



## Board of Education

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President Joe Sonnefeldt called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of March 21, 2019, to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members present: Vicki Chung, Dennis Composto, Jennifer Kobus, Eileen Kowalczyk, Brian Maye, and Joe Sonnefeldt. Gerald McCluskey arrived at 7:02 p.m. Absent: None.

### Communications

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*NSSEO:* Member Chung attended the March 6 meeting. She said there were two Shining Stars that were recognized. One was a student at Kirk and the other person was an NSSEO staff member who worked with the student to become more independent. Member Chung said a second legislative Round Table was held on March 8 with five legislators, Mr. Parisi and Dr. Gorr in attendance. The FY20 NSSEO Budget won't be presented until the May meeting with approval from participating districts slightly delayed. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 3, at 7:00 p.m.

*Education Foundation:* Member Chung attended the March 12 meeting. She explained that grant applications are due by April 15 and information has been included in all the newsletters so that parents are aware that they can also apply for grants. The grants will be decided at the May 8 meeting. The April 6 Spring Great Gatsby Gala is approaching fast. There will be a fun surprise during cocktail hour. April 1 is the deadline for purchasing tickets. The next meeting is April 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Westbrook.

*PTO Report:* Member Composto (Westbrook), Vice President Kowalczyk (Fairview) and Member Chung (Lions Park) reported on the PTO meetings and events at the schools.

*Board President's Report:* President Sonnefeldt informed the Board of changes for upcoming meetings.

- The tentative meeting for April 4 was changed to April 11. Member McCluskey said he would not be in attendance but it was discussed that he would probably be in attendance by phone. The meeting would primarily be for closed session for the Superintendent's evaluation. He asked that the Board return the forms they would be receiving regarding the evaluation to him by April 5.
- April 18 would be the regular business meeting with closed session to finalize the Superintendent's evaluation.
- An additional meeting scheduled for April 25 would be to seat the new Board members and for reorganization.

### Community Comments

President Sonnefeldt explained that this was the first of two opportunities for community to address the Board. He asked that people, who had questions, please complete a card at the back table and either he or an administrator would contact them with the information. Two people addressed Board. They were concerned with the number of students and additional traffic for District 57 from new developments in the Village. They want the Board, administrators, and staff to be more informed about the Village developments and to try to get additional money from the developments for the district. President Sonnefeldt commented that administration communicates with the Village and there are a lot of unknowns about the potential residents and the age of the students. He said four additional classrooms are being added to Fairview this summer and should need arise, we might need to add additional classrooms at Lions Park. In addition, with the purchase of the new property, the district will try to expand the parking lot at Lions Park. He commented that Lions Park is included the TIF. He said the Board is engaged but has not taken a position for or against development. He stated that in his opinion, development is good for the community.

## Staff Reports

### Superintendent's Report

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request

Superintendent Aumiller said she had one FOIA to report.

- The district received a request on February 28, 2019 from Selena Garcia. She requested the contract the district has for outsourced vendor custodial services. We responded on March 5 and informed her that our current custodial services are provided in-house and that our custodial staff are district employees.

- Professional Development Plan Update

Superintendent Aumiller said there was a memo in the packet from Cassie Black, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, on the updated Professional Development Plan. She asked if anyone had any questions. Member Chung asked about the half-day restorative justice training. Ms. Black said restorative justice is a mindset that focuses on relationships – building them and repairing them when there are problems. She said feedback was positive and staff is excited to bring practices into the classrooms.

### Consent Agenda

President Sonnefeldt presented the Consent Agenda. He said the minutes needed to be pulled because all members were not present at the February 21 meeting. He asked if any Member wanted any other item pulled but no one did. Member Maye reviewed the bills and said everything was in order. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Member Chung moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 21, 2019 – Open and Closed Sessions. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Composto, Kobus, Kowalczyk, McCluskey, Sonnefeldt

No: None

Abstain: Maye Motion carried.

President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the remaining items of the Consent Agenda. Member McCluskey moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to approve Consent Agenda Items 2 through 7 as follows

#### Item 2. Personnel Transactions

##### Approve a one year leave of absence of the following certified employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Amy Marker	Teacher - Math	Lincoln	End of 2018-19 School Year

##### Accept the resignation of the following certified employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mollie King	Social Worker	Fairview	June 3, 2019

##### Accept the retirement of the following certified employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Pamela Dolniak	Teacher – Grade 4	Lions Park	End of 2018-19 School Year

##### Approve the employment of the following ESP individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lauren Drucker	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	2/20/19	\$13.50/hour
Nicole Guagliardo	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	3/13/19	\$13.50/hour
Timathi Szemplinski	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	*3/4/19	\$13.50/hour

\*Previously employed in District 57 as an instructional assistant.

#### Item 3. Financial Reports – February 2019

- Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills
- Item 5. Approve Revised 2018-2019 School Calendar
- Item 6. Approve Contract for Auditor Services
- Item 7. Approve Resolution 190321 Authorizing Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations to Execute Documents Necessary to Complete Purchase of Moehling Drive Property

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Composto, Kobus, Kowalczyk, Maye, McCluskey, Chung, Sonnefeldt  
 No: None Motion carried.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **Community Comments**

President Sonnefeldt said this was the second opportunity if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board. Member Chung questioned that at the Planning and Zoning Meeting some Village officials asked about what the school district thinks about the Maple Street project. Member Chung suggested that the district maybe answer by stating that the School Board does not support or oppose the development. Board discussion continued on this matter. There were no comments from the audience.

### **New Business**

#### 1. Approve FY20 Preliminary Staffing Plan

Superintendent Aumiller explained that the staffing plan was the same staffing plan the Board reviewed at the February 21 meeting with the exception that the second assistant principal for Lincoln was removed and the student services coordinator position was added back. Member Chung asked about the change of nurse position from ESP to certified and Superintendent Aumiller explained that a certified school nurse was hired when we filled the position vacated by a non-certified nurse. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the staffing plan. Vice President Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to approve the FY20 (2019-2020) Preliminary Staffing Plan. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kobus, Kowalczyk, Maye, McCluskey, Chung, Composto, Sonnefeldt  
 No: None Motion carried.

### **Board Discussions**

#### Spring Community Forum

President Sonnefeldt said Mike Cassady, Village Manager, was pushing his attendance at the next Community Forum further into the school year. He asked the Board if they would want to hold the forum in May or April but stated there are already three Board meetings in April. Board discussion followed. Member McCluskey said he thought it would still be worthwhile to hold it in early May. Member Kobus commented in May it would be with the new Board members and suggested something more informal to meet the new members. It was decided that Mr. Parisi would contact Mr. Cassady to see if he would be available for a Community Forum on either April 29 or May 2.

#### Student Recognition at Board Meetings

Member Chung said it is so nice at the NSSEO meetings that they do student and staff recognition and asked if the Board would like to do recognition at every meeting. She said it would be great to highlight District 57 students or staff. Superintendent Aumiller said it could be done but suggested it for the meetings from October through May. It was decided that it would start in May.

**Closed Session**

President Sonnefeldt said there was a need for Closed Session for the purpose of discussing

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and
- Student disciplinary cases.

He said no action would be taken after closed session and entertained a motion. Vice President Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Member Maye, to move into closed session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kowalczyk, Maye, McCluskey, Chung, Composto, Kobus, Sonnefeldt


No: None Motion carried and the Board convened into Closed Session at 8:01 p.m.

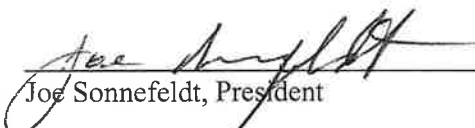
**Regular Session**

Member McCluskey made a motion, seconded by Member Composto, to return to open session. All members voted yes and the Board reconvened into open session at 8:59 p.m.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Chung made a motion, seconded by Member Composto, to adjourn the meeting. All members voted yes and the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

  
Virginia Webster, Secretary

  
Joe Sonnefeldt, President

Date of approval: April 18, 2019