

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS, HELD ON
AUGUST 28, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hightower at 6:32 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, Jackson, Espinoza, Mora, Chavez, Mason and O'Connell. Absent none, Also present was *Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Vince*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

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

ORAL: None

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES

Member Jackson moved, seconded by member Mora. THAT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 28, 2023 AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JULY 24, 2023 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Mason Mora Espinoza Jackson Chavez | 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 O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$8,557,822.97, AS FOLLOWS:

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| PAYROLL 7/31/23..... | 779,724.40 |
| PAYROLL 7/31/23..... | 821,711.16 |
| REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS..... | 1,135,889.22 |
| REFERENDUM PROJECTS..... | 5,804,881.84 |
| REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-P CARD..... | 15,616.35 |
| TOTAL | \$ 8,557,822.97 |

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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Mason Mora Jackson Espinoza Chavez | Nays: None Absent: None |
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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

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER A STUDENT DISCIPLINE/ RESIDENCY MATTER. TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE/LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY. TO CONSIDER INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, OR DISMISSAL OF AN EMPLOYEE OR OFFICER, OR TO CONSIDER PENDING LITIGATION.

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

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:04 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:08 pm with all members present.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD:

Member. O’Connell was appointed to PAEC Committee and Member Mason alternated. **PAEC** Members Mason and O’Connell reported that the meeting did not take place.

IASB No Report

EDUCATION & FINANCE No Report

POLICY & LEGISLATION No Report

FACILITIES Minutes from the August 28, 2023 are in the Board Packet for your review.

HEALTH/SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS No Report

PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY No Report

BILINGUAL ADVISORY No Report

FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY No Report

SUPERINTENDENT:

LICENSED PERSONNEL - RESIGNATIONS

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING LICENSED PERSONNEL, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

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| Kimberly Jones | 4th Grade Teacher | Riley |
| Matthew Hermetet | Inclusion Teacher | Whittier |
| Julia Corcoran | Kindergarten Teacher | Jefferson |
| Colin Biggs | Cross Categorical | MacArthur |
| Lisa Demeris | 7th Grade ELA Teacher | MacArthur |
| Darci Matz | School Counselor | Jefferson |
| Girolamo Kelly | S.S. Teacher | MacArthur |
| Annie Durava | 2nd Grade Teacher | Whittier |
| Megan Janis | 6th Grade ELA Teacher | MacArthur |
| Traci Bookler | Reading Specialist | Northlake |
| Nathaniel Rees | 4th Grade Teacher | Sunnyside |

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: O'Connell
Hightower
Mason
Mora
Jackson
Espinoza
Chavez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

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LICENSED PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENTS

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS, PENDING EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK EFFECTIVE 8/28/23:

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| Jada Brown | 3rd Grade Teacher | Sunnyside (Lane 1 Step 1) |
| Elizabeth McCormack | Kindergarten Teacher | Whittier (Lane 3 Step 1) |
| Renee Renaud | 3rd Grade ESL Teacher | Riley (Lane 1 Step 1) |
| Paige Corsello | Kindergarten Teacher | Jefferson (Lane 1 Step 1) |
| Paola Morales-Cassidy | School Counselor | Jefferson (Lane 3 Step 2) |
| Nicola Germann | 5th Grade ESL Teacher | Riley (Lane 5 Step 15) |
| Ashley A. Yousef | 2nd Grade Teacher | Jefferson (Lane 1 Step 1) |
| Michelle Kennedy | Kindergarten Teacher | Jefferson (Lane 3 Step 5) |
| Colette Hamaj | 4th Grade Teacher | Riley (Lane 1 Step 1) |
| Kayla Davine | ESL Resource Teacher | MacArthur (Lane 1 Step 1) |
| David Papp | Social Worker | Northlake (Lane 3 Step 6) |

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: O'Connell
Hightower
Mason
Mora
Jackson
Espinoza
Chavez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

LICENSED PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENTS

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS, PENDING EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK:

Nathaniel Rees District Wide Substitute

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

Motion carried 7-0

LICENSED PERSONNEL - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTED, AS PRESENTED:

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

Motion carried 7-0

SCHOOL NURSE FLOATER - EMPLOYMENT

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEE, PENDING PAPERWORK AS PRESENTED:

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

Motion carried 7-0

EMPLOYMENT OF NURSE

Member Jackson motioned, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL, PENDING ALL EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK AS PRESENTED:

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

APPROVE POSITION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE BOOKKEEPER

Member Jackson motioned, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE POSITION OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE, AS PRESENTED:

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

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - RESIGNATION

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF LEAVE OF ABSENCES:

Rose Ramirez-Espinoza

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

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - EMPLOYMENT

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE PERSONNEL PENDING ALL EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK:

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| Ruth Riesterer | Lunchroom Monitor | Jefferson |
| Mana A. Lara Vega | Lunchroom Monitor | Whittier |
| Joylynn Webb | Teacher Aide Cross Categorical | Riley |
| Bartley K. Keaty | Lunchroom Monitor | MacArthur |
| Steven Keaty | Nutritional Service Supervisor | District Office |
| Dana Morgan-Williams | Administrative Asst. | MacArthur |
| Patricia Gonzalez | Administrative Asst. Finance & Operations | District Office |

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

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Member Mora motioned, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF LEAVE OF ABSENCE, AS PRESENTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Aurelia Bartucci

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

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported on the Back to School Bash and thanked the JSP PTO president for the amazing job they did on hosting two events back to back. He thanked Mike for donating 500 backpacks and supplies. He also thanked Mr. White and the custodial staff for helping prepare the schools for the staff and students.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Zimmerman thanked Mrs. Heneghan, the technology team, custodians and the administration for helping during the New Staff Orientation. She mentioned that one of the team building activities was that all the new staff received a puzzle piece and once decorated it will be hung up in the district office. District 87 has partnered up with Scholastic to help support the community and the love of reading. Mrs. Zimmerman elaborated on upcoming plans to have Coffee, Cookies and Conversations. This is intended to help teachers.

BUSINESS SERVICES

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending in 8/28/23.

CHANGE ORDER NO. 183-190 2020 REFERENDUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDERS NO. 183-190 AS PRESENTED:

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

CHANGE ORDER #6 FURNITURE

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE FURNITURE FOR THE SUNNYSIDE/MACARTHUR AND RILEY/NORTHLAKE PROJECTS CHANGE ORDER SIX, AS PRESENTED.

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

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 JEFFERSON PRIMARY & WHITTIER PRIMARY SCHOOLS HEALTH LIFE SAFETY RENOVATIONS PROJECT

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE JEFFERSON - WHITTIER SCHOOLS HEALTH LIFE SAFETY RENOVATIONS PROJECTS CHANGE ORDER THREE, AS PRESENTED.

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

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 - SECURITY PROJECT

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE SECURITY PROJECT CHANGE ORDER TWO, AS PRESENTED.

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

BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Vince gave an audit update. The Audit is on track so far everything is going well. Mrs. Vince also mentioned that the taxes will be delayed until December. She attended the annual Tiff meeting..

**HUMAN RESOURCES
MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the remaining licensed and support staff current vacancies. She updated the Board on the teacher and substitute shortage.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Joe Byrne, Director of Educational Technology reported that the department has been busy supporting staff and students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday 9/25 - Regular Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:44 PM.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: O'Connell
Hightower
Mason
Mora
Jackson
Espinoza
Chavez

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7

ATTEST:

Secretary_____

President_____