

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS, HELD ON
DECEMBER 14, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President O'Connell at 7:56 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 Chavez (attended virtually), Hightower, Jackson, Mason, O'Connell, and Sosa. Absent: Rosas. Also present were *Dr. Bresnahan, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Vince, Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Travis.*

AMEND AGENDA

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE CLOSED SESSION BE MOVED TO THE END OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING.

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON 2020 TAX LEVY

Mrs. Vince presented an overview of the tax levy for fiscal year 2020 and explained the filing process for the Board and the public audience. The administration is recommending a higher levy request of 5.93% without bond and interest. She explained it is difficult to project the tax rate that will be produced by the 2020 Levy because next year's property tax bills will be calculated using the District's 2020 EAV, the State Equalization Factor (or multiplier), the limiting rate, and new construction growth. The 2020 EAV, determined by the Assessor's Office, and the multiplier, established by the Illinois Department of Revenue, are unknown at this time and will be made available sometime late summer or early fall 2021.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TRUTH IN TAXATION BE CLOSED.

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

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Anna Wiszowaty from the District's auditing firm of Baker Tilley Company, LLP presented the audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020. She reported that the District received the highest level of assurance, highlighted specific areas of interest and answered questions.

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2020, AS PRESENTED.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

WRITTEN

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

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

ORAL/ PUBLIC COMMENT

Community member asked if the tax levy was increasing by 5.93%. Mrs. Vince stated the reasons for the tax levy increase. Dr. Bresnahan communicated that if the audience would like any further clarification to reach out to the Business Office.

CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Mason moved, seconded by Sosa, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 16, 2020, AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF OCTOBER 26, 2020, BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

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

Motion carried 6-0

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT None

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION None

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Accounts and Claims payable figures and Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,236,841.46, AS FOLLOWS:

PAYROLL 11/30/20.....	\$ 815,329.95
PAYROLL 12/15/20.....	820,185.53
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS	1,424,186.63
P-CARD LISTING.....	18,666.71
REFERENDUM PROJECTS.....	<u>158,472.64</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,236,841.46

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

Motion carried 6-0

MONTHLY BUILDING REPORT

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

FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION None

SPECIAL SERVICES None

HUMAN RESOURCES None

OTHER OLD BUSINESS None

REPORTS OF THE BOARD:

PAEC Member O'Connell reported on the meeting of November 19, 2020. The Governing Board approved the minutes, payroll and bills. The Governing Board took action on the following items: a first reading on PAEC Policies; approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PAEC Governing Board and PAEC Council of Teachers Union #571 in order to address the Amendment to the current contract to add Social Workers, Speech/Language Therapist and some secretaries and approved FMLA requests. The next regular meeting will be December 17, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

IASB No Report

EDUCATION & FINANCE No Report

POLICY & LEGISLATION No Report

FACILITIES No Report

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:

LICENSED PERSONNEL - LEAVES OF ABSENCES

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

KATHRIN COUGHFLIN

MONICA DUNNEBACK

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

Motion carried 6-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - INTENT TO RETIRE

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE LETTERS OF INTENT TO RETIRE FROM THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

MARTHA RIOS	RILEY	TEACHER AIDE	EFFECTIVE JUNE 4, 2021
MARIA CORDOBA	DISTRICT	ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.	EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2021

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

Motion carried 6-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS:

PAWEL PYTEL
DANYELLE SHANNON
KAYLA MASON
CHRISTY DANIEL

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

Motion carried 6-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - EMPLOYMENTS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

JAMES MIKUCKI	RILEY	CUSTODIAN	EFFECTIVE 12/03/20
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Roll Call Vote Ayes: Chavez Nays: None
 Hightower
 Jackson Absent: Rosas
 Mason
 O'Connell
 Sosa

Motion carried 6-0

SUPERINTENDENT’S MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Bresnahan updated the Board on the District’s Transition Plan. The goal is to bring our students back to school in a hybrid setting. We have set January 19, 2021 as the target date to return to school. The District’s first priority is the safety of our staff and students. We have mitigated a great deal of the safety issues that are factors for us since our essential workers, administration and building office staff have been on-site since July. A survey was sent to parents to commit to their children returning to school or continue in a remote setting. This will help us plan for the number of students returning to in-person learning as well as setting up transportation. As of today, we have received 651 responses from parents. We will start reaching out to parents so we can start building a plan for how many students will be on-site. We plan to begin the first phase of hybrid learning with grades Kindergarten, Third (3rd), and Sixth (6th). Additional grades will be added in the weeks that follow. Remote learning will continue for those students not participating in the hybrid model. The transition team will be meeting tomorrow to start planning for how the schedule will look like in the model.

Ms. Lazzarini, Band Director along with the Illinois Grade School Association hosted a virtual Solo Contest. District 87 students did an outstanding job.

The Berkeley Educational Association has organized a virtual raffle for the Neediest Children Fund.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION:

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS and IL EMPOWER SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT REPORTS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED.

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

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Zimmerman reported the Curriculum Council has been working diligently on ELA priority standards and revising our current summative assessments. They have been discussing what should be the next steps in regards to the District’s ELA Curriculum. They would like to move forward with a Curriculum and Instruction Assessment Audit of the current ELA Curriculum. Mrs. Zimmerman is working with CEC to develop a proposal for an in-depth audit. She will bring back more specifics and final cost to the Board.

The library media specialists have been allocating and purchasing books for Overdrive Digital Audiobooks so our students will have video access as well as access to the local libraries. The information will be sent out to students after the winter break.

BUSINESS SERVICES

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 11/30/20.

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$79,760,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CERTAIN COSTS OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED BY REFERENDUM AT THE MARCH 17, 2020, GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$79,760,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING CERTAIN COSTS OF THE CAPITAL PROJECTS APPROVED BY REFERENDUM AT THE MARCH 17, 2020, GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF, AS PRESENTED.

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

2020 TAX LEVY RESOLUTIONS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE 2020 TAX LEVY RESOLUTIONS, AS PRESENTED.

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

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vince provided the Board with the Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 for their information and review. Report includes the independent audit and the financial report.

APPROVE OWNER CONTROLLED INSURANCE PROGRAM

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Hightower, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE GENERAL LIABILITY OWNERS CONTROLLED INSURANCE PROGRAM PROPOSAL FROM HDI GLOBAL AND ADMINSTRATED BY ARTHUR J. GALLAGHER RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC, AS PRESENTED PENDING ATTORNEY REVIEW.

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

Motion carried 6-0

DESIGN DEVELOPMENT SUBMITTAL

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE DESIGN DEVELOPMENT FOR MACARTHUR AND SUNNYSIDE, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 6-0

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Vince updated the Board on the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) - National Conference on Public Employee Retirement Systems (NCPERS) Voluntary Life Insurance. IMRF does not require a resolution. An application will be filled out with NCPERS.

Mrs. Vince reported that the Berkeley TIF Meeting was held on November 9, 2020. There are no significant updates. The TIF 1 will be closed out in 2023 when bonds are paid in full. The Village of Bellwood's TIF meeting is on December 18, 2020.

The District is researching the Cook County Solar Schools Grant that provides supplemental funding to grantees of Title I schools. They support the designing, installation and incorporating in the schools' curriculum. A webinar is scheduled for information on the applications process.

Additional bandwidth will be required to accommodate the return of staff and students in the hybrid setting. The Digital Technology Grant and the CARES Act will cover some of the additional cost.

The Board gave consensus to continue to use Mesirow for the negotiated bond sales.

An IMRF Link has been added to the District's website as required by January 1, 2021.

SPECIAL SERVICES

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported that the State has issued guidance and mandated training for Title IX Compliance. He has been meeting with Mrs. Travis to provide options for the required training for the staff to learn more about this important topic, in addition to the awareness the District has already provided.

Dr. Sullivan thanked Ms. Valdez, counselors and social workers for the on-going Parent Engagement provided to parents in the District for SEL. Mrs. Valdez has been planning events for our bilingual parents. Adult ESL classes will begin in January.

HUMAN RESOURCES

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the District's current vacancies.

Teacher Recruiting Fairs will be held virtually for the 2021.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

CLOSED SESSION

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, 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 Mason O'Connell Sosa	Nays:	None
			Absent:	Rosas

Motion carried 6-0

Dr. Bresnahan explained there will be no further action at the Regular Board Meeting.

The Board recessed to closed session at 9:10 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:32 pm with all members present except Member Rosas.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:32 PM.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Chavez Hightower Jackson 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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