



## 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 April 16, 2020, held via Zoom conferencing, to order at 7:01 p.m. Board members present: Vicki Chung, Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Brian Maye, Gerald McCluskey, Rachael Rothrauff, and Eileen Kowalczyk. Absent: None.

### Communications

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NSSEO: Member Maye reported that he attended the April 1 meeting which was held through Zoom conferencing. E-learning with its challenges was discussed. There was also discussion about the budget.

Education Foundation: Member Chung did not have a report.

PTO Reports: None.

Board President Report: President Kowalczyk said the May 7 meeting is cancelled and the next meeting will be May 21.

### Community Comments

Any community member who wished to address the Board was to send an email to Superintendent Aumiller with their questions or comments. President Kowalczyk asked Superintendent Aumiller if there were any community comments and Dr. Aumiller said she received none.

### Staff Reports

- Superintendent Report
  1. Strategic Plan 2020 – 2025  
Superintendent Aumiller said the Strategic Plan document was in the Board packet and showed changes and additions. She asked if anyone had any questions which no one did. She said the Strategic Plan will be on the agenda for approval for the May 21 meeting and some technology items will be added.
  2. Preview Board of Education Meeting Dates July 2020 – June 2021  
Superintendent Aumiller said the schedule of the Board of Education meetings from July 2020 through June 2021 was in the packet. She said most of the meetings on the first Thursday of the month were tentative. She asked if any member had any questions but there were none. The schedule of the meeting dates will be on the May 21 agenda for approval.

### Consent Agenda

President Kowalczyk said it was necessary to pull the Minutes of the March 19 meeting from the Consent Agenda because all members were not present at that meeting. President Kowalczyk asked if anyone wanted any other item removed but no one did. Member Maye reviewed the bills and said everything was in order. President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the Minutes. Vice President Chung moved, seconded by Member Maye, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of March 19, 2020 – Open Session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the remaining items of the Consent Agenda. Vice President Chung moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to approve Consent Agenda Items 2 through 5 as follows

## Item 2. Personnel Transactions

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	8/1/20	\$87,550/year
Una Durkan	Assistant Principal	Fairview	8/1/20	\$90,987/year
Danielle Dillon	Assistant Principal	Lions Park	8/1/20	\$90,987/year
Randy Steen	Assistant Principal	Lincoln	8/1/20	\$122,788/year
Sara Tyburski	Director Student Services	Admin	7/1/20	\$109,059/year

Approve the contract amendment for the following administrators:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Trevor Hope	Director Technology	Admin	7/1/20	\$114,742/year
Adam Parisi	Asst Supt Finance/Operations	Admin	7/1/20	\$149,516/year

Approve the employment for the following certified individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Courtney Stedman	Teacher - Special Education	Lions Park	8/17/20	* \$44,556/year
JoAnn Dynkin	Psychologist	Lincoln	8/17/20	* \$52,405/year

\*Salary includes Board paid TRS

Approve a first year leave of absence for the following certified employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Ella Bruno	Teacher - Kindergarten	Westbrook	End of 2019-20 School Year

Accept the resignation of the following certified employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Mariellyn Kowatsch	Student Services Coordinator	Lincoln	End of 2019-20 School Year

## Item 3. Financial Reports – March 2020

## Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills Totaling \$505,958.81

## Item 5. Approve Salary Increase for FY21 for Educational Support Staff Excluded from MPESPA Bargaining Unit

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Fay, Kobus, Maye, McCluskey, Rothrauff, Chung, Kowalczyk

No: None Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

Community Comments

This was the second time for community comments but there were none.

New Business1. Approve Transportation Contract

Mr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, said the district went out to bid for transportation services and is recommending First Student, Inc. to continue transportation services as the sole bidder. Three companies, Grand Prairie Transit Inc., First Student Inc., and Sunrise, Inc., attended a mandatory pre-bid meeting on March 18 but only First Student, Inc. submitted a bid. The bid is for three years.

Board discussion followed with the first question for Mr. Parisi being what is the increase and what are other districts experiencing as far as increases. Mr. Parisi said this bid was a 17% increase but other districts have gotten increases up to 30% over the past few years. He said we have worked with First Student for the past five years and there is a lack of competition in this area. He was also asked if it made sense that the other two companies did not submit their bids. Mr. Parisi said Sunrise started before the schools were closed due to COVID 19 and Grand Prairie and First Student seem to go back and forth. Member McCluskey questioned if other districts are experiencing the same thing that maybe the transportation companies are backing away to get the cost higher. Member Kobus asked if the new bid has the same routes and Mr. Parisi said they are exactly the same. She also asked, with fuel cost down, what is driving the increase and Mr. Parisi said it is salary and benefits. He said First Student pays \$20-\$21 an hour and is still struggling to find drivers. Member Rothrauff asked how this would affect families. Mr. Parisi said it would probably be supplemented through the tax levy fund. He said the district has not raised transportation fees for several years but this is something the Board can look at next February as they approve fees for the 2021-22 school year.

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion. Member Maye moved, seconded by Member Fay, to approve the bid from First Student, Inc. to provide transportation services for the 2020-21, 2021-22, and 2022-23 school years with an option that may be mutually exercised to continue the contract for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years. Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

2. Approve Resolution 200416 Regarding the Payment of Bills and the Execution of Time Sensitive Actions in the Event of a School District Shutdown

President Kowalczyk asked if anyone had any questions regarding the resolution. There being no questions she entertained a motion. Member Rothrauff moved, seconded by Vice President Chung, to approve Resolution 200416 Regarding the Payment of Bills and the Execution of Time Sensitive Actions in the Event of a School District Shutdown. Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

**Board Discussion**

None

**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 Fay made a motion, seconded by Member Rothrauff, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: McCluskey, Rothrauff, Chung, Fay, Kobus, Maye, Kowalczyk  
 No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

  
 Virginia Webster, Secretary

  
 Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: May 21, 2020