
● 7:285	Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Food Allergy Management Program

**Board Discussion**

Vice President Fay said there are two topics for the Board discussion.

The first topic is a student joining the Board in the future. Superintendent Gorr shared she asked Dee Molinare of the Illinois Association of School Boards to advise if any Board of Education has incorporated a student Board member. Dr. Gorr spoke to a Superintendent in the area to discuss the process and time in developing student Board liaison. The Board members discussed and understood the benefits and lengthy process for this to get started, and all agreed that they would like this to happen in the future. Superintendent Gorr is excited to get students involved.

The second item discussed was Heritage Month. The Board shared ideas to incorporate awareness and celebration.

**Community Comments**

Vice President Fay advised this being the second time for community comments, and the same audience member spoke before the Board regarding test scores.

**Closed Session**

There was not a need for closed session.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Vice President Fay entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Ciok made a motion, seconded by Member Chung, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Bennett-Kill, Ciok, Chung, Fay, Lettow

Absent: Kowalczyk

No: None

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:34 pm.



Roberta Flack, Secretary



Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: July 21, 2022