



Board of Education

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Call to Order and Roll Call of Closed Session Meeting

President Eileen Kowalczyk called the Closed Session Meeting of the Board of Education on August 18, 2022, to order at 6:02 p.m in the administration building. Board members present were Vicki Chung, Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Jennifer Ciok, Corrin Bennett-Kill, Chris Lettow, and Eileen Kowalczyk. Absent: None.

Adjournment of Closed Session

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to adjourn Closed Session. Member Ciok moved, seconded by Member Chung, to adjourn Closed Session. All members voted yes, and the Board adjourned Closed Session at 6:59 p.m.

Call to Order and Roll Call of Open Session

President Eileen Kowalczyk called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of August 18, 2022, to order at 7:08 p.m. Board members present at Fairview School were Corrine Bennett-Kill, Jennifer Ciok, Vicki Chung, Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Chris Lettow, and Eileen Kowalczyk. Absent: None.

Pledge of Allegiance - Girl Scout Junior Troop 45689

Communications

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- NSSEO (Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization): Member Lettow attended the meeting on August 3 and shared the announcement that Superintendent Dr. Judy Hacket is retiring at the end of the school year.
- Education Foundation: Nothing to report at this time.
- PTO Reports: Vice President Fay (Fairview), Member Kobus (Westbrook), Member Bennett-Kill (Lions Park), Member Vicki Chung (Lincoln) reported on PTO meetings and events at the schools.
- Board President Report: President Kowalzyck announced that there is no need for the September meeting, and it is canceled.

Community Comments

President Kowalczyk said there were two times on the agenda for community comments. Each time the Board would listen for up to 60 minutes and asked people to limit their time speaking to three minutes. At this time, no one addressed the Board.

Staff Reports

- Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Gorr wanted to formally recognize Chief Michael Eterno of the Mt. Prospect Police Department to thank him for attending the closed session and our meeting.

- Back to School Update

Superintendent Gorr was thrilled to have students return for the first day of school in grades 1 through 8 today. It was a smooth day, and no issues. Kindergarten and Preschool will start next week.

- Covid Update

Superintendent Gorr recapped the discussion from last month's meeting regarding safety mitigation about COVID-19 and the District's significant change. The daily report from principals with positive cases will be discontinued, and Dr. Gorr will notify families where they can locate COVID information on our website. We will no longer allow students to 'zoom into' their classrooms throughout their exclusion period.

Enrollment and Staffing Plan Update

The District staffing is nearly 100% staffed. At this time, we are still in need of Instructional Assistants.

- School Security Presentation

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Jason Kaiz shared a presentation with the Board on current security protocols and efforts to improve our plans. Each year students and staff practice safety drills to prepare for an emergency. Mount Prospect Police Chief Michael Eterno was in attendance to describe additional efforts and the partnership with local school districts. Future enhancements include more student and staff training, reviewing reunification procedures, and including pickup/dropoff tables in the entryway of buildings to limit the number of guests inside our schools at any time.

- The Illinois Learning Standards for Comprehensive Personal Health and Sexual Education

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning shared a presentation and discussed the updated bill passed by ISBE (Illinois State Board of Education) regarding new Sex Education Health Standards. In the state of Illinois, sex education is optional. District 57 will remain with the National Sex Education Standards and has chosen not to adopt the new ISBE standard. Parents and guardians will receive information on materials related to the programming before being taught. As always, there will be a procedure to opt out of participation. All Board members supported this decision.

- Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Sara Tybkurski, Director of Student Services, presented District 57's past and future efforts in bullying prevention. The data collection has not been accurate in the last two years with Covid. Over the next few years, the District will continue to collect data and decipher trends at that time. With the new Social Emotional Learning programming, Second Step, launching this year, Ms. Tybkurski shared there will be more material and valuable updates. The Board thanked Ms. Tybkurski and looks forward to future data.

- Report the 2022-2023 Tentative Budget

Mr. Jason Kaiz, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, discussed the official tentative budget in the packet and advised there are minimal changes from July to August. The budget hearing will be in September. There were no further questions.

- Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Report

On July 28, 2022, we received a FOIA request from Ms. Edwardsen requesting "...any and all records of communication, email, text, iMessage and attachments having to do with Covid protocol and/or Covid Update for the 2022-2023." "...any and all records of communication, email, text, iMessage and attachments between Dr. Gorr and board members and amongst board members from July 21, 2022 from 3:00 P.M. To 11 P.M."

- The FOIA officer asked for an extension on August 2, 2022
- A final response was sent on August 10, 2022.

Consent Agenda

President Kowalczyk said it was necessary to pull the minutes from the Consent Agenda because all members were present at the July 21 meetings.

President Kowalczyk entertained and motioned to approve the minutes from July 21, 2022, seconded by Member Chung, to approve these items as follows

1. Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings
 - Regular Business Meeting July 21, 2022 – Open Session
 - Regular Business Meeting July 21, 2022 – Closed Session

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Bennett-Kill, Ciok, Chung, Kobus, Lettow, Kowalczyk

Abstain: Fay

No: None Motion carried.

President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda. Member Ciok moved, seconded by Member Chung, to approve the items of the Consent Agenda as follows

2. Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings
 - Special Meeting August 11, 2022 – Open Session
3. Personnel Transactions

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

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Jinette Gootee	Bilingual Interventionist	Lions Park & Westbrook	\$52,716*	8/15/22
Myles Moroney	Art Teacher	Lincoln	\$52,716*	8/15/22
Carolyn Pace	Science Teacher	Lincoln	\$55,088*	8/15/22
Claudia Romosan	Emergent Bilingual Teacher (.5 FTE)	Lions Park	\$26,358*	8/15/22
Alexander Slagg	ELA/SS Teacher	Lincoln	\$50,414*	8/15/22
Anita Wilisowski	Speech-Language Pathologist	Westbrook	\$53,484*	8/15/22
*salary includes board paid TRS				

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

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE DATE
Christine Chaney	Speech-Language Pathologist	Westbrook	Resignation	8/1/22
Rebecca Pollard	Math Teacher	Lincoln	Resignation	8/11/22
Daniel Raftery	Social Worker	Lincoln	Resignation	8/1/22
Rebekah Schoedel	Special Education Teacher	Lincoln	Resignation	8/7/22

That the Board of Education approves the employment of the following ESP individual:

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Lynda Franco	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	\$16.83/hour	8/15/22
Ann Harrington	Clerical	Lincoln	\$18.07/hour	8/8/22
Jenna Hoffman**	Instructional Assistant	Fairview	\$16.83/hour	8/15/22
Rebukan Modi	Kids' Corner (.64 FTE)	Lions Park	\$16.83/hour	8/15/22
Paul Meske	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	\$16.83/hour	8/15/22
Taylor Schulhof	Instructional Assistant	Westbrook	\$16.83/hour	8/15/22
Kurtis Young**	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	\$16.83/hour	8/15/22
** pending criminal background check				

That the Board of Education accepts the resignation of the following esp employees:

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	REASON	EFFECTIVE DATE
Timothy Benka	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	Resignation	8/15/22
Anita Chapman	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	Resignation	8/15/22
Helen Chen	Instructional Assistant	Westbrook	Resignation	8/11/22
Bridget Diversey	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	Resignation	8/9/22
David Enrique	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	Resignation	8/1/22
Jennifer Kranz	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	Resignation	8/12/22
Jennifer McGoon	Instructional Assistant	Fairview	Resignation	8/15/22
Andriy Oleksyn	Instructional Assistant	Westbrook	Resignation	8/12/22
Claudia Romosan	Instructional Assistant (Hired as Bilingual Teacher)	Fairview	Resignation	8/12/22

That the Board of Education accepts the approves the change in status of the following esp employees:

NAME	POSITION	LOCATION	SALARY	EFFECTIVE DATE
Sara McDonagh	From Secretary to Purchasing Agent/ Transportation Specialist	Admin	\$21.19/hour	8/15/22
Susan Sipko	From Clerical Assistant/Transportation to Secretary	Westbrook	\$19.94/hour	8/15/22
Karin Schmit	From Instructional Assistant to Clerical Assistant/Transportation	Westbrook	\$18.07/hour	8/15/22

Item 3. Financial Reports – July 2022

Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills Totaling

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Bennett-Kill, Ciok, Chung, Fay, Kobus, Lettow, Kowalczyk

No: None Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

Community Comments

President Kowalczyk said this was the second time for community comments and that the Board would hear Community Comments for one hour.

There were none.

New Business

1. Approve the 2022-2023 Tentative Budget

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Bennett-Kill, Ciok, Chung, Kobus, Fay, Lettow, Kowalczyk

No: None Motion carried.


Board Discussion

None


Adjournment

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

Yes: Bennet-Kill, Chung, Ciok, Fay, Kobus, Lettow, Kowalczyk
No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.



Roberta Flack, Secretary



Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: September 22, 2022