



Board of Education

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President Eileen Kowalczyk called the April 29, 2021 Regular Business Meeting and Reorganization of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Vicki Chung, Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Brian Maye, Gerald McCluskey, Rachael Rothrauff, and Eileen Kowalczyk. Absent: None.

Staff Report

- **NSSEO Budget Review**

President Kowalczyk asked Member Maye if he had any comments about the budget but he did not. Vice President Chung asked a question about staffing and Member Maye said the ratio was 1:1. President Kowalczyk said the NSSEO Budget would be on the agenda for May 20 for approval.

Board President's Report

President Kowalczyk said next week was Staff Appreciation Week and she thanked all staff. She acknowledged the individuals by name in each of the following categories: the district nurse, each of the nurses and health assistants at each of the buildings and stated that they had extensive training and responsibilities this past year due to COVID-19. She also acknowledged the custodial staff, from the maintenance coordinator to the newly hired additional custodians and said each of the facility supervisors received training on optimizing our HVAC systems for improved air quality and each team was provided training on disinfection methods. She commended our teaching and support saying that they have been amazing in their flexibility to work with the students. She thanked the Tech Department for keeping all the equipment in order and for all the support they provided. She said everyone has done a great job during this stressful pandemic.

Board Member Recognition

President Kowalczyk then thanked Members Brian Maye and Gerry McCluskey for their time and dedication serving on the Board. She stated that Member Maye had also served on the NSSEO Board and how Mr. Maye has reported on many Shining Stars during his time on the NSSEO Board. She said Member McCluskey first served on the Board as an appointee and then also ran for an additional four-year term. She commented that Mr. McCluskey, at a meeting several months ago, addressed the audience and encouraged people to run for the open seats on the Board. She commented that both of them have worked through the COVID-19 pandemic and hiring the new superintendent. They were presented with a token gift in appreciation for all they have done in the best interest of the students of District 57.

Administration of Oath to Board Members Elected April 6, 2021

President Kowalczyk stated that the newly-elected Board Members would now be sworn in. Secretary Webster administered the Oath of Office to the two newly elected members, Kevin Bull and Jennifer Ciok, and to Vicki Chung and Eileen Kowalczyk, re-elected members.

Adjournment Sine Die

There being no further business to come before this Board, President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting sine die. Vice President Chung moved, seconded by Member Fay, to adjourn the meeting sine die. All members said aye and the meeting adjourned sine die at 7:15 p.m.

Motion to Establish Chairman Pro Tem

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to establish a Chairman Pro Tem. Member Fay moved, seconded by Member Chung, to appoint Superintendent Aumiller to serve as Chairman Pro Tem. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Fay, Kobus, Kowalczyk, Rothrauff, Bull, Ciok
 No: None Motion carried.

Motion to Establish Secretary Pro Tem

President Pro Tem Aumiller entertained a motion to establish a Secretary Pro Tem. Member Kobus moved, seconded by Member Rothrauff, to appoint Virginia Webster to serve as Secretary Pro Tem. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Bull, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Kowalczyk, Rothrauff
 No: None Motion carried.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Pro Tem Aumiller called to order the new Board of Education of School District 57 at 7:16 p.m. She directed Secretary Pro Tem Webster to call the roll. Board members present: Kevin Bull, Vicki Chung, Jennifer Ciok, Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Eileen Kowalczyk, and Rachael Rothrauff. Absent: None.

Nominations for Office of President and Term of Office

Chairman Pro Tem Aumiller entertained nominations for the office of Board President to serve for a term of one year. Member Chung moved to nominate Eileen Kowalczyk for President. Chairman Pro Tem Aumiller acknowledged that Eileen Kowalczyk was nominated and asked if there were any other nominations for the office of President. There being no further nominations, Chairman Pro Tem Aumiller said the nominations for the office of President were closed. Chairman Pro Tem Aumiller instructed Secretary Pro Tem Webster to record a unanimous vote for Member Kowalczyk and declared her elected. Chairman Pro Tem Aumiller said President Kowalczyk would then assume her position as President.

Nominations for Office of Vice President and Term of Office

President Kowalczyk entertained nominations for the office of Board Vice President to serve for a term of one year. Member Chung moved to nominate Kimberly Fay for Vice President. President Kowalczyk acknowledged the nomination of Kimberly Fay. President Kowalczyk asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Vice President. There being no further nominations, President Kowalczyk said the nominations for the office of Vice President were closed. President Kowalczyk instructed Secretary Pro Tem Webster to record a unanimous vote for Member Fay and declared her elected.

Nominations for Office of Secretary and Term of Office

President Kowalczyk entertained nominations for Board Secretary to serve for a term of one year. Member Chung moved to nominate Virginia Webster. President Kowalczyk acknowledged the nomination of Virginia Webster and asked if there were any other nominations for the office of Board Secretary. There being no further nominations, President Kowalczyk said nominations for Board Secretary were closed. President Kowalczyk instructed Secretary Pro Tem Webster to record a unanimous vote for herself and declared Virginia Webster elected.

Administration of Oath to President, Vice President and Secretary

Superintendent Aumiller administered the Oath of Office to President Eileen Kowalczyk, Vice President Kimberly Fay, and Secretary Virginia Webster.

Motion to Adopt, Ratify Policies, Rules and Regulations, and Contracts

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to adopt, ratify policies, rules and regulations, and contracts. Member Chung moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to adopt, ratify policies, rules and regulations, and contracts. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Bull, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Rothrauff, Kowalczyk
 No: None Motion carried.

Committee Appointments

President Kowalczyk explained that the Board needed to decide on liaison assignments for next year and that someone would need to attend the NSSEO meeting in early May. She said Member Chung had requested to be on the NSSEO Board and that we would still need an alternate for NSSEO. She asked the Board to consider what liaison assignment they would like for next year and it would be decided at a future meeting.

Superintendent Report**Fall Instructional Model**

Superintendent Aumiller said Dr. Mary Gorr would present information regarding the 2021-22 school year. The plan is to continue full time in person learning but we know some families want to continue remote learning. Dr. Gorr reviewed current Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidance from early March showing that school districts must continue to offer remote learning. She also shared information regarding ESSER funds and how they may be used. She reviewed the results from the recent remote survey which had a 90% response rate and parents want to continue remote learning for 6.2% of current remote students. The survey showed that for 64 of these students the reason wanting remote is that they lived with a family member that was at increased risk of severe illness. There was a question on the survey that asked for a full year commitment but only 42 answered yes.

Dr. Gorr presented three models for remote learning for next school year.

Model 1

Concurrent learning for all remote students (different from this year's livestreaming). Estimated costs: \$375,000 to \$500,000 to hire 12-15 instructional assistants and \$42,000 to \$52,500 for tech equipment.

Model 2

Hire more teachers to guarantee remote core classes
Estimated costs: \$660,000 to \$860,000 to hire 12 teachers.

Model 3

Blended approach that would offer remote classes based on enrollment. Estimated costs: \$95,000 to \$190,000 to hire 3-5 instructional assistants and \$10,500 to \$17,500 for tech equipment for 3-5 rooms.

The preferred model would have remote sections when enrollment numbers are high enough to designate a teacher. If enrollment numbers are not high enough for a dedicated remote teacher, a concurrent learning model, which is similar to livestream, would be implemented with livestream improvements designed to enhance the experience for remote students. Approximate ranges for fully remote sections would be determined after enrollment forms are received from the remote families. Families for remote will be asked to make a one-year commitment to that model and it is necessary because there likely would not be enough space for students to move from one class to another once sectioning is finalized. She said a link would be emailed to all families of current remote students about an informational Zoom session for families who want more information.

Board discussion followed the presentation. There were questions regarding staffing, vaccinations, quarantining, and the use of the ESSER funds. There would be a possibility that remote classes could have students from both elementary schools. Dr. Gorr reviewed the timeline and said she needed the Board to approve a model so staff could move forward to do sectioning on May 21. Discussion followed and Dr. Gorr answered questions from the Board. Following discussion, President Kowalczyk asked each Board member what model they would support. The Board members supported

Model 1: Vice President Fay

Model 2: Member Chung and Member Kobus

Model 3: Member Bull, Member Ciok, Member Rothrauff, and President Kowalczyk

Dr. Gorr said in the spring model this current year, administration could not guarantee that every remote student would have a dedicated remote teacher but it did work out and administration would try to do that again, if possible.

Community Comments

President Kowalczyk said this was the second time for community comments and asked if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board. The first person addressed the Board about information and interpreters for non-English speaking families. The second person thanked Brian Maye and Gerry McCluskey for their service and welcomed the new Board members. She said some districts are combining their remote students with other districts. She also commented on inequalities and how to best utilize the district's space and said she was disappointed to hear about remote tutoring support for summer school.

Board Discussion

Member Bull asked, after hearing the last community comment, if summer school plans were final and what was the benefit of remote. Dr. Gorr said some of the problem for in person summer school is staffing, the physical location, and the number of students arriving and departing. The extra support would only be one hour per day and with the time and cost involved with busing, the funds could be used for next year. Remote allows us to maximize support for students and thought it would be effective because it would be done in small groups. Normally the district does not have summer school except for ESY. There were several more questions and discussion regarding this.

Closed Session

President Kowalczyk said there was no need for closed session.

Board Seating

Board Members drew numbers for their seat placement at the Board table starting May 20.

Adjournment

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

Yes: Bull, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Rothrauff, Kowalczyk
No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



Virginia Webster, Secretary



Eileen Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: May 20, 2021