



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 June 17, 2021, to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Kevin Bull, Vicki Chung, Jennifer Ciok, Kimberly Fay, and Eileen Kowalczyk. Member Jennifer Kobus arrived at 7:09 p.m. Absent: None.

New Business

President Kowalczyk said there were two items for approval under New Business.

1. Approve the Appointment of Corrin Bennett-Kill to Fill Board of Education Vacancy
President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the appointment of Corrin Bennett-Kill. Member Chung moved, seconded by Member Ciok, to approve the appointment of Corrin Bennett-Kill to fill the Board vacancy. Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

Corrin Bennett-Kill was in attendance through Zoom. President Kowalczyk administered the oath of office and then congratulated and welcomed Ms. Bennett-Kill to the Board.

2. Elect Roberta Flack as Board of Education Secretary Effective July 1, 2021
President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to elect Roberta Flack as Board Secretary. Vice President Fay moved, seconded by Member Chung, to elect Roberta Flack as Board of Education Secretary effective July 1, 2021. Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

President Kowalczyk administered the oath of office to Mrs. Flack and then welcomed her as the new Board Secretary.

Communications

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- *NSSEO*: Member Chung reported on the June 2 meeting and said the Shining Stars were the NSSEO 2021 retirees which included about twenty people. She said a one-year contract extension was approved for NSSEA and NSSEA ESP. The Board President and Vice President were elected. Graduations were held outdoors and everything went really well. There was a groundbreaking ceremony on June 14 for a gym addition and elevator at Timber Ridge. The next meeting is August 4.
- *Education Foundation*: No report.
- *PTO Reports*: No reports.
- *Board President Report*:
President Kowalczyk
 - Stated the annual meeting with MPEA is scheduled for Wednesday, August 11 at 10:00 a.m. She said there needed to be three Board members in attendance and asked them to let her know if they would be available. She said she would also like to set up a meeting with MPESPA.

- o Acknowledged the upcoming retirement of Superintendent Aumiller on June 30. She said Dr. Aumiller has led the district for over a decade and has always made students the most important thing. She commented on Superintendent Aumiller's leadership with her administrative team and that she had to make tough decisions during financially hard times. She also stated that Superintendent Aumiller was successful, along with her administrative team, in passing the referendum. President Kowalczyk said this past year has been most difficult but Dr. Aumiller and her team got the district through it. She wished her well in her retirement.
- o Announced that Virginia Webster was also retiring June 30 along with Dr. Aumiller. She said Virginia was Dr. Aumiller's right hand person and always made sure the packets were ready for the Board. She thanked Virginia and wished her well in her retirement.
- o Recognized Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, for his time with District 57. She said he worked on abolishing the Township Treasurer position through a referendum and he took on those responsibilities and refinanced bonds at a savings of over a half million dollars. He was also vital in passing the referendum and has been an asset to the district. She wished Mr. Parisi well in the next step of his career.

Community Comments

President Kowalczyk said those wishing to share comments, who were not in attendance at the meeting, were to email their comments using the Board feedback form on the district's website. The emails were seen by each of the Board members and district administration. The comments were posted on the website earlier that day. Two people from the audience addressed the Board regarding preparations for the 2021-22 school year and the fact that some families still want remote even if they do not meet the new guidelines from Illinois State Board of Education. In addition, three teachers approached the Board with a Co-President of the MPEA speaking about how difficult concurrent learning is. She shared the results of a survey they conducted with staff. President Kowalczyk thanked everyone for their comments.

Staff Reports

- Policy 7:180 Report – Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment
Mrs. Sara Tyburski, Director of Student Services, did a presentation on Board Policy 7:180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation and Harassment. She said practices were changed to align with this policy but the information this year was not representative of a normal year due to COVID. She said the Olweus program that the district uses has a child-friendly definition of bullying compared to the Illinois State Board of Education's definition. She said all buildings have procedures for students to report bullying. Board discussion followed the presentation with Mrs. Tyburski answering questions from the Board.
- MAP Data Report
Dr. Mary Gorr, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, reported on the MAP Assessment. She said MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test where if the child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging and if they answer incorrectly, the next question is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level. The MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know and it measures growth over time. Dr. Gorr said in a typical year MAP testing is done in the fall, winter, and spring. She reviewed the math and reading achievement in grades 2-5 and 6-8. She said all this data is used by building administrators and the teams. Board discussion followed the presentation and Dr. Gorr answered questions from the Board.
- Master Facilities Plan Update
Mr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reported on the Master Facilities Plan. He said it is a joint venture with Green Associates, the district's architect. He said he and the representative of Green meet with the principals to update the plan. The plan includes \$3M for summers

2021 and 2022. He said a lot of smaller items will be addressed in summer of 2022. He briefly reviewed what the priorities and long-range plans were for each building. Board discussion followed with Mr. Parisi answering questions from the Board.

- **Fall Remote Learning Model Update**

Dr. Mary Gorr presented the Fall Remote Learning Model Update. She said about 100 District 57 families selected remote as their 2021-22 preference. The Board has not limited remote to only families with medical issues as many other surrounding districts have done. The plan for remote learning for next school year is that it will be offered as a concurrent model. Since the district has made this offering, Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has changed its guidelines. On May 29, ISBE adopted a resolution supporting in-person learning for next year and school districts are only required to provide remote learning to students who meet both of the following conditions:

1. Are not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine; and
2. Are under a quarantine order by a local public health department or Illinois Department of Public Health.

Dr. Gorr said that once the resolution takes effect, school districts can no longer offer remote learning per the School Code. But, she said, school districts can provide remote learning to students by creating a local Board policy found in the School Code. She explained the process in creating this policy and outlined what steps would need to be taken to do this.

Extensive Board discussion followed with Dr. Gorr answering many questions. The Board discussed implications of moving forward with this policy and limiting access to this option for only families of District 57 students who are not eligible for the vaccine which currently, includes students under the age of 12. The Board said they will decide at the July 15 meeting how remote learning will be addressed next year. Those families who have enrolled their child/ren in a remote learning option would receive additional communication from District 57 in the coming week.

- **Superintendent Report**

- **Freedom of Information Act Report**

Dr. Aumiller said we received a commercial request on June 7 from Zoe Yalcin of SmartProcure. She requested information for purchase orders dated March 8 to current. We responded on June 14 and sent her a spreadsheet that included the information requested.

Consent Agenda

President Kowalczyk said it was necessary to pull the minutes of the April 15 meeting, Open and Closed Sessions, and the May 20 minutes from the Consent Agenda because all members would not be approving those minutes. She asked if anyone needed any other item pulled from the Consent Agenda but no one did. She said she reviewed the bills and everything was in order. President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the April 15 minutes. Vice President Fay moved, seconded by Member Chung, to approve the minutes of the April 15, 2021, Regular business Meeting – Open and Closed Sessions. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Fay, Kobus, Kowalczyk

Abstain: Bennett-Kill, Bull, Ciok

Absent: None

Motion carried.

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the May 20 minutes. Member Chung moved, seconded by Member Ciok, to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2021, Regular Business Meeting – Open Session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Bull, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kowalczyk
 Abstain: Kobus, Bennett-Kill
 Absent: None Motion carried.

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the remaining items of the Consent Agenda. Member Chung moved, seconded by Vice President Fay, to approve the following items of the Consent Agenda

Item 1. Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 7, 2021 – Open and Closed Sessions

Item 2. Personnel Transactions

That the Board of Education approve the employment of the following certified individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Carol Bemben	Teacher – Special Ed	Lions Park	8/16/21	* \$50,534/year
Maureen Fallon	Teacher – K .5 FTE	Westbrook	8/16/21	* \$29,291/year
Rebecca Hill	Teacher – Special Ed	Westbrook	8/16/21	* \$49,808/year

*Salary includes Board paid TRS

That the Board of Education accept the retirement of the following certified employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Sharon Eliopoulos	Teacher – Language Arts	Lincoln	6/2/21

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of the following certified employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rebecca Connelly	Teacher – Music .5 FTE	Westbrook	6/2/21
Ashley Patla	Teacher – Tech Coach	FV/LP	8/1/21
Mark Williams	Teacher – LA/Social Studies	Lincoln	5/28/21

That the Board of Education approve the employment of the following ESP individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Joellen Fitzgerald	Clerical Assistant	Westbrook	8/4/21	\$17.63/hour
Laurie Nichols	Kids' Corner Supervisor	Westbrook	8/16/21	\$17.63/hour

That the Board of Education approve the change of status of the following ESP employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Sara McDonagh	From 1.0 FTE Clerical Assistant to 1.0 FTE Building Secretary	Westbrook	7/28/21	\$19.45/hour
Susan Sipko	From 1.0 FTE Instructional Assistant to 1.0 FTE Clerical/ Transportation Assistant	Westbrook	8/4/21	\$17.63/hour
Mark Williams	He was 1.0 FTE Instructional Assistant who resigned from his position and was hired as a teacher as of 1/13/21. He resigned as a teacher 5/28/21 and has been rehired as an instructional assistant.	Lincoln	6/1/21	\$16.42/hour

That the Board of Education accept the resignation of the following ESP employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Esteven Cortez	Custodian	Lincoln	6/17/21
Lynda Franco	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	6/2/21
Zachary Fredrickson	District BTA	Admin	6/4/21

	Ximena Herrera	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	6/2/21
	Gail Kaczynski	Clerical/Trans. Assistant	Westbrook	8/1/21
	Mary Kroll Knight	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	6/2/21
Item 3.	Financial Reports – May 2021			
Item 4.	Accounts Payable Bills Totaling \$652,840.25			
Item 5.	Approve the 2021 – 2026 Strategic Plan			
Item 6.	Adopt Resolution 210617 Appoint School Treasurer			
Item 7.	Adopt Resolution 210617A School Treasurer’s Bond			
Item 8.	Adopt Resolution 210617B Appointment of the IMRF Authorized Agent			

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Bennett-Kill, Bull, Kowalczyk
Absent: None
No: None Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

Community Comments

President Kowalczyk said this was the second opportunity for community comments. One person addressed the Board about the community survey that would be going out and informed the Board that the community would be willing to help the Board get more accurate information.

New Business

None

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 Bull moved, seconded by Member Ciok, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Bennett-Kill, Bull, Chung, Kowalczyk
Absent: None
No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Roberta Flack, Secretary

Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: July 15, 2021