

WILL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 92
708 North State Street
Lockport, IL 60441

OPEN SESSION MINUTES
of the Board of Education
Will County School District 92
Tuesday, November 13, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Messina called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. held in the Administrative Board Room located at 708 N. State Street in Lockport, Illinois. Roll call was taken with the following members answering present: Adamczyk, Gorecki (by telephone), Dusterhoft, Houlihan, Ferkaluk, Sweis and Messina.

Members Absent: None

Also present: Interim Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Fleming, Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Bishop and Assistant Superintendent for Special Education West.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PERSONS PRESENTING REQUESTS OR SEEKING INFORMATION

None

IV. BOARD OF EDUCATION REQUEST FOR AGENDA ADDENDUM ITEMS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Sweis to approve the Consent Agenda part 1 and 2; (1) 10/16/2018 Board of Education Minutes; (2) Treasurer's Report and Financial Reports.

Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Ferkaluk, Gorecki, Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis, Dusterhoft and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

VI. APPROVAL - MONTHLY EXPENDITURES

Motion by member Dusterhoft and seconded by member Houlihan to approve the November Expenditures and October Interim Expenditures as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Sweis, Dusterhoft, Gorecki, Ferkaluk, Houlihan and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Adamczyk

ABSENT: None

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Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT/ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Report Card Designations and 2018 Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Results (ENCLOSURE VII-1a) - Interim Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction Fleming began his report by talking about the annual School Report Card. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) released the annual School Report Card on Oct. 31st. The Report Card shows how well our schools are progressing on a wide range of educational goals. He said that data points from Walsh, Reed, Ludwig and Oak Prairie show that all four buildings are designated as Commendable. Designations are new this year. The Commendable designation means that in all four buildings the majority of students showed growth. This includes the sub-groups of economically disadvantaged students, students with disabilities and English learners. Dr. Fleming said that a Commendable designation wouldn't be possible without all students, parents and all staff working together as a community partnership dedicated to children and he thanked everyone for their continued support. The 2018 PARCC scores were a significant component to the summative designation of Commendable for the district. The PARCC scores highlight some areas where District 92 is thriving and some areas where improvement is needed. Dr. Fleming gave a presentation with detailed score information. This presentation was also included in the Board packets. When he was finished, he answered questions from the Board. Mr. Adamczyk asked why District 92's scores have gone down, why our scores are so much lower than District 157 (Frankfort) and what we are doing to improve our scores. Dr. Fleming explained that demographics are a large part of it and that testing fatigue may also come into play. He added that data on every student is reviewed three times per year at the building level and each building implements progress monitoring and interventions for students in Tier II and Tier III.

IASB Resolutions Committee Report 2018 - Dr. Fleming thanked Mr. Gorecki for putting the report together and sharing it with the Board. Mr. Gorecki reviewed the resolutions and asked if there were any questions about any of them. Mr. Messina thanked Mr. Gorecki for putting this report together every year. Mr. Gorecki said that the resolutions show the importance of a School Board.

Standards-Based Grading Committee - Dr. Fleming reported that the Standards-Based Grading Committee met with consultant Janis Heigel on Oct 26th. The main purpose of that meeting was to discuss the philosophy of standards-based grading and to set a timeline for implementation. The committee agreed to prepare standards-based report cards during the 2018/19 and 2019/20 school year with implementation in 2020/21 for grades 1, 2 and 3. Grades 4 and 5 may also be included but this will be decided at a later date.

Performance Evaluation Review Act (PERA) Joint Agreement Revisions - The PERA Joint Committee met on November 8th to revise language. Dr. Fleming shared that main revision was changing MAP to FastBridge and to determine the growth score using FastBridge.

2. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR BUSINESS SERVICES

Special Education Transportation 2019/2020 School Year and Beyond - Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Bishop explained that the 5 year transportation contract with Grand Prairie will be ending June 30, 2019. District 92 plans to bid this service out in

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January 2019. She said we will be looking for approval from the Board to commence the bid process at the December Board meeting. Mr. Dusterhoft asked why general education and special education transportation contracts are bid separately and Ms. Bishop explained that it is because of special education transportation reimbursements.

3. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) Training - Assistant Superintendent for Special Education Services West explained that DLM is an alternative assessment intended for students with the most significant disabilities. Students taking the alternative assessment may be identified under a variety of educational categories, including cognitive disabilities, autism, multiple disabilities and traumatic brain injury. Students are assessed in the areas of English Language Arts (reading and writing), math and science. Administrator training and teacher training will be completed in January 2019 in the following areas: components of the DLM assessment system, security demand of the DLM system, review allowable accessibility options and allowable practices, and review of test administration practices. She said that student results are in 4 categories: Emerging (emerging understanding of and ability to apply content knowledge and skills represented), Approaching the Target, At Target and Advanced.

Ms. West also talked about PARCC scores for special education students and said that they will be diving into the data and will share findings and plans to lessen the gap of non-IEP students and IEP students.

4. BUILDING COMMITTEE

Ms. Bishop presented the building committee report. She said that the building committee met on October 25th. Topics of discussion included the following:

Summer 2018 Project Status - A status update was provided for completion of the punchlist items as well as unsatisfactory work which was detailed in a previous Board meeting. All items have been scheduled for completion during Thanksgiving and winter break.

Siemens Proposal - Potential involvement by Siemens in future projects was discussed. The discussion is ongoing, as it would be a new agreement and not related to performance contracting. Various legal aspects are being researched and possibilities discussed. Ms. Bishop said that the discussions will continue as we formulate this possibility.

HVAC Report - District-wide HVAC issues were discussed. This is an ongoing topic for each building committee meeting. Ms. Bishop explained that the purpose is to keep Board members on the committee up-to-date on issues that arise.

BAS Maintenance Contract - This was discussed and Ms. Bishop said we are awaiting a proposal from Siemens. It is expected that the proposal will be received by the next meeting.

Lead Water Testing Update - Ms. Bishop said the committee discussed doing a round of additional testing on drinking fountains and kitchens. Although we are not required to do so as our levels are at acceptable limits per statute, we would like to further reduce those levels. The results would provide the information necessary to find out if our remediation efforts are working. She said we look to do that testing before the winter break or in January once the students are back.

Walsh Water Bill Status - Ms. Bishop said we will continue to investigate what appears to be a higher than expected cost.

The next Building Committee meeting has not yet been scheduled, but will be held in early December.

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VIII. ACTION CONSIDERATIONS

1. Personnel Matters – Action Items

A. Resignation of Classified Personnel (ENCLOSURE VIII-1A) - Action - Passed

Motion by member Sweis and seconded by member Houlihan to accept the resignation of Eric Banich, PT Custodian at Ludwig, Shayna Myers, PT Custodian at Oak Prairie and Sean Davis, PT Custodian at Oak Prairie. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Adamczyk, Sweis, Ferkaluk, Houlihan, Dusterhoft and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

B. Employment of Classified Personnel (ENCLOSURE VIII-1B) - Action - Passed

Motion by member Sweis and seconded by member Ferkaluk to employ Nicole Banfi, Lunch/Recess Supervisor at Reed. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Adamczyk, Sweis, Dusterhoft, Gorecki, Ferkaluk, Houlihan and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

C. Approval of New Extra Duty Position (ENCLOSURE VIII-1C) - Action - Passed

Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Dusterhoft to approve an additional Extra Duty Drama position. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Sweis, Houlihan, Gorecki, Ferkaluk, Dusterhoft, Adamczyk and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

D. Approval of the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO Administrative Contract (ENCLOSURE VIII-1D) - Action - Failed

Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Dusterhoft to approve the Assistant Superintendent for Business Services/CSBO Administrative Contract as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Houlihan, Gorecki, and Messina

NAY: Dusterhoft, Adamczyk, Ferkaluk and Sweis

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion failed.

Member Sweis commented that while Ms. Bishop is doing a phenomenal job, she feels that at this time the focus should be on the search for a Superintendent. Member Adamczyk said

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that Ms. Bishop still has 19.5 months left on her current contract. Board President Messina said that he feels Ms. Bishop is doing a phenomenal job.

2. Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the 2018 Tax Year and Setting of the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing (ENCLOSURE VIII-2) - Action - Passed

Motion by member Ferkaluk and seconded by member Sweis to approve the Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for the 2018 Tax Year and Setting of the Truth-In-Taxation Hearing for December 18, 2018 at 6:50 p.m. as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Dusterhoft, Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis, Ferkaluk and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

3. Approval of the Purchase of a 2019 F250 Truck & Snowplow (ENCLOSURE VIII-3) - Action - Passed

Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Dusterhoft to approve the Purchase of a 2019 F250 Truck & Snowplow as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Sweis, Houlihan, Ferkaluk, Gorecki and Messina

NAY: Dusterhoft and Adamczyk

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

4. Approval of First Student Transportation 1-Year Contract Extension - School Year 2019/2020 (ENCLOSURE VIII-4) - Action - Passed

Motion by member Sweis and seconded by member Houlihan to approve the First Student Transportation 1-Year Contract Extension - School Year 2019/2020 as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Houlihan, Gorecki, Sweis, Adamczyk, Dusterhoft, Ferkaluk and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

5. Approval of Property Tax Relief Grant Application FY 2019 (ENCLOSURE VIII-5) - Action - Passed

Motion by member Sweis and seconded by member Houlihan to approve the Property Tax Relief Grant Application FY 2019 as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Sweis, Adamczyk, Dusterhoft, Ferkaluk, Houlihan and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

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ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

6. Approval of the Resolution - District Surplus Inventory Items (ENCLOSURE VIII-6) - Action - Passed

Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Dusterhoft to approve the Resolution - District Surplus Inventory Items as presented. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Ferkaluk, Sweis, Gorecki, Dusterhoft, Houlihan, Adamczyk and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

IX. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Board Policy 4:20 (Fund Balance) Compliance: Year End Minimum (ENCLOSURE IX-1)
Ms. Bishop noted the District is in compliance with Board Policy 4:20 as presented. Additionally, the District exceeds the policy minimum with 6+ months of cash reserves in all of the operating funds versus 3 months as required.
2. Student Conduct Review (ENCLOSURE IX-2)

X. COMMUNICATIONS

Board Highlights (ENCLOSURE X)

XI. CLOSED SESSION

Motion by member Ferkaluk and seconded by member Sweis to go into Closed Session for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity and the placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. (5ILCS 120/2 Paragraph 14) at 8:06 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Sweis, Ferkaluk, Gorecki, Adamczyk, Houlihan, Dusterhoft and Messina

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

XII. APPROVAL OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by member Houlihan and seconded by member Ferkaluk to adjourn the meeting at 10:19 p.m. Roll call being had thereon, the members voted:

AYE: Gorecki, Ferkaluk, Houlihan, Adamczyk, Sweis, Dusterhoft and Messina

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NAY: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion passed.

Whereupon President Messina declared the motion carried.

Michael Messina
President, Board of Education

Doreen Sweis
Secretary, Board of Education