

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS, HELD ON
OCTOBER 26, 2020

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.

ROLL CALL:

On roll call by the secretary, the following were present: Members Hightower, Jackson, Mason, O'Connell, and Sosa. Absent: Chavez and Rosas. Also present were *Dr. Bresnahan, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Vince, Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Travis.*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

WRITTEN

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

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

ORAL

Mrs. Rosas sent correspondence that she will be resigning as a Board Member. She will stay on until the District appoints a candidate to replace her. She is resigning to pursue her B.A. in Early Childhood Education.

CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD SEPTEMBER 28, 2020, AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES FROM AUGUST 31, 2020 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

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

Member Chavez arrived at 7:05 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:07 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:12 pm with all members present except Member Rosas.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD:

PAEC Member O'Connell reported on the meeting of October 15, 2020. The Governing Board approved the minutes from the Budget Hearing and Governing Board Meeting held September 17, payroll and bills. The Board took action on the following agenda item: approved contract for transportation services between PAEC and First Student commencing with the 2020-21 school year through June 30, 2023. The next regular meeting is on November 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

IASB	No Report
EDUCATION & FINANCE	No Report
POLICY & LEGISLATION	No Report
BUILDING & GROUNDS	No Report
HEALTH/SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION	No Report
PUBLIC RELATIONS	No Report
PARENT-TEACHER DISCIPLINE ADVISORY	No Report
FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY	No Report
BILINGUAL ADVISORY	No Report

SUPERINTENDENT:

LICENSED PERSONNEL - LEAVES OF ABSENCES

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Hightower, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE LICENSED PERSONNEL LEAVE OF ABSENCES, AS PRESENTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Emily Hayes
Octavia Altheimer
Frank Bua

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

Motion carried 6-0

LICENSED PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENTS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 20, 2020:

ANDREW GAWLIK MACARTHUR PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER LANE 1 STEP 1

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

Motion carried 6-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - RESIGNATIONS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 6, 2020:

JORIE MOTEN WHITTIER TEACHER AIDE

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

Motion carried 6-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - EMPLOYMENTS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL, EFFECTIVE PENDING EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK:

DAVID LOZA	WHITTIER	CUSTODIAN
Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Mason O'Connell Sosa	Nays: None Absent: Rosas

Motion carried 6-0

DONATIONS

BASED ON POLICY 237.00, THE FOLLOWING DONATION WAS ACCEPTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT:

A DONATION OF A PPE KIT WITH THE APPROXIMATE VALUE OF \$793.00 FROM LEDONNE HARDWARE TO DISTRICT 87.

SCHOLASTIC GRANT OF \$500 TO WHITTIER PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FROM WALMART TO THE DISTRICT 87.

NO ACTION REQUIRED

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Bresnahan reported that we continue to monitor our community health metrics related to COVID-19. She has been meeting with the area superintendents to review the metrics in our 6 communities and the Districts' plans. Some districts have revised their hybrid/remote learning plans which is being called an adapted pause to help stop transmission. While we have seen an increase in numbers, we continue to provide opportunities for on-site evaluations/testing in a one-on-one setting. We have paused our efforts for primary on-site assessments in larger groups and remain diligent in following all safety protocols for staff and families.

We received very positive responses and great constructive feedback on the parent survey for remote learning. Overall the parents are very satisfied with remote learning. In terms of returning to school 55% of the parents are not comfortable returning at this point. Only 15% are comfortable in returning in school.

The Board commended the administrators on a job well done with the planning and supporting families through remote learning.

A Community Engagement Webinar is schedule for October 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Bresnahan presented and congratulated Member Mason with a pin from IASB for becoming a Master Board Member.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

OVERDRIVE/SORA FOR DIGITAL AND AUDIOBOOKS

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF OVERDRIVE/SORA FOR DIGITAL AND AUDIOBOOKS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,000, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 6-0

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Zimmerman reported that the Curriculum Council had their first meeting and reviewed their mission. The council members are very excited to be part of the team and to support the process.

On Institute Day the principals met to review student data. They are using the data to work on the next steps for the School Improvement Plans.

Mr. Byrne explained that one of the tools the summer task force suggested to enhance the teaching and learning environment through remote learning was Classkick Platform. The teachers can see the activities the students are working on, see the progression of an assignment, and give feedback. We have decided to move forward with the paid version after surveying and receiving the feedback from the teachers.

BUSINESS SERVICES

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 9/30/20.

TENTATIVE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2020

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE TENTATIVE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2020, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 6-0

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Vince will be part of the presentation team for the IASBO Virtual Conference.

Dale White will attend the Berkeley Joint Review Board meeting scheduled for November 9 for TIF updates.

We are in the process of an IMRF virtual review audit.

We should receive the SSCIP Liability final renewal proposal at their November Executive meeting.

Nutritional waivers have been extended to June 30, 2021. The student meal participation has increased by 59% this month. Mrs. Vince has received very positive feedback from the community thanking the District for the meal program. The Nutrition Department has started the staff menu for purchase this week.

SPECIAL SERVICES

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported that SEL Team has taken the lead in administering the Panorama survey remotely. The data on student competency related to emotional regulation, growth mindset, self-management and social awareness. These data points are now available for grades 3 to 8. The data sets are sortable and can be used by Foundation and School Improvement Teams as well as individual teachers. This information provides a great opportunity to be informed of the student's readiness to learn individually and in a collaborative manner.

The District received the After-School Program Grant for \$63,241 and the Digital Equity Grant for \$173,717.

HUMAN RESOURCES

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Travis shared with the Board the current vacancies.

The employees were advised that recently there has been an increase in fraudulent unemployment claims. School District 87 has been impacted by these claims. If there is a fraudulent claim the employee is notified on the necessary steps to take to protect their identity.

Mrs. Travis and Mrs. Zimmerman have been checking in with new teachers. The teachers feel very supported by their principals and the District. The teachers and their mentors are learning and growing together during this difficult time. They appreciate Dr. Bresnahan's leadership for taking their safety seriously.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 7:57 PM.

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

ATTEST:

Secretary (sgd) Rose Mason

President (sgd) Peg O'Connell

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