

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
December 18, 2023**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order in the Roosevelt Middle School Library Learning Center, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois, on December 18, 2023, at 7:04 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on roll call:

Ms. Stacey Williams, President
Mrs. Kathleen Avalos, Vice President
Dr. Nicole Thompson
Dr. Kristine Mackey
Mr. Joseph Cortese (via phone)
Dr. Eric Isenberg

ROLL CALL

Administrators present:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction
Ms. Stephanie Rath, Director of Communications and
Community Relations

Recording Secretary: Anthony Cozzi, Chief Operations Officer

Community present: The number of community participants in person was 5 and on zoom was 2.

Student Presentations

Ms. Williams introduced Willard Elementary School 4th graders Elle and Sam to present on the recent activities of that school.

Ms. Williams welcomed visitors and asked for any public comment.

Secretary, Pro-Tem

In Mrs. Eckmann's absence, Ms. Williams nominated Mrs. Avalos to serve as Secretary, Pro-Tem for this meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Isenberg and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education appoint Katie Avalos as Secretary, Pro-Tem.

SECRETARY PRO-
TEM APPOINTED

On call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Isenberg, Mr. Cortese, Dr. Thompson

Nays: none

The motion carried.

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Isenberg that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

On call of the roll, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Thompson, Ms. Williams, Mrs.

Avalos, Mr. Cortese, Dr. Mackey

Nays: none

The motion carried.

AGENDA
APPROVED

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA was received via email from Katharine Casey of Science of Reading Illinois on November 16, 2023 regarding universal/core curricula currently being used. A response was emailed on November 21, 2023. A FOIA was received via email from Patrick Lee on November 26, 2023 regarding internal air quality testing. A response was emailed on November 29, 2023.

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Dr. Isenberg that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda to include the following:

November payrolls totaling \$1,061,915.85, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$432,876.23 and accounts payable totaling \$408,472.15.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Mackey, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Isenberg, Mr.

Cortese, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos

Nays: none

The motion carried.

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

Board Committee Reports were as follows:

Education

A meeting was held at which the recent Literacy Forum was discussed. Also discussed was innovative technology that incorporates AI into the curriculum.

Personnel

No report was given.

Policy

A meeting was held at which the latest PRESS Policy updates were discussed.

Finance

No report was given.

Equity

A meeting was held at which the strategic action plan that included equity was discussed.

Facilities

No meeting was held.

Communications

No meeting was held.

Outside Meetings were as follows:

Community Council

No report was given.

Youth Network Council

No report was given.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

No report was given.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

A meeting was held at which bringing back the inclusiveness survey was discussed.

PlanItGreen

A meeting was held at which the Annual Leaders Forum was discussed.

West Cook Governing Board (IASB)

No report was given.

ED-RED

No report was given.

Committee for Collaboration

No meeting was held.

Positive Youth Development

No meeting was held.

Superintendent's Report

Adoption of 2023 Tax Levy – Mr. Cozzi described the requirements under the Truth in Taxation Act. The District was required to conduct a formal public hearing on the tax levy because the increase was greater than 5% of the prior years' extension. That hearing was held earlier tonight. Mr. Cozzi also described the amount of the levy as being equal to the estimated levy that was approved in November.

It was moved by Dr. Mackey and seconded by Dr. Isenberg that the Board of Education adopt the 2023 Tax Levy, as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mr. Cortese, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Avalos

Nays: none

The motion carried.

2023 TAX LEVY
ADOPTED

Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies – Mr. Cozzi noted that a resolution is necessary to instruct the County to reduce certain fund levies if necessary.

It was moved by Dr. Thompson and seconded by Mrs. Avalos that the Board of Education adopt the Resolution Authorizing Deduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2023 levy year.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Cortese, Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Mackey

Nays: none

The motion carried.

REDUCTION OF
CERTAIN FUND
LEVIES FOR THE
2023 LEVY
AUTHORIZED

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Meeting Minutes –

It was moved by Mrs. Avalos and seconded by Mr. Cortese that the Board of Education approve the recommendation not to release previous closed session minutes.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Mackey, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Cortese

Nays: none

The motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION
MINUTES NOT
RELEASED

Destruction of Closed Session Meeting Audio Recordings –

It was moved by Mrs. Avalos and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the destruction of closed session meetings audio recordings dated between July 2021 and December 2021.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Mackey, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Cortese

Nays: none

The motion carried.

DESTRUCTION OF
CLOSED SESSION
MEETINGS
AUDIO
RECORDINGS
APPROVED

Proposed District Calendar, 2024-25 – Dr. Condon gave the second presentation of the proposed District Calendar for 2024-25 with edits from the previous meeting. He thanked Dr. Hawley for her leadership of the Calendar Committee. A Board discussion ensued about the various options.

It was moved by Dr. Isenberg and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education adopt the District Calendar for the 2024-25 school year including the addition of Rosh Hashanah as a holiday, a new start date for staff on August 16, 2024 and a new start date for students on August 21, 2024.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Mackey, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Cortese

Nays: none

The motion carried.

DISTRICT
CALENDAR, 2024-
25 ADOPTED

NORC Focus Group Research Proposal – Dr. Condon introduced the topic of the focus group research proposal and noted that a revised proposal was at each member’s table. Dr. Mackey stated that the reason for the proposal was in response to the scores indicated on the most recent 5 Essentials survey. She noted that NORQ is very familiar with 5 Essentials and proposed a virtual focus group approach. Dr. Condon thanked Dr. Mackey and Mr. Cortese for their efforts in initiating the research. A Board discussion ensued around revisions to the proposal in hand and possibly obtaining additional vendor proposals. Dr. Condon agreed to contact the NORC researchers and request clarification about several elements of the proposal. Ms. Williams called for a motion to approve the proposal but did not receive one.

Policy First Reading, PRESS Update Issue 113 – Dr. Condon and Dr. Isenberg presented the first reading of the PRESS Policy Update for October 2023. A Board discussion ensued.

School Safety and Security Committee Progress Update – Dr. Condon spoke about the work performed up to this point by the School Safety and Security Review Committee. He gave a timeline for its completion. A Board discussion ensued.

It was moved by Dr. Isenberg and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss
1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body to determine its validity.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Isenberg, Ms. Williams, Dr. Mackey, Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Cortese

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:40 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:57 p.m.

Personnel

It was moved by Dr. Isenberg and seconded by Dr. Thompson that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Dr. Isenberg, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Mackey, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Avalos, Mr. Cortese

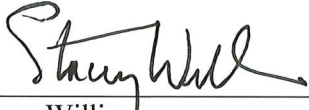
Nays: None

The motion carried.

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

It was moved by Dr. Mackey and seconded by Dr. Isenberg and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Stacey Williams
President



Sarah Eckmann
Secretary