



Board of Education

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President Joe Sonnefeldt called the Regular Business Meeting of the Board of Education of August 23, 2018, to order at 7:02 p.m. Board members present: Vicki Chung, Eileen Kowalczyk, Brian Maye, Gerald McCluskey, and Joe Sonnefeldt. Absent: Dennis Composto and Jennifer Kobus.

Communications

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NSSEO: Member Maye said neither he nor Dennis Composto attended the meeting.

Education Foundation: Member Chung attended the August 7 meeting and said the fall event will take place Friday, October 19 at The Red Barn from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Advance tickets are \$30 or \$40 at the door. There will be food and live music. Raffle tickets were sold at Back-to-School Nights and can also be purchased online, at the Music Fix and Farmers' Market. The raffle tickets are \$25 each and the money will be used for the fall grant cycle. The Board has purchased a ticket and, if they win, they will donate the money back to the Foundation. First prize will be \$1,000, second prize \$500, and third prize \$250. The next meeting is Tuesday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m.

PTO Reports: No reports.

Board President's Report: President Sonnefeldt

- Finalized the Board liaison assignments.
- Said the Board would discuss topics and a date for a community engagement meeting under Board Discussion later in the meeting.
- Informed the Board that there was concern on social media that there could be more than a few children to enroll in District 57 from the Parenti property. He asked administration to keep a close eye on this and research other areas this developer has done and what kind of reimbursement District 57 would receive.

Community Comments

President Sonnefeldt explained that this was the first of two opportunities for community to address the Board. He asked that people who had questions please complete a card at the back table and either the Board President or an administrator would contact them with the information. Three people addressed the Board.

1. Jenny McGoon asked if it would be possible to revisit the start and end dates of the 2019-20 calendar. She said parents were on social media about the early start and that District 57 students ended their school year while Prospect High School students were still taking finals. From what she has heard in the community, parents want the same winter and spring breaks as District 214 but felt start and end dates could vary. President Sonnefeldt said the community is usually surveyed every two years and Superintendent Aumiller said there is time because the calendar is generally first read in November and approved by the Board in December.
2. Louis Goodman commented that 50-60 years ago Prospect High School and District 57 had the same calendar. He also asked what the "S" in TRS stands for and President Sonnefeldt said it is Teachers Retirement System.
3. Paul Connelly thanked the Board and Superintendent Aumiller for watching class sizes, especially at Lions Park, and adding the additional sections at second and fifth grades.

Staff Reports

❖ Report of the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget

Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Adam Parisi said the Board is required each year to pass a tentative budget and the budget must be placed on public display. Notice of the budget on display had been put in the newspaper. Mr. Parisi said the tentative budget reflects an aggregate fund balance

estimate to increase by \$3,023,118 and a balanced operating budget with a surplus of \$6,811,717. The State Budget Form takes in account transfers of dollars between the Education Fund, Operations and Maintenance Fund and Capital Projects Fund.

He reviewed the sources of revenue and expenditures. He said the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for FY19 tax receipts is 2.1% and the new growth in Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV) of property within the district's boundaries is \$2,895,580. Salaries and benefits account for approximately 70% of the overall budget. He mentioned that there are still a handful of vacancies. Actual salaries and benefits have been updated as positions have been filled and would continue to be adjusted in the official budget.

Board discussion followed with Mr. Parisi answering questions from the Board. There was discussion regarding capital expenditures and the surplus money. Mr. Parisi explained that the district is going from \$750,000 facilities and maintenance budget to an anticipated \$4M in work. He said we need to be cautious that we are able to complete projects in the allotted time and throughout the referendum process the community was informed that things would be done over a ten-year period. There was also discussion regarding Fairview being at capacity and some possible solutions and the Westbrook mobiles. Transportation and Kids Corner costs and fees were also discussed, as well as, the challenge of when and how much the state pays. The official budget will be on the agenda for the September 27 meeting.

❖ Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Aumiller reported on three items.

- 1) Staffing Plan Update - She reviewed the staffing plan and said there was an increase of 6.72 FTE since the Board approved the Preliminary Staffing Plan on April 19, 2018. She said of the total 6.72 FTE, 3.72 FTE were certified positions. There were 2 certified positions added to Lions Park for an additional 2nd grade and 5th grade sections. Early Childhood increased by .5 FTE and Speech/Language increased by 1.0 FTE which was .5 FTE at Westbrook and .5 FTE for parochial schools. The LRC position which was decreased in the preliminary budget by .1 FTE needed to be increased back .1 FTE to the same level it was last year. There were minor increases in PE to accommodate the new sections. The ESP increase of 3.0 FTE was for two special education instructional assistants and 1.0 FTE additional large classroom assistant. Dr. Aumiller said the Board will approve the final staffing plan when they approve the official budget in September.
- 2) Enrollment Update – Superintendent Aumiller informed the Board of enrollments by grade level by school and section breakdowns. She reviewed the current fall 2018 numbers to fall of 2017 and spring of 2018. She also reviewed the projected Fall 2018 enrollment numbers from her Fall 2017 Enrollment Study. The total number of students for fall 2018 is 2,229 which is only one less student than the 2017 projections. Even though there were a lot of move-ins for this school year the total is really not much different because of the transfers-out. The largest class at Lincoln is the accelerated math class with 34 students. Dr. Aumiller said the collective bargaining agreement has a section that grants teachers additional pay for class sizes over 29 at elementary schools and over 31 at middle school. She answered some questions from the Board and said the Enrollment Study will be presented in September.
- 3) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request –Dr. Aumiller reported on a commercial FOIA request the district received on July 27 from Bethany Simpson of SmartProcure. She requested for purchase orders dated April 26, 2018 to current: purchase order number and date; line items details, quantity, and price; and vendor id number, name, address, contact person and their email address. We responded on August 2 and sent her two documents from Skyward that included the information she requested.

Consent Agenda

President Sonnefeldt presented the Consent Agenda. He said there was a need to pull the minutes because Member McCluskey was not present at that meeting. He asked if anyone had any other item they wanted pulled from the Consent Agenda but no one did. Vice President Kowalczyk reviewed the bills and said

everything was in order. President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Vice President Kowalczyk moved, seconded by Member Chung, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of July 19, 2018 – Open Session. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Chung, Kowalczyk, Maye, Sonnefeldt
 No: None
 Abstain: McCluskey
 Absent: Composto, Kobus Motion carried.

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

Item 2. Personnel Transactions

Approve the employment of the following certified individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Meryl Blum	Teacher – Special Education	Lions Park	8/10/18	*\$55,992/year
Alana Davidov	Teacher - Grade 5	Lions Park	8/10/18	*\$54,361/year
Cindy Larson	LRC Director .6 FTE	Westbrook	8/10/18	*\$31,666.80/year
Krystal Luce	Teacher - SOAR	Lincoln	8/10/18	*\$47,606/year
Steven Sakowicz	Teacher - Math	Lincoln	8/10/18	*\$54,361/year
James Vlaming	Teacher – Grade 5	Lions Park	8/10/18	*\$54,361/year
Laura Vocke	Teacher – Grade 2	Lions Park	8/10/18	*\$54,361/year

*Salary includes Board paid TRS

Approve the change in status of the following certified employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Kathleen Brehmer	From .6 FTE to .5 FTE Art Teacher	Westbrook	8/10/18	*\$21,783/year
Rebecca Connelly	From .6 FTE to .5 FTE Music Teacher	Westbrook	8/10/18	*\$27,996/year
Jonica Morrison	From .72 FTE to .84 FTE PE Teacher	WB/FV/LP	8/10/18	*\$54,524.40/year

*Salary includes Board paid TRS

Accept the resignation of the following certified employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Karrie Alshehry	Teacher - Art	Lions Park	8/24/18
Barbara Mack	LRC Director .6 FTE	Westbrook	7/23/18

Approve the employment of the following ESP individuals:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Dennis Baez	Custodian	Lincoln	7/23/18	\$13.75/hour
Evica Brusin	Instructional Assistant	Westbrook	8/10/18	\$13.50/hour
Edwin Diversey	Custodian	Lincoln	8/21/18	\$13.75/hour
Catherine Hatzos	Curriculum Assistant	Admin	8/13/18	\$12.50/hour
Brooke Selep	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	8/13/18	\$13.50/hour
Katherine Zak	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	8/10/18	\$13.50/hour
Jennifer Zapler	Instructional Assistant	Westbrook	8/10/18	\$13.50/hour

Approve the change in 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 Curriculum Assistant at Admin to 1.0 FTE Clerical Assistant	Westbrook	8/3/18	\$14.24/hour

Olga Mihailovic	From 1.0 FTE Clerical Assistant at Westbrook to 1.0 FTE Admin. Assistant for Student Services	Admin	7/9/18	\$17.00/hour
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Accept the resignation of the following ESP employees:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Nancy Atwood	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	8/1/18
Dennis Baez	Custodian	Lincoln	8/17/18
Jessica Brock	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	8/9/18
Christa Carson	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	8/9/18
Elizabeth Garvey	Instructional Assistant	Lincoln	8/3/18
Taylor Hertzberg	Instructional Assistant	Lions Park	8/6/18
Jessica Kandel	Instructional Assistant	Westbrook	7/23/18

Item 3. Financial Reports – July 2018

Item 4. Accounts Payable Bills

Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Kowalczyk, Maye, McCluskey, Chung, Sonnefeldt

No: None

Absent: Composto, Kobus Motion carried.

Unfinished Business

None

Community Comments

President Sonnefeldt said this was the second opportunity if anyone from the audience wished to address the Board. Mr. Louis Goodman addressed the Board and stated that he was a little confused regarding the surplus. Mr. Parisi, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, clarified the aggregate fund balance estimate, the operating budget surplus of \$6,811,717, and the transportation amount of \$182,000.

New Business

1. Approval of the 2018-2019 Tentative Budget

President Sonnefeldt stated that Mr. Parisi did an update of the Tentative Budget earlier in the meeting and asked if any Board members had any other questions. He then entertained a motion to approve the budget. Member McCluskey moved, seconded by Member Maye, to approve the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Tentative Budget. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: Maye, McCluskey, Chung, Kowalczyk, Sonnefeldt

No: None

Absent: Composto, Kobus Motion carried.

Board Discussions

President Sonnefeldt said grade 5 at Lions Park had been historically high since they entered Lions Park at grade 2. Then the number dropped to 23. He said more consideration should be given to disparity between Fairview and Lions Park. He said he does not think the Board should dictate what class size should be but maybe if a class goes to 29, another class should be added and the level of resources should be the same at Fairview and Lions Park. Member Maye said we should have Board policy that is more explicit – not to take away from the Superintendent but to give support. He asked if there is a downside to having a written policy. Superintendent Aumiller said she has no problems with guidelines. She said there will always be an exception but it would be safe to say no more than 28. Member McCluskey mentioned that capacity restraints could be a problem. Someone commented that it would be nice to know the state averages for class sizes and Dr. Aumiller said she knows from other superintendents that we are on the high end compared to

neighboring districts. President Sonnefeldt summarized that it is important to the Board to have consistency between Fairview and Lions Park and year-to-year. He asked Superintendent Aumiller to work with the Policy Committee to draft a new policy for class sizes.

President Sonnefeldt said the second topic for Board discussion was a community engagement meeting for the fall. Board members suggested the topic be about the success of the referendum and review what the proposed expenditures are and how they will be implemented over the next ten years. One member suggested tying the presentation into the FY19 Budget and maybe folding in the building needs and projects. Vice President Kowalczyk said she thought we should inform the community how the state and federal budgets affect District 57 and the money from the TIF. There was discussion if the meeting should be early October so that the community could have input on what will be done or have it later in the month and inform the community of upcoming projects. Mr. Parisi informed the Board that he will layout the capital projects at the October meeting and shortly after that will start the bid process. One Board member asked if we should consider adding onto Lincoln and then moving grade 5 there. Mr. Parisi said adding on to Lincoln is very challenging and if we go with a new building for Lincoln that would be a bond process different than adding onto an existing building. The Board decided on October 11 for the Community Forum.

Closed Session

President Sonnefeldt said there was no need for closed session.

Adjournment

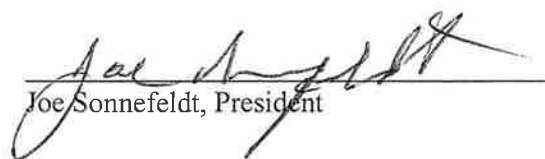
There being no further business to come before the Board, President Sonnefeldt entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice President Kowalczyk made a motion, seconded by Member McCluskey, to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote resulted as follows

Yes: McCluskey, Chung, Kowalczyk, Maye, Sonnefeldt

No: None

Absent: Composto, Kobus Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.


Virginia Webster, Secretary


Joe Sonnefeldt, President

Date of approval: September 27, 2018