



Board of Education

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Board Minutes for January 20, 2022

President Eileen Kowalczyk called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of January 20, 2022, held at Fairview School, to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Corrin Bennett-Kill, Kevin Bull, Vicki Chung, Jennifer Ciok, Eileen Kowalczyk, and Kimberly Fay joined the meeting virtually. Absent: None

Pledge of Allegiance - Mount Prospect Cub Scout Pack 151

Communications

Board of Education

NSSEO: Member Chung attended the meeting on January 5 and shared this month's Shining Stars were two students from District 25. NSSEO received a grant from The Bureau of Justice for \$550,000, and they were only one of 71 recipients to receive this grant nationwide. The annual Winter Wonderland will be at Sunrise Lake. The next meeting is Wednesday, February 2, 2022.

Education Foundation: Member Ciok attended the last meeting on January 18 via zoom. She reported they received a donation from @Properties Realtors for a portion of all home sales. The Ed Foundation grant meeting will be on February 2, and there were eight grants requested this year. Further information is to come on the prospective date of April 8 for the Education Foundation Gala.

PTO Reports: Vice President Fay (Lincoln), Member Kobus (Westbrook), Member Bennett-Kill (Fairview), and Member Bull (Lions Park) reported on PTO meetings and events at the schools.

Board President's Report: President Kowalczyk shared that the February 4 tentative meeting will be canceled. Member Bull announced that he is resigning from the Board of Education on February 4, 2022. President Kowalczyk thanked Member Bull for his service and advised the community this position will be filled within 60 days. President Kowalczyk reported that further information would be relayed to the public on February 4 regarding a new board member's interview process.

Community Comments

President Kowalczyk explained that this was the first of two opportunities for the community to address the Board. Individuals should provide their names and limit their comments to three minutes.

The first to address the Board were four executive team members of MPEA (Dina Rush and Amy Traversone) and MPESPA (Jenny McGoon and Elin Lonergan). They thanked the Board of Education and members for the decisions made during this challenging time and keeping the safety mitigations in place.

The next speaker wanted to extend gratitude to Member Bull for his service, wished him the best, and discussed masks in school.

Staff Reports

❖ Financial Projections

Assistant Superintendent For Finance and Operations, Mr. Jason Kaiz, shared his presentation of financial projections at the current time and best assumptions based on historical facts. Mr. Kaiz first updated the Board on the current budget and explained projections through 2027. Next, Mr. Kaiz reviewed the summer 2022 building improvements and bid packages. He explained the further out we go, the less reliable our projections may be. Mr. Kaiz will soon publicize the Citizens Finance Advisory Committee and start the meetings in Spring 2022 with parents and community members.

❖ Code of Conduct -

Ms. Sara Tyburski, Director of Student Services, shared the Code of Conduct is reviewed and is approved annually by the Board. The parent-teacher advisory committee met on October 27, 2021 regarding the Code of Conduct and made slight changes.

❖ FY22 Extended School Year(ESY) Summer Band and Orchestra

Dr. Kristin Vonder Haar discussed the Extended School Year program serving students receiving special education services and for those that require continued instruction. It will be held for 15 days of in-person instruction at Lions Park School and include services for Emergent Bilingual Learners. The District is also in the process of exploring Summer Bridge programming for those requiring additional support in Math and Reading.

❖ Superintendent's Report

Covid Update

Superintendent Gorr informed the Board that the Illinois Department of Health(IDPH) has added approximately 100 pages of new guidance on January 11. Most notably, the days required for quarantine have been shortened to 5 days for most scenarios. In addition, all of our schools are in the process or have transitioned to 6 feet of distance during the maskless time during lunch. This transition will result in less close contact scenarios.

Shield Testing

Dr. Gorr shared the number of students participating in SHIELD testing currently is approximately 56% of students. We saw a 5% positivity rate of those being tested in January, up from 1% in December. The testing is catching asymptomatic cases and preventing others from becoming infected.

Staffing Update

Staff absences are improving slightly, but we continue to be challenged by the shortage of substitute teachers and instructional assistants. Superintendent Gorr shared her gratitude to the teachers, support staff, and administrators for their flexibility in covering unfilled positions each day.

Freedom of Information Act Report (FOIA)

Requests for information have been received from the following entities in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. All requests have been responded to within the appropriate time frame by Superintendent Gorr as the District's FOIA Officer.

➤ On December 15, 2021, we received a request from Lauren Moore requesting records of emails, text messages, attachments, agreements between union leaders and Superintendent Gorr in response to masks, coverings, vaccination, and lawsuit.

An extension was submitted on December 17, 2021. A response was sent on December 30, 2021. Ms. Moore requested the Public Access Bureau to review the FOIA response. A response was submitted to the Public Access Bureau on January 19, 2022.

➤ On January 6, 2022, we received a request from the Labor Management Cooperation Committee/Chicagoland Laborers’ District Council requesting a Copy of the bid results(AS READ)from the bid opening on January 06, 2022, @2:00 pm for the 2022 Renovations at Four Schools Bid opening. A response was sent on January 7, 2022.

➤ On January 11, 2022, we received a request from ABC7 Chicago asking for documentation of remote learning equipment. A response was sent on January 13, 2022

➤ On January 13, 2022, we received a request from SMART PROCURE asking for a spreadsheet of purchases and vendors. A response was sent on January 13, 2022

Consent Agenda

President Kowalczyk said it was necessary to pull the Minutes from the Consent Agenda because all members were not present at the December 16 Regular Business Meeting and the December 16 Special Meeting. Member Ciok reviewed the bills and said everything was in order. President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the December 16 Regular Business Meeting and Closed Session minutes. Member moved, seconded by Member Bull. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

Yes: Bennett-Kill, Bull, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Kowalczyk

No: None

Abstain: Chung

Absent: None

Motion carried.

President Kowalzyk entertained a motion to approve the remaining items of the consent agenda. Member Chung moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to approve the remaining items of the Consent Agenda as follows:

Item 2. Personnel Transactions

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>
Colleen Warner	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	01/10/22	\$16.42/hr

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>
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Sylwia Engquist	Building Technology Assistant	Lions Park	12/27/21
Cristina Jimenez	Health Clerical Assistant	Lincoln	01/02/22

Item 3. Financial Reports – December 2021

Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills totaling \$447,366.49

Roll call vote resulted as follows for the remainder of the Consent Agenda:

Yes: Bennett-Kill, Bull, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Kowalczyk

No: None

Absent: None Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

Community Comments

President Kowalczyk said this was the second opportunity if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board. No one from the audience addressed the Board at this time.

New Business

None

Board Discussion

None

Closed Session

President Kowalczyk said there was a need to go into closed session for Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Member Ciok moved, seconded by Member Chung, to move into closed session at 8:10 pm.

Yes: Bennett-Kill, Bull, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Kowalczyk

No: None

Absent: None Motion carried and the Board convened into closed session at 8:10 p.m.

Regular Session

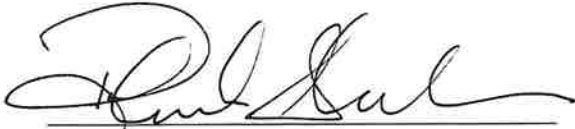
President Kowalczyk made a motion, seconded by Member Chung, to return to open session. All members present voted yes and the Board reconvened into open session at 9:37 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Yes: Bennett-Kill, Bull, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Kowalczyk

No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.



Roberta Flack, Secretary



Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: February 17, 2022

