

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 87,
COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS, HELD ON
MARCH 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hightower at 7:21 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, Chavez, Jackson, Mason, and O'Connell. Absent: Mora and Sosa. Also *present were Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Vince, Mrs. Travis, Mr. White and Mr. Byrne.*

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

Motion carried 5-0

AWARD BID FOR BID RELEASE #7 RE-BID – TRADE PACKAGE 11D: ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT WORK

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD AWARD THE TRADE PACKAGE 11D (REBID): ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT WORK TO CARROLL SEATING COMPANY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$208,000, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / WRITTEN:

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

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

Motion carried 5-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ORAL: NONE

CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING FEBRUARY 28, 2022, AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2022, BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Jackson Chavez Mason O'Connell	Nays: None Absent: Mora Sosa
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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 O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,835,771.57, AS FOLLOWS:

PAYROLL 02/28/22.....	\$ 858,686.16
PAYROLL 03/15/22.....	\$ 860,434.78
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS	\$ 912,316.36
P-CARD FUND LISTING.....	\$ 17,944.78
REFERENDUM PROJECTS	\$ 5,186,389.49

TOTAL \$ 7,835,771.57

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

FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION None

SPECIAL SERVICES None

HUMAN RESOURCES None

OTHER OLD BUSINESS None

CLOSED SESSION

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Mora, 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:	Hightower Jackson Chavez Mason O'Connell	Nays: None Absent: Mora Sosa
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Motion carried 5-0

The Board recessed to closed session at 07:25 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 07:56 pm with all members present except Member Mora and Sosa.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD:

PAEC. Member O'Connell reported on the Special meeting held on March 9, 2022, and the regular meeting held on March 16, 2022. At the special meeting, The Governing Board went into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. At the regular meeting, The Governing Board approved the minutes from the special meeting on January 27, 2022, the regular meeting on February 16, 2022 and the special meeting on March 9, 2022, as presented. They also approved payroll, bills, and new business, as presented. The Governing board approved employments, resignations, terminations, and FMLA requests, as presented. They also approved the salary stipend for additional duties for two employees, as presented. The Governing Board adopted the resolution dismissing Educational Support Personnel from PAEC, as presented. They also adopted the resolution to honorably dismiss probationary Certified/Licensed personnel from PAEC, as presented. They were made aware the audit refund checks for their second and third payments will be sent in March and May. The next meeting

will be held Wednesday April 20, 2022 at 6pm.

IASB No Report

EDUCATION & FINANCE No Report

POLICY & LEGISLATION No Report

FACILITIES The minutes from the Facilities Committee Meeting held on February 28, 2022 are 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:

LICENSED PERSONNEL – INTENT TO RETIRE

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE LETTERS OF INTENT TO RETIRE FROM THE FOLLOWING LICENSED PERSONNEL, AS PERSENTED FOR:

NOULA ANGELOS

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

LICENSED PERSONNEL – RESIGNATION

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS FROM THE FOLLOWING LICENSED PERSONNEL, AS PRESENTED FOR:

LANA MARCHAND - EFFECTIVE END OF 2021-2022 SY
ESTHER HONG - EFFECTIVE END OF 2021-2022 SY
ALEXA OCAMPO - EFFECTIVE END OF 2021-2022 SY
COLLEEN NAGY - EFFECTIVE END OF 2021-2022 SY
DANETTA JUAREZ - EFFECTIVE END OF 2021-2022 SY

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

Motion carried 5-0

LICENSED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LICENSED LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS, AS PRESENTED FOR:

JENNIFER BUCZKIEWICZ
JUDITH BUCZKIEWICZ
CHERIE SPARACIO
CYNTHIA JONES
JESSE CHERNEY

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

Motion carried 5-0

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF DISMISSAL AND NON-RENEWAL OF FIRST YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHERS

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOTICE OF DISMISSAL AND NON-RENEWAL OF THE FOLLOWING FIRST YEAR PROBATIONARY TEACHER, AS PRESENTED:

COLLEEN ZUMERCHIK

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

Motion carried 5-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - RESIGNATIONS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATIONS:

MONICA HARO – EFFECTIVE 03/25/2022

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

Motion carried 5-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING LEAVE REQUEST, AS PRESENTED:

MONICA SALAS

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

Motion carried 5-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENTS

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOYS THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT PERSONNEL:

ARACELY GARCIA-CERON – PENDING EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK

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

Motion carried 5-0

POLICIES – ADOPTION

NONE

FUNDRAISERS

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDRAISER, AS PRESENTED:

MACARTHUR MIDDLE SCHOOL JAVA JOE'S FUNDRAISER
SOUTHSIDE PTO SKYZONE FAMILY NIGHT

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

DONATIONS NONE

STUDENT RESIDENCY NONE

REHIRE ADMINISTRATORS

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATORS, AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

KELLY ZIMMERMAN, M.A.	ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION
LATESH TRAVIS M.Ed.	ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR HUMAN RESOURCES
LAURA VINCE,CSBO	ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE & OPERATIONS

NANCY TORTORA	PRINCIPAL
PARIS BRANTON-MAY	PRINCIPAL
MARIA HENDRICKS	PRINCIPAL
TRACY BODENSTAB, Ed.D.	PRINCIPAL
KEVIN GROCHOWSKI	PRINCIPAL
SUNILKUMAR MODY, Ed.D.	PRINCIPAL

SHARON URBANIEC	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
JENNIFER BARR	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
STANLEY SOWA	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
ELIZABETH PIKES	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
TASHA THOMPSON-GRAY, Ed.D.	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
KRYSTINA LEWIS	ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

NICOLE SPATAFORE	DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
EULALIA VALDEZ	DIRECTOR OF ENGLISH LEARNING
JOSEPH BYRNE	DIRECTOR OF EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
RODNEY DALE WHITE	DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES & TRANSPORTATION
MARCUS SHELTON	DIRECTOR OF NUTRITION SERVICES
KATHLEEN KUCEBA	NUTRITION SERVICES SUPERVISOR
KARA MIESZANEK, Ed.D.	DIRECTOR OF TEACHING & LEARNING

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

REHIRE DISTRICT AND SCHOOL NURSES

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING DISTRICT AND SCHOOL NURSES, AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

PAULA LIND	DISTRICT NURSE
BARBARA ALESSI	SCHOOL NURSE

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

REHIRE TECHNOLOGY PERSONNEL

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD REHIRE THE FOLLOWING TECHNOLOGY PERSONNEL, AS DISCUSSED IN CLOSED SESSION:

VINCENT BARTUCCI	DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY SPECIALISTS TIER I
IVY KARAS	DATABASE AND SYSTEM SPECIALIST
JEFFREY RUNDLE	DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY SPECIALISTS TIER II
WEIWEI WU	DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY SPECIALISTS TIER I

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

SCHOOL FEES

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE 2022-2023 STUDENT FEES, AS PRESENTED.

Consumable Supplies – All Grades	\$30.00 per year
Family Rate for two or more	\$45.00 per year
Interscholastic Sports Fee (including physical exam)	\$35.00 per year
Family Rate for two or more	\$40.00 per year

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Band Fee	\$45.00 per year
Family Rate for two or more	\$50.00 per year
Breakfast – Type A	FREE
Breakfast – Adult	\$2.25
Lunch – Type A (Middle Schools)	FREE
Lunch – Type A (Primary/Intermediate)	FREE
Lunch – Adult	\$4.25
Student Milk	\$.40
Adult Milk	\$.45

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

ADOPT 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, that the Board adopt the 2022-2023 school calendar as proposed and attached to the minutes of this meeting showing the beginning of school as August 23, 2022, the ending of school as June 9, 2023, with 180 attendance days, 3 institute days (8-22-22, 10-14-22, 2-17-23) and two all-day parent-teacher conferences (10-13-2022 and 3-9-2023) for a total of 185 days

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

APPROVE REVISED 2021-2022 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mason that the Board consider approving the revised 2021-2022 school calendar as proposed and attached to the minutes of this meeting showing the beginning of school as August 24, 2021, the ending of school as June 3, 2022, with 175 attendance days, 3 institute days (8-23-21 10-08-21, 2-18-22) and two all-day parent-teacher conferences (10-07-21 and 03-03-22) for a total of 180 days

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

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Sullivan informed the Board about the upcoming Parent Engagement Night that will take place on April 5, 2022 in person at Whittier and Jefferson Schools. He asked Dr. Kara Mieszanek to give an SEL update. He also informed the Board of the upcoming 8th Grade activities and graduation plans. He ended by giving an update on the system assessment and the process of strategic planning.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

ADOPT ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS LITERACY CORE MATERIALS

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Chavez, that the Board approves the adoption and purchase of new Core English Language Arts (Literacy) Materials, as presented.

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

ACCEPT PROPOSAL FOR FY 2021-2022 SUMMER SCHOOL LEARNING

Member Mason moved, seconded by O'Connell, that the Board approve the Summer Learning 2022 proposal, as presented.

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

APPROVE 6TH GRADE SPANISH EXPLORATORY COURSES

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, That the Board approve the Spanish Speaking Countries: A Cultural Investigation-6th Grade Spanish Exploratory Course, as presented.

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

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Zimmerman updated the Board on the annual safety processes and upcoming vaccine clinics. She also gave explanations on the new English Language Art Literacy core materials, the new summer school proposal, and 6th grade Spanish course proposals.

TECHNOLOGY

MONTHLY REPORT : None

BUSINESS SERVICES

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 2/28/22.

FINANCIAL ADVISORY AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD RATIFY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY AGREEMENT WITH PMA SECURITIES, INC., AS PRESENTED.

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

CHANGE ORDERS #40-41 2020 REFERENDUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS #40-41, AS PRESENTED.

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

ASSIGN CONTRACTS TO CONSTRUCTION MANAGER

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD ASSIGN THE AWARDED BID FOR TRADE PACKAGE 11D – ATHLETIC EQUIPMENT WORK AS PRESENTED AND APPROVED TO GILBANE BUILDING COMPANY AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD PRESIDENT AND ADMINISTRATION TO TAKE ALL ACTIONS REASONABLE AND NECESSARY TO ACCOMPLISH THE ASSIGNMENT, AS PRESENTED.

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

ACCEPT CAPITAL PROJECTS COMMISSIONING PROPOSAL

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM FARNSWORTH GROUP, INC. FOR COMMISSIONING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$23,438.00 FOR RILEY/NORTHLAKE AND \$29,782.00 FOR SUNNYSIDE/MACARTHUR WITH A COMBINED TOTAL OF \$53,220.00, AS PRESENTED.

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

RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF THE PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 205 S. WOLF RD, NORTHLAKE, IL, FROM THE CITY OF NORTHLAKE, AS PRESENTED, AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT AND THE DISTRICT'S LEGAL COUNSEL TO TAKE SUCH ACTIONS NECESSARY TO EXECUTE THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND TO CLOSE SUCH PURCHASE.

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

RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,800,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$3,800,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED REFUNDING SCHOOL BONDS OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS OF THE DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF, AS PRESENTED

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

ACCEPT AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE AUDIT ENGAGEMENT LETTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, AS PRESENTED

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

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Vince updated the Board that the District received a Certificate of Excellence award. She also updated the Board on the referendum projects phase III. She mentioned that work happening at Jefferson and Whittier along with some HVAC upgrades. She also discussed the EBC final renewal.

FACILITIES

MONTHLY REPORT: Mr. White gave an update on the Riley moving process. He also briefly thanked the custodians for volunteering to help with moving things out of Riley to prepare for the construction that was to take place during spring break.

HUMAN RESOURCES

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the 2022-2023 vacancies. She informed the Board that their statement of economic interest is due May 2, 2022. She also mentioned that open enrollment for insurance will take place between April 25, 2022- May 6, 2022.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next board meeting is April 25, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:38 PM.

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Hightower
Jackson
Chavez
Mason
O'Connell

Nays: None

Absent: Mora
Sosa

Motion carried 5-0

ATTEST:

Secretary _____

President _____

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