



**MOUNT PROSPECT SCHOOL DISTRICT 57
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Minutes

November 21, 2019 7:00 PM

Fairview School (Multipurpose Room)

300 North Fairview Avenue

Call to Order and Roll Call

President Eileen Kowalczyk called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of Nov. 21, 2019, to order at 7 p.m. Board members present: Eileen Kowalczyk, Vicki Chung, Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Gerald McCluskey, Brian Maye and Rachael Rothrauff.

Student Recognition

- Lincoln Cross Country: Coaches Steve Shaffer and Amy Nelson honored the Lincoln girls' Cross Country team. Coach Shaffer spoke about this season's stellar performance of the team, which he called a physically talented, hard-working, fun group of girls. The team won all the invitationals, was undefeated in the regular season, dominated at the conference level, won sectionals and placed fifth at State out of 27 teams. Coach Shaffer also recognized the member of the boys' team who competed at State. Dr. Aumiller and President Kowalczyk presented each team member with a certificate.
- Lions Park Robotics: Members of the First Lego League team, Rainbusters, presented research they conducted on storm water management at Lions Park. They researched the problem and evaluated effectiveness and feasibility of various solutions. They proposed that the Board consider implementing rain gardens and porous asphalt to solve the issue of flooding. Team members answered Board members' questions about pros and cons of the projects, and the Board agreed to investigate installing one of the options, with the possibility of the team being involved in the project.

Communications

1. Board of Education

- NSSEO Report: Member Maye reported on the Oct. 6 meeting, where Sen. Gillespie and Rep. Walker were honored.
- Education Foundation: Member Chung reported on the Nov. 13 meeting. The Foundation received 35 grant proposals totaling over \$77K. They have \$25K to distribute. The spring event will be April 4 at Victoria in the Park. The next meeting is Dec. 10 at Westbrook.
- PTO Reports: Member Kobus for Lions Park, Member Fay for Fairview, Member Rothrauff for Westbrook and Member McCluskey for Lincoln
- Board President Report: The Board voted to cancel the December 5, 2019, Board of Education Tentative Meeting and discussed IASB Resolutions that the District 57 Board representative will vote on at the IASB conference.
 - Resolution to allow staff members to carry guns in schools: all members opposed
 - School Safety Grant Program: all members opposed
 - School District Police Force: all members opposed
 - Business Enterprises Minority Owned: all members supported

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- Background Checks: all members supported
- School Safety Traffic Zones: all members supported

Community Comments

Elizabeth Straczek acknowledged the MPEA members' appreciation for responsiveness in dealing with issues so far this school year. Sann Knipple spoke about the Joint Review Board meeting earlier in the week and suggested that the Board use additional funds coming from the TIF to lower curriculum fees. Philene Fotopoulos, president MPESPA, thanked Dr. Aumiller, Mr. Parisi and the Board for the collaborative process regarding the contract proposal.

Staff Reports

- Presentation of FY19 Draft Audit (Goal 6b)

Mr. Parisi introduced Ms. Betsy Allen from Miller, Cooper & Co., Ltd. Ms. Allen explained why a financial audit is necessary, outlined the process and presented a draft copy of the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. The final audit report will be posted on the District website. As part of the audit, an annual financial report is prepared and filed with the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Ms. Allen thanked Mr. Parisi and his staff for their availability and efforts to facilitate the process. Ms. Allen answered Board member questions.

- Presentation of Financial Projections by Forecast5 Analytics, Inc. (Goals 6a/b)

Mr. Parisi presented the annual fall financial projections. This is done every November after the Board sees the audit. The projections use audited numbers for the fund balances. The Forecast5 Analytics, Inc. model uses an eleven-year view of finances – five years prior, current year, and five years in the future. Forecast5 is a program but the assumptions were provided by the district. Mr. Parisi showed the budgeted revenues by source, with 91% from local funds, which includes fees and property taxes, 6% from evidence-based funding and 3% from federal revenue. The proposed expenditure allocation indicates 55% for salaries and the rest split among benefits, purchased services, supplies and materials, capital outlay, other objects and non-capitalized equipment. Salaries are based on MPEA and MPESPA bargaining agreements. Health insurance increased 5% in future years, and dental insurance increased 3% in future years. In the Education Fund, purchased services and supplies held flat. In the O&M Fund, purchased services and supplies increased 1% in future years. In the Transportation Fund, purchased services increased 3% in future years. All other expenses held flat at the budget level. Allocations for the Capital Projects Fund/construction projects are \$4 million in FY21, \$3.5 million in FY22, \$3.5 million in FY23, \$3 million in FY24 and \$3 million in FY25. Long-term staffing changes based on District enrollment include replacing 1.0 FTE student services coordinator with an administrator (middle school assistant principal) in FY21. Mr. Parisi reviewed aggregate projections that show positive fund balances through FY25. He closed by reviewing legislative unknowns of a potential property tax freeze and potential TRS cost shift. Board discussion followed, and Mr. Parisi answered questions.

- Presentation of the 2019 Tentative Tax Levy (Goal 6b)

Mr. Parisi reviewed the tentative tax levy, which is the amount the district will request to be raised from property taxes. He explained the property tax cycle in Cook County and unique issues in

Cook County. The CPI for 2019 is 1.9%. EAV (taxable value in District 57 boundaries) has fallen slightly from last year. 2018 EAV is \$658,064,366. When the EAV falls, the tax rates increases, and vice versa. The 2018 tax rate is 3.87. New property growth for 2018 is \$934,126. The formula for estimating the levy is $EAV \times \text{Tax Rate (\%)} = \text{Extension}$. Mr. Parisi stated the district is estimating that new construction will come in at \$5 million, which is a high estimate but it is beneficial to the District to estimate high rather than low. The proposed tentative levy is 3.63%, \$26,421,791.

- Superintendent's Report
 - Joint Review Board Meeting Update: The meeting was held on Nov. 19. Mr. Parisi and Member Kowalczyk represented District 57. The District will receive almost \$22,000 from the TIF.
 - Dr. Aumiller did a first read of the 2020 – 2021 School Calendar.
 - District 25 informed District 57 it will not be renewing the food service agreement because the person in charge of the program is retiring and District 25 plans to cut back on it. Administration is investigating other options for the Lincoln hot lunches, bag lunches for fee waivers, and snacks for the Kids Corner and
 - Circle of Friends program.
 - Dr. Aumiller reported on three Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests:
 - We received a request dated October 14 from Luz Juarez. He requested certified payroll for Midwest Masonry for work performed at District 57 renovations from April 2019 thru present. We responded on October 21 and sent him payroll records from Midwest Masonry for work done for that time period.
 - We received the second request dated October 14 from Alyce Anderson. She requested the number of teachers hired in District 57 in the last five years. We responded on November 4 and informed her that 109 teachers were hired from August 18, 2014, to the present.
 - We received the third request on November 1 from Jonathan Fagg of WLS TV. He requested information about vaping incidents by year since 2017. We responded with detailed information.

Consent Agenda

1. Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Business Meeting October 17, 2019 – Open Session
 - President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the October 17 meeting. Member Chung moved. Roll call vote resulted as follows:
 - Yes: Chung, Kowalczyk, Fay, Kobus, McCluskey, Maye, Rothrauff
 - No: None
 - Abstain: Kobus
 - Motion carried

2. Personnel Transactions (Goals 5b/d)

Approved the employment of the following ESP employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Rito Cortes	Custodian	Lincoln	11/8/19	\$13.75/hour

Accepted the resignation of the following ESP employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Brian Angell	Building Tech Assistant	Fairview	11/8/19

3. Consent Agenda

- President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Rothrauff moved, seconded by Member Fay. Roll call vote resulted as follows:
 - Yes: Chung, Kowalczyk, Fay, Kobus, McCluskey, Maye, Rothrauff
 - No: None
 - Abstain: None
 - Motion carried

4. Financial Report – October 2019 (Goal 6b)

5. Accounts Payable Bills totaling \$992,944.24 (Goal 6b)

6. Approve Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Calendar (Goal 6b)

Unfinished Business

None

Community Comments

None

New Business

1. Adopted 2019 Tentative Tax Levy
2. Approved Contractual Bargaining Agreement for the Mount Prospect Educational Support Professionals Association 2020 –2024
3. Approved Contract to Purchase Westbrook Mobile Classrooms
4. Accepted FY19 Audit

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve New Business. Member McCluskey moved, seconded by Member Kobus. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

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

Closed Session

President Kowalczyk said there was need for closed session. She said Board action would not take place following closed session and entertained a motion. Member Fay moved to go into closed session, Member Chung seconded. Roll call vote resulted as follows:

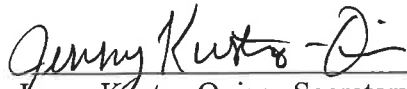
- o Yes: Chung, Kowalczyk, Fay, Kobus, McCluskey, Maye, Rothrauff
- o No: None
- o Abstain: None
- o Motion carried

Regular Session

Member Maye made a motion, seconded by Member Chung, to return to open session. All members voted yes and the Board reconvened into open session at 9:47 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Fay made a motion, seconded by Member Maye, to adjourn the meeting. All members voted yes and the meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.



Jenny Kustra-Quinn, Secretary



Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: December 19, 2019