



## 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 August 20, 2020, held via Zoom conferencing, to order at 7:05 p.m. Board members present: Vicki Chung, Kimberly Fay, Jennifer Kobus, Brian Maye, Gerald McCluskey, and Eileen Kowalczyk. Member Rachael Rothrauff joined at 7:16 p.m. Absent: None.

### Communications

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- NSSEO: Member Maye reported on the August 5 meeting. He said the Shining Star was the summer food program and that through the program food was delivered to many families. He said the majority of the meeting was focused on their remote learning because most of the services they provide are not conducive to remote learning. OT and PT services are provided through visits to homes. The next meeting is September 2.
- Education Foundation: Member Chung said they haven't met yet but one of the coaches reached out to the current Board and asked for fundraising ideas. She said she is anticipating a September meeting at which time fundraising ideas could be discussed.
- PTO Reports: Member McCluskey (Lincoln) and Member Chung (Lions Park) reported on PTO meetings.
- Board President Report: President Kowalczyk
  - Mentioned there was an online signup sheet for liaison assignments. She said maybe the liaison positions could remain the same as last year but if any Member wanted to change, they could contact the person with the position they were interested in. She said the Board should plan on finalizing that at one of the September meetings.
  - Informed the Board that the September 3 meeting would include presentations from three consulting firms that could be used for the superintendent search.

### Community Comments

Any community member who wished to address the Board was to send an email to Superintendent Aumiller with their questions or comments and the email would be read at the meeting. President Kowalczyk read three emails from two people. They were about the teachers being in the schools rather than teaching from home, why the schools are closed, and what can parents expect from the hybrid model in October. In response to one email, President Kowalczyk said there are different points of view regarding students physically being in the schools. She commented on a Suburban Cook County report in which she included statistics and reasons supporting remote learning. Member McCluskey asked what percent of our teachers are going to instruct from their classroom and Superintendent Aumiller and Dr. May Gorr, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, stated that it seems like we will have a good number teaching from within the schools. Member McCluskey said he would like those numbers to provide feedback.

### Staff Reports

#### • Summer 2020 Construction Projects Report

Mr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, said the Board annually did a walk-through of the buildings usually a week before the August regular business meeting to see the results of the summer construction. This year he provided a video. He said the 25 year old chiller was replaced at Lions Park and the parking lot was redone helped by the district's purchase of the property on Moehling Drive. At Westbrook, sensory floors were installed and asphalt was replaced on the basketball court. Lincoln construction included new floors in the cafeteria, paint and preparing for

Quest, the new food service provider. All classroom floors were replaced and the new floors are much more efficient to clean and sanitize. Lockers were repaired and painted. The administration building receiving dock was upgraded. At Fairview, a new and expanded parking lot was done. This parking lot is shared with the administration building. In response to a question by a Board member, Mr. Parisi said the video would be on the district's website. Member Kobus commented that everything looks great.

- Superintendent Report

- Staffing Plan Update

Superintendent Aumiller reviewed the tentative staffing plan. She said the FTE is increasing by 8.5 since the preliminary staffing plan was approved last March. She said certified increased two at Lions Park – a new section of second grade and the Lions Park nurse became certified and moved from ESP to certified staff. The big increase in the FTE is due to the addition of four health assistants that will be hired now and four additional day custodians that will be hired when the students return to in-person learning. Dr. Aumiller asked the Board if they had any questions but no one did.

- Enrollment Update

Superintendent Aumiller said that the numbers used in the report were from last week. She ran the numbers again today and we dropped 16 students. Six kindergarten students went to parochial schools or home schools and we dropped five students at sixth grade. The other students were across the remaining grade levels. With the recent addition of another second grade class at Lions Park, there is no available classroom space left at Lions Park. The only way we could get space if another section is needed at Lions Park would be to move the SOAR program back to Fairview but she would not recommend moving that program again. She said Mr. Parisi would be going over the budget and will talk about construction for summer 2021. Administration will be recommending an addition of four classrooms at Lions Park.

- Report of the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget

Mr. Adam Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, reported on the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget. He said the Board is required by Illinois School Code to adopt a budget by the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year which is September 30. The second phase of the budget process is for the Board to pass a tentative budget which then must be placed on public display for public inspection for 30 days prior to the required public hearing at the September 24 Board meeting. Notice of the budget on display was published in *The Journal and Topics*. Mr. Parisi said the tentative budget reflects an aggregate fund balance estimate to increase by \$93,090 and a balanced operating budget with a surplus of \$3,936,032. The State Budget Form takes in account transfers of dollars between the Education Fund, Operations and Maintenance Fund and Capital Projects Fund.

Mr. Parisi said there would definitely be changes to the official budget. There are a lot of unknowns such as transportation and food service. Board discussion followed with Mr. Parisi answering questions. There were concerns about moving ahead with an addition at Lions Park next summer and it was suggested to move SOAR back to Fairview. Mr. Parisi said he did not think that was a good idea and if we did so, we would need mobile classrooms. Member Rothrauff also suggested that administration, and possibly the Board could help, work with the village about the Lions Park TIF money. Vice President Chung said it is a balanced budget and asked if it included a Lions Park addition. Mr. Parisi said he has included \$4M for capital projects. He said after that, salary and benefits will rise and construction decrease. He said for summer 2021, focus would be the Lions Park addition and floors at Lincoln and keep the money at \$4M. Member McCluskey said if we move forward with a Lions Park addition, we should make sure the new area could support a second floor and build it with a basement. Mr. Parisi stated he would work with the architects and engineers

regarding those ideas. They also discussed what options were available to reduce the district's liability with transportation and food service during remote learning. Another topic was the number of students that would be coming from the new construction in the village. Mr. Parisi said the Board was being asked to approve the Tentative Budget later in the meeting and the Official Budget in September.

### **Consent Agenda**

President Kowalczyk said it was not necessary to pull the Minutes from the Consent Agenda because all members were present at the July 16 and July 23 meetings. Member Maye reviewed the bills and said everything was in order. President Kowalczyk entertained a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Member Fay moved, seconded by Member Kobus, to approve the items of the Consent Agenda as follows

- Item 1. Minutes of the following Board of Education Meetings
- Regular Business Meeting of July 16, 2020 – Open and Closed Sessions
  - Special Meeting of July 23, 2020 – Open Session
- Item 2. Personnel Transactions

Approve the short-term contract for an interim administrative individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Susan Woodrow	Interim Principal	Westbrook	Fall 2020	\$500/day

Approve the employment for the following certified individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lora Cremascoli	Teacher – Special Ed	Lincoln	8/17/20	* \$51,653/year
Jennifer Perecich	Teacher – Kindergarten	Westbrook	8/17/20	* \$51,653/year
Carolyn Zeffery	Teacher – Grade 2	Lions Park	8/17/20	* \$58,983/year
Cheron Zei	Teacher – Grade 1	Westbrook	8/17/20	* \$58,983/year

\*Salary includes Board paid TRS

Approve a leave of absence for the following certified employee:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Margaret Balk	Teacher – Grade 1	Westbrook	8/1/20

Accept the resignation of the following certified individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kourtney Arreguin	Teacher – Kindergarten	Westbrook	8/3/20

Her employment starting 8/17/20 was approved at the 5/21/20 Board meeting but resigned before starting.

Approve the employment of the following ESP individual:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Lawrence Ohannes	Purchasing Agent	Admin	8/3/20	\$20.17/hour

Accept the resignation of the following ESP employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Lisamarie Fiorini	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	8/1/20
Bianca Murad	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	7/9/20

- Item 3. Financial Reports – July 2020  
 Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills Totaling \$2,207,074.73

Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

**Unfinished Business**

None

**Community Comments**

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

**New Business**

President Kowalczyk said there were three items under New Business. She entertained a motion to approved Items 1 and 2. She said Item 3 was First Read of Policies and the policies would be on the agenda for approval at the September 24 meeting. She entertained a motion. Vice President Chung moved, seconded by Member Fay, to

1. Approve the 2020-2021 Tentative Budget
2. Approve Second Read of Board of Education Policy 7:160 Student Appearance
3. First Read of the Following Board of Education Policies
  - Policy 2:220 – School Board Meeting Procedure
  - Policy 4:180 – Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery
  - Policy 7:40 – Nonpublic School Students, Including Parochial and Home-Schooled Students
  - Policy 7:190 – Student Behavior
  - Policy 7:340 – Student Records
  - Policy 7:345 – Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy and Security

Roll call vote resulted as follows

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

**Board Discussion**

None


**Closed Session**

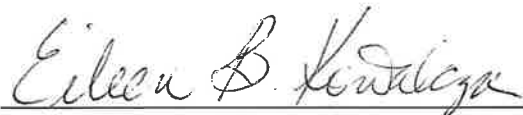
President Kowalczyk said there was no need for Closed Session.

**Adjournment**

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

Yes: Kobus, Maye, McCluskey, Rothrauff, Chung, Fay, Kowalczyk  
No: None Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
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Virginia Webster, Secretary

  
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Eileen B. Kowalczyk, President

Date of approval: September 24, 2020