

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS, HELD ON
FEBRUARY 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President O'Connell at 7:00 pm in the Boardroom of the Administration Office, 1200 N. Wolf Road, Berkeley, IL.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

On roll call by the secretary, the following were present: Members Chavez, Hightower, Jackson, O'Connell, and Sosa. Absent: None. Also *present were Dr. Bresnahan, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Vince, Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Travis.*

APPOINTMENT OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT NANCY MORA BE APPOINTED TO THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson Mason O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion Carried 6-0

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED BY SECRETARY TO APPOINTED BOARD MEMBER

The oath of office was administered by the secretary to Nancy Mora for a two-year term.

BILINGUAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

The Board appointed Member Mora chairperson of the Bilingual Advisory Committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

WRITTEN

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

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

PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY No Report
BILINGUAL ADVISORY No Report
FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY No Report

SUPERINTENDENT

LICENSED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCES

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

KIMBERLY MARSHALL
JASMINE MEEKS
MICHELLE MOEHLMANN
TYNISH FLOWERS
SARAH KOENIG

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

Motion Carried 7-0

LICENSED PERSONNEL - TERMINATIONS

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD TERMINATE AND NON-RENEW PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEE MELISSA RIVERA, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION OF THE INFORMATION PRESENTED BY THE EMPLOYEE AND ADMINISTRATION, AS PRESENTED

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

Motion Carried 7-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - RESIGNATION

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

SILVIA RUBIO SUNNYSIDE TEACHER AIDE EFFECTIVE 02/19/21

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

Motion Carried 7-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCES

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

COSETTE ESPINOZA PIZARRO
MONIQUE TORRES

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

Motion Carried 7-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENTS

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL, AS PRESENTED:

DORIS HICKS RILEY TEACHER AIDE PENDING ALL EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK

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

Motion Carried 7-0

POLICIES

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES, AS PRESENTED:

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 Nays: None
 Hightower
 Jackson
 Mason Absent: None
 Mora
 O'Connell
 Sosa

Motion Carried 7-0

RESOLUTION RENEWAL OF AGREEMENT WITH O'HARE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN BERKELEY SCHOOL DISTRICT #87 AND THE O'HARE NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION, UNTIL DECEMBER 31, 2025, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion Carried 7-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Bresnahan updated the Board on the COVID-19 numbers for the community. The District had the opportunity to have 110 of our staff members vaccinated through School District 89. We will continue to try to secure vaccine appointments for our staff as they come available.

All students that chose hybrid learning are now back on-site. We have around 30% of the students on-site. We have identified a few cases of COVID. We did not have to quarantine or isolate any classrooms since we are following the guidelines of social distancing and safety procedures. If the numbers continue to stay low the parents will possibly have the opportunity to update their learning model preference prior to spring break as we explore options to expand our hybrid model.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Zimmerman thanked the Curriculum Council for their help in planning Institute Day on February 12th. It was a great day for all our staff.

One of the key components for professional development is provided by the Instructional Coaches. Mrs. Zimmerman would like to extend the Instructional Coaches work calendar by 10 days for professional development during the school year and in the summer.

We are in the process of engaging in our ELA Curriculum Audit. We should receive results around April. We have started to evaluate and discuss the viability of the current curriculum maps and the need to determine a process to ensure the curriculum maps and the need to determine a process to ensure the curriculum meets our District's needs.

BUSINESS SERVICES

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 01/31/21.

E-RATE CATEGORY 1 SERVICE CONTRACT FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE E-RATE CATEGORY 1 INTERNET ACCESS VENDOR CONTRACT FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED:

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

E-RATE CATEGORY 2 SERVICE CONTRACTS FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE TWO E-RATE CATEGORY 2 VENDOR CONTRACTS FOR THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR, PENDING ATTORNEY REVIEW, AS PRESENTED:

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

RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF ILLINOIS SUPPLEMENTAL SAVINGS PLAN

Item tabled at this time until additional information is received.

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Vince reported on the natural gas shortage.

The District will purchase the Chromebooks this school year for next school year due to the shipping delays.

The EBC Preliminary meeting was held on January 28th. The final meeting will be in March.

A letter went out to parents informing them of a state program called Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer Program (P-EBT), which provides meal assistance to all students, regardless of income. All Berkeley 87 families qualify for P-EBT.

Dr. Bresnahan reported on the successful bond sale that took place this month.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Berkeley School District 87 will offer in person Summer Learning for students during the summer months of 2021 at two locations to be determined. Funding for the Summer Learning program will come from grant monies.

All students are eligible to participate in Summer Learning including students who are English Learners and students with special needs. Students entering grades PK-8 for the 2021-2022 school year will be eligible for participation.

SUMMER LEARNING 2021

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE SUMMER LEARNING 2021 PROPOSAL, AS PRESENTED.

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

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported all the administrators received Title IX training last week.

A meeting was held on February 19th with local law enforcement and fire departments for our annual Community School Safety meeting. We discussed safety procedures.

He updated the Board on the Special Education Program and the need for equitable learning.

HUMAN RESOURCES

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the current vacancies. The virtual Career Fairs have been working very well.

Mrs. Travis will start preparing the staffing for 2021-2022.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS None

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

CLOSED SESSION #2

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, OR DISMISSAL OF AN EMPLOYEE OR OFFICER.

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

The Board recessed to closed session at 8:44 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:56 pm with all members present.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:56 PM.

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

ATTEST:

Secretary _____ (sgd) Rose Mason _____

President _____ (sgd) Peg O'Connell _____

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