

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY  
ILLINOIS, HELD ON  
JANUARY 25, 2021

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President O'Connell at 7:29 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 and O'Connell Attended virtually: Chavez, Jackson, and Sosa. Absent: Mason and Rosas. Also *present were Dr. Bresnahan, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Vince, Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Travis.*

Vice-President Hightower served as pro-tem secretary.

**BOARD MEMBER RESIGNATION:**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF MARIA ROSAS, BOARD MEMBER, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 28, 2020.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None    Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**APPOINTMENT OF BILINGUAL ADVISORY CHAIRPERSON**

Item tabled until the February Board Meeting.

**REFERENDUM BOND UPDATE**

Tammie Beckwith Schallmo from PMA Financial updated the Board on the sale of the remaining Referendum bonds. She discussed scenarios for the bond sale. The suggested financing calendar for Price Series 2021 Bonds; delegates approve results February 9 Close Series 2021 Bonds; District receives proceeds March 2.

The Board gave consensus to sell \$70,000,000 bonds in 2021 and \$9,000,000 in 2022. The reason for the \$9,000,000 number is that tax-exempt municipal bonds are designated as Bank Qualified if the District does not expect to issue more than \$10 million of tax-exempt securities in a single calendar year it would allow a financial institution to deduct 80% of its interest expense allocable to the purchase of tax-exempt securities, essentially providing banks a double tax benefit. Some of the savings are passed along to the district as a lower interest rate versus a traditional tax-exempt bond or non-bank qualified.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

**WRITTEN**

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

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ORAL:** None

**CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD DECEMBER 14, 2020 AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 16, 2020, BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT** None

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION** None

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Accounts and Claims payable figures and Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,742,461.37, AS FOLLOWS:

PAYROLL 12/31/20.....	\$ 817,798.32
PAYROLL 01/15/21.....	817,625.99
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS	913,803.44
P-CARD FUND LISTING.....	15,950.06
REFERENDUM PROJECTS .....	1,176,170.35
INTERIM ACCOUNT PAYABLES.....	<u>1,113.21</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,742,461.37

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**MONTHLY BUILDING REPORT**

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

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| <b>FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION</b> | None |
| <b>SPECIAL SERVICES</b>              | None |
| <b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>               | None |
| <b><u>OTHER OLD BUSINESS</u></b>     | None |

**CLOSED SESSION**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, 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.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:52 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:18 pm with all members present except Member Mason.

**REPORTS OF THE BOARD:**

**PAEC** Member O'Connell reported on the December 17, 2020 and January 21, 2021 meetings. December 17 - The Governing Board approved the minutes, payrolls and bills. The Board took action on the following items at the meeting: adopted policies; approved and adopted proposed FY2021-22 Budget Calendar and approved FMLA leaves. Baker Tilly presented the Audit report for the year ending June 30, 2020.

January 21 - The Governing Board approved the minutes, payrolls and bills. Audit refunds and billings for the 2019-20 fiscal year will be sent to member districts this month. The board accepted a donation. The next regular meeting is on February 18, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

**IASB** No Report

**EDUCATION & FINANCE** No Report

**POLICY & LEGISLATION** No Report

**FACILITIES** The minutes from the Facilities Committee Meeting held on December 14, 2020 is included in the Board packet.

**HEALTH/SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION** No Report

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** No Report

**PARENT-TEACHER DISCIPLINE ADVISORY** No Report

**BILINGUAL ADVISORY** No Report

**FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY** No Report

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

**ADMINISTRATOR'S RESIGNATION**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Hightower, THAT THE BOARD THE ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

TERRI BRESNAHAN SUPERINTENDENT EFFECTIVE 06/30/21

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

Motion carried 5-0

**LICENSED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION**

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

MELISSA RIVERA      RILEY      4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ESL TEACHER      EFFECTIVE AT THE END OF  
THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR

Roll Call Vote      Ayes: Chavez  
  Hightower  
  Jackson  
  O’Connell  
  Sosa      Nays: None  
  Absent: Mason

Motion carried 5-0

**LICENSED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LEAVE REQUESTS, AS PRESENTED FOR:

- ALISON FERGUSON
- JULIA MARTÍNEZ
- JUDITH BUCZKIEWICZ
- ESTHER PEREIRA
- CLARE HANSEN
- JENNIFER BUCZKIEWICZ

Roll Call Vote      Ayes: Chavez  
  Hightower  
  Jackson  
  O’Connell  
  Sosa      Nays: None  
  Absent: Mason

Motion carried 5-0

**ADMINISTRATOR – LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LEAVE REQUEST, AS PRESENTED FOR:

MARIA HENDRICKS

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LEAVE REQUESTS, AS PRESENTED:

NADINE JOHNSON  
MAURA ZUNIGA  
DEBRA ALLEN-HEAD  
SILVIA RUBIO  
DANYELLE SHANNON  
KAYESHA WILLIAMS

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**POLICIES – FIRST READING**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING:

POLICY 302.00 SUPERINTENDENT (REVISED)

POLICY 410.00 STUDENT FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES, STUDENT ACTIVITY FUNDS,  
AND FIDUCIARY FUNDS (REVISED)

POLICY 604.00 STUDENT TESTING AND ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (REVISED)

POLICY 716.00 HEALTH, EYE, AND DENTAL EXAMINATIONS; IMMUNIZATIONS;  
AND EXCLUSIONS (REVISED)

POLICY 729.00 SEARCH AND SEIZURE (REVISED)

POLICY 741.00 EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (REVISED)

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

#### **SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARD ANNUAL RESOLUTION**

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARD ANNUAL RESOLUTION, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

#### **DECLASSIFY SERIES OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Chavez, THAT THE BOARD DECLASSIFY THE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES, AS PRESENTED: MAY 18, 2020, JUNE 22, 2020, JULY 27, 2020, AUGUST 31, 2020, AND OCTOBER 26, 2020.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**BOARD OF EDUCATION / BERKELEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BERKELEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION RELATED TO COVID-19, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Dr. Bresnahan reported that the Mayor of the Village of Berkeley would like to schedule a ceremony on Sunday, May 2 to commemorate the partnership between Berkeley Baseball and School District 87. They will issue a plaque that will be displayed near the new field.

We have successfully completed the first week of Hybrid Learning. We are so excited to have students back onsite. We welcomed back kindergarten, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The central office administrators were deployed out to the school buildings to help the school building teams. Dr. Bresnahan thanked staff for helping make the return so successful. About one third of students returned. On Monday, February 1st, we will welcome our 1st, 4th, and 7th grade students. The following week on February 8th, we will bring back the remaining group of 2nd, 5th, and 8th grade students. PreK is scheduled to return the week of February 16th. The students attend on-site in the morning grab their lunch and breakfast for the next day and return home to participate in remote learning. She thanked and commended the teachers for their dedication to the children through this pandemic. She also thanked the parents for being so supportive. The metrics for COVID-19 have dropped dramatically in our area.

It has been a slow process for the COVID-19 Vaccine through the Cook County Department of Health. We are working diligently to secure partners to provide the vaccination to our staff.

Proviso and Leyden area school districts have declared a remote learning day for tomorrow due to the weather.

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION AUDIT FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA)**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE WORK PLAN PROPOSAL AND APPROVE THE EXPENDITURE FOR THE ELA AUDIT, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0



**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Zimmerman thanked the Teaching and Learning Transition Team for all their work on the Berkeley Blueprint. They have been so dedicated through the process and have devoted many hours over the course of the school year.

Institute Day will be held on February 12, 2021 with the focus on social emotional learning, development, strategies for working with our EL students and staff self-care. Author Pete Hall will give a presentation on trauma and informed practices for learning and teaching.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 12/31/20.

**DESIGNATION TO PREPARE 2021-2022 BUDGET IN TENTATIVE FORM**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD DESIGNATE THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES TO PREPARE THE 2021-2022 BUDGET IN TENTATIVE FORM.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

Due to the change in plans for selling bonds the budget for Fiscal Year 2021 will be amended.

**PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2020 RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN PROCEEDING BEFORE THE STATE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2020 RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN PROCEEDING BEFORE THE STATE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**E-RATE VENDOR CONTRACTS**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE E-RATE CATEGORY ONE AT&T INTERNET ACCESS VENDOR CONTRACT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, PENDING ATTORNEY REVIEW, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None  Absent: Mason
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Motion carried 5-0

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Vince reported that in December the CPI rate increased to 1.4%. Many of our vendor contracts are tied to CPI with the renewal rate built in.

The District received payments totaling \$4,639 for the NRG-On Demand Program.

A Request for Proposal has been posted through the E-Rate process for Comcast bandwidth expansion. A recommendation will be brought to the Board at the next meeting.

EBC medical insurance pre-renewal meeting is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Summer School Food Service Program rates increased on January 1, 2021.

**SPECIAL SERVICES**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Dr. Sullivan reported that the first Parent Education Program was held tonight remotely.

A presentation by Dr. Ferney Ramirez will be held on February 8 and 16. The presentation will help our bilingual parents learn how to support their children social and emotionally.

Summer School planning continues with the possibility of 2 locations and 2-time frames with all grade levels on-site.

A School / Community Safety Meeting is scheduled for February 19.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on current vacancies.

She attended the Illinois Association of School Personnel Administrators conference held last week. This week she will attend a COVID webinar.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Next board meeting February 22, 2021 at 7:00.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:49 PM.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Chavez  
Hightower  
Jackson  
O'Connell  
Sosa

Nays: None

Absent: Mason

Motion carried 5-0

**ATTEST:**

Secretary (sgd) Calvin Hightower  
Pro-Tem

President (sgd) Peg O'Connell

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