

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS, HELD ON
MARCH 18, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hightower at 6:50 pm in the Boardroom of the Administration Office, 1200 N. Wolf Road, Berkeley, IL.

ROLL CALL

On roll call by the secretary, the following were present: Members Hightower, Espinoza, Mason, Walker, Jackson, Cosette, Mora and Chavez absent none, Also *present was Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Travis, Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Vince*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT ALL CORRESPONDENCE BE PUT ON FILE AS PRESENTED EXCEPT THAT WHICH REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES

Member Mora moved, seconded by member Mason. THAT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 18, 2024 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT None

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION None

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Accounts & Claims payable figures and Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,059,449.29 AS FOLLOWS:

PAYROLL 02/29/24.....	\$1,058,334.27
PAYROLL 03/15/24.....	869,882.48
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS.....	1,023,378.82
REFERENDUM PROJECTS.....	90,914.25
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-P CARD.....	16,939.47
TOTAL \$3,059,449.29	

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Chavez	
	Espinoza	Absent: None
	Mora	
	Jackson	
	Mason	

Motion carried 7-0

MONTHLY BUILDING REPORT

Mrs. Vince explained that the Monthly Building Rental Report is submitted for informational purposes only.

SPECIAL SERVICES None

HUMAN RESOURCES None

OTHER OLD BUSINESS None

CLOSED SESSION None

IASB No Report

EDUCATION & FINANCE No Report

POLICY & LEGISLATION No Report

FACILITIES Committee meeting held prior to Regular Board meeting. Minutes from March meeting in Board Packet.

HEALTH/SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS No Report

PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY No Report

BILINGUAL ADVISORY No Report

FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY No Report

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SUPERINTENDENT:

LICENSED PERSONNEL - INTENT TO RETIRE

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCEPT THE LETTER OF INTENT OF RETIRE FROM THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

MARGARET MURRAY 6TH GRADE TEACHER NORTHLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL EFFECTIVE END OF 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Chavez	
	Espinoza	Absent: None
	Mora	
	Jackson	
	Mason	

Motion carried 7-0

LICENSED PERSONNEL-LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD THE LICENCED PERSONNEL LEAVE REQUEST AS PRESENTED FOR:

KERRI MATUSEK
CAREN SHERMAN
NICOLE LASSELL
JAYME MENDIOLA

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Chavez	

Espinoza
Mora
Jackson
Mason

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

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LICENSED PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENT

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Espinosa, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PENDING COMPLETION OF ALL EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK:

NICHOLAS KANEL ELA Teacher @ MacArthur Middle School Lane 3 Step 1

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower Nays: None
 Chavez
 Espinoza Absent: None
 Mora
 Jackson
 Mason

Motion carried 7-0

LICENCED PERSONNEL-RESIGNATION

Member Maon moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

ELIZABETH MCCORMICK KINDERGARTEN TEACHER WHITTIER EFFECTIVE JUNE 7, 2024

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower Nays: None
 Chavez
 Espinoza Absent: None
 Mora
 Jackson
 Mason

Motion carried 7-0

NOTICE OF DISMISSAL AND NON-RENEWAL OF FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD YEAR TEACHERS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF DISMISSAL AND NON-RENEWAL OF FIRST, SECOND OR THIRD YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHERS, AS PRESENTED.

EVELYN NUNEZ

VESNA TANCEVA

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Hightower
Chavez
Espinoza
Mora
Jackson
Mason

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

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EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF- LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS AS PRESENTED FOR:

MARIA VILLALVAZO
FRANCISCO HERRERA
ANN HORD
KEITH WILLIAMSON
JESUS BAUTISTA

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Hightower
Chavez
Espinoza
Mora
Jackson
Mason

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

APPROVE REASSIGNMENT

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE REASSIGNMENT OF TERESITA VISOSO FROM SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER ASSISTANT AT WHITTIER TO BILINGUAL TEACHER ASSISTANT AT RILEY INTERMEDIATE EFFECTIVE 4/1/24.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Hightower
Chavez
Espinoza
Mora
Jackson
Mason

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATION:

FRANCISCO HERRERA CUSTODIAN @ RILEY EFFECTIVE 6/30/24

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

FUNDRAISERS

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDRAISERS, AS PRESENTED:

Riley Family Night for DHH- This event is geared towards children with hearing loss and their families along with various surrounding districts. Students can socialize with others like them (with hearing loss) while their parents can learn about DHH resources. Pizza will be provided as well.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

REHIRE ADMINISTRATION

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATORS:

Kelly Zimmerman LaTesh Travis	Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources
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Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Espinoza	Nays: None Absent: None
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Mora
Jackson
Mason

Motion carried 7-0

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REHIRE PRINCIPALS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPALS:

Tracy Bodenstab
Maria Hendricks
Sunilkumar Mody
Paris Branton-May
Nancy Tortora
Kevin Grochowski

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS:

ELIZABETH PIKE
STANLEY SOWA
JENNIFER BARR-WRZECIONA
SHARON URBANIEC
TASHA THOMPSON-GRAY

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

THAT THE BOARD REHIRS DIRECTORS:

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING DIRECTORS:

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| Nicole Spatafore | Director of Special Services |
| Joseph Byrne | Director of Educational Technology |
| Rodney Dale White | Director for Facilities and Transportation |
| Marcus Shelton | Director of Nutritional Services |
| Kara Mieszanek | Director of Teaching and Learning |
| Laura Heneghan | Director of English Learning |

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Chavez	
	Espinoza	Absent: None
	Mora	
	Jackson	
	Mason	

Motion carried 7-0

THAT THE BOARD REHIRE NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE SUPERVISOR OF NUTRITIONAL SERVICES:

STEVEN KEATY SUPERVISOR OF NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Chavez	
	Espinoza	Absent: None
	Mora	
	Jackson	
	Mason	

Motion carried 7-0

REHIRE SCHOOL AND DISTRICT NURSES

Jackson moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT AND SCHOOL NURSES:

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| PAULA LIND | DISTRICT NURSE |
| BARBARA ALESSI | SCHOOL NURSE |
| DANNIELL SCOTT | SCHOOL NURSE |

JAZMIN MARTINEZ
KATHLEEN TORTORA

SCHOOL NURSE
SCHOOL NURSE

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Hightower
Chavez
Espinoza
Mora
Jackson
Mason

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

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REHIRE TECHNOLOGY PERSONNEL

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING TECHNOLOGY PERSONNEL:

Aurelia Bartucci
Ivy Karas
Sebastian Robles

District Technology Specialist, Tier I
Database and System Specialist
District Technology Specialist, Tier II

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Hightower
Chavez
Espinoza
Mora
Jackson
Mason

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

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SCHOOL FEES 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE 2024-2025 STUDENT FEES AS FOLLOWS

Consumable Supplies –	All Grades \$30.00 per year
Family Rate for two or more	\$45.00 per year
Interscholastic Sports Fee (including physical exam)	\$35.00 per year
Family Rate for two or more	\$40.00 per year
Band Fee	\$45.00 per year

Family Rate for two or more	\$50.00 per year
Breakfast – Type A	FREE
Breakfast – Adult	\$2.25
Lunch – Type A (Middle Schools)	FREE
Lunch – Type A (Primary/Intermediate)	FREE
Lunch – Adult	\$4.25
Student Milk	\$.40
Adult Milk	\$.45

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

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MONTHLY REPORT

Dr.Sullivan updated the Board on the Grants and what they will be used for. We were able to make a District 87 video.The video captured the buildings, staff and students and why they love being a part of District 87. Other ways the schools will be able to use the grant is by team building activities. The schools will have the opportunity to do a group outing to strengthen team building morale. Dr. Sullivan informed the Board of the upcoming events regarding Student Recognition Ceremony, attendance and communication.

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
PROPOSAL FOR SUMMER LEARNING 2024**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SUMMER LEARNING 2024 PROPOSAL AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Zimmerman updated the Board regarding the summer school. There are currently 400 spots available 200 on the North Side and 200 on the South Side.Their will be a meeting on June 10 and June 11 for summer school information. Mrs. Zimmerman presented information regarding ARC and how the students have shown growth. Mrs. Zimmerman would like to have reading events in the park.

BUSINESS SERVICES

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the pending period ending 3/18/24.

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ACCEPT AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCEPT THE AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDER NO. FINAL 2020 REFERENDUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE FINAL CHANGE ORDER, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

LAWN CARE AND GROUND MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONTRACT AGREEMENT FROM ROMANO LANDSCAPING LLC FOR LAWN CARE AND GROUNDS MAINTENANCE, PENDING ATTORNEY REVIEW, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Espinoza Mora Jackson Mason	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Vince updated the Board that the EBC preliminary meeting. Irene Daciuk will also be attending the meeting. Mrs. Vince also updated the board on the ISDLAF seminar that she attended.

HUMAN RESOURCES
MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the vacancies and the College/Career Recruiting Fairs. She will attend a career fair in Washington.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Joe Byrne, Director of Educational Technology reported that the department has been busy supporting staff and students. Online registration is open for the 2024-2025 school year. Mr. Byrne also updated the Board that District 87 is updating Skyward.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday 5/20 - Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:010 PM.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Chavez	
	Espinoza	Absent: None
	Mora	
	Jackson	
	Mason	

Motion carried 7-0

ATTEST:

Secretary:

President: