

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
May 18, 2020**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of School District #90, Cook County, Illinois, was called to order virtually using Zoom, on May 18, 2020, at 6:09 p.m.

The following Board Members responded present on a virtual roll call:

Mr. Richard Moore, President
Mrs. Barbara Hickey, Vice President
Ms. Stacey Williams, Secretary
Dr. Nicole Thompson (arrived at 6:26 p.m.)
Mr. Cal Davis
Mrs. Kathleen Avalos
Mrs. Judy Deogracias

ROLL CALL

Administrators present virtually:

Dr. Ed Condon, Superintendent
Dr. Alison Hawley, Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Kevin Martin, Director of Technology
Ms. Denise Matthews, Director of Special Education
Dawne Simmons, Communications Coordinator
Mr. Larry Garstki, Roosevelt School Principal
Mrs. Tina Steketee, Roosevelt School Assistant Principal
Ms. Diane Wood, Willard School Principal
Mr. Casey Godfrey, Lincoln School Principal
Mrs. Christine Gerges, Lincoln/Willard Assistant Principal

Recording Secretary (in-person at Roosevelt Middle School, 7560 Oak Avenue, River Forest, Illinois): Mr. Anthony Cozzi, Director of Finance and Facilities

Community present (via Zoom):

Maggie Clancy, resident
Alexis Agema, resident
Katie Iammartino, resident

Mr. Moore welcomed visitors and asked Ms. Simmons for comments from in advance the public.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mrs. Deogracias that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

AGENDA
APPROVED

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

Ayes: Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis, Mr. Moore, Ms. Williams, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Avalos

Nays: none

The motion carried.

Freedom of Information Act Request

A FOIA was received via email from Karen Sullivan on May 7, 2020 regarding communication consultant contracts. A response was emailed on May 11, 2020.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda to include the following:

April payrolls totaling \$838,574.69, Board payments relating to payrolls totaling \$398,226.97 and accounts payable totaling \$317,368.64.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis, Mr. Moore, Ms. Williams

Nays: none

The motion carried.

CONSENT
AGENDA
APPROVED

Board Committee Reports were as follows:

Education

No report was given.

Personnel

No meeting was held.

Policy

No report was given.

Finance

No meeting was held.

Equity

No report was given

Facilities

No meeting was held.

Communications

No report was given.

Gender inclusion (Ad Hoc)

No meeting was held.

Educational Foundation (Ad Hoc)

No meeting was held.

Outside Meetings were as follows:

Council of Governments

No meeting was held.

Community Council

A meeting was held at which the pros and cons of the E-Learning experience and the results of the parent/student survey were discussed. There were additional discussions about the learning plan for the fall.

Youth Network Council

A meeting was held at which an increase in crime in River Forest, though not specifically related to youth, was discussed.

Board Liaison District PTO Council

No meeting was held.

Inclusiveness Advisory Board

No meeting was held.

River Forest Civic Association

No meeting was held.

Citizen Corp Council

No meeting was held.

West Cook Governing Board (IASB)

No report was given.

ED-RED

A meeting was held at which the legal complications around COVID-19 were discussed.

River Forest Sub-Committee on Collaboration

No report was given.

District Calendar Review

Dr. Condon discussed the remaining remote learning calendar and the June 11-12 Institute Days for teachers.

Superintendent's Report

Revised Strategic Plan Document – Dr. Condon presented the Revised Strategic Plan document for approval. He thanked the Strategic Plan Committee for their efforts. He spoke about the unchanged mission statement and explained his reasons for not recommending any changes at this time. He also noted the recommended change to Goal 3. Mr. Moore looked forward to the resulting Action Objectives that will come out of the plan. Mrs. Hickey was pleased with the details of the new vision statement. Ms. Williams questioned the placement of the strategies in Goal 3. She recommended changes to the Strategy around instructional practices and technology. Dr. Condon gave a possible recommended change.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education approve the Revised Strategic Plan Document as amended to include changes to Goal 3 Strategies.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis, Dr. Thompson

Nays: none

The motion carried.

AMENDED
REVISED
STRATEGIC PLAN
DOCUMENT
APPROVED

Policy, Second Reading, Policy 4:180 – Dr. Condon presented revisions to Policy 4:180, Pandemic Preparedness. He thanked Ms. Williams and Dr. Thompson for their help.

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Ms. Williams that the Board of Education adopt the PRESS Policy Update for Policy 4:180, as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis, Dr. Thompson

Nays: none

The motion carried.

POLICY 4:180
ADOPTED

Renewable Energy Services Agreement – Mr. Cozzi presented the Service Agreement from Nania Energy Advisors for recommendation. The agreement gives Nania the authority to obtain renewable energy supplier pricing and conduct a subsequent RFP and live auction process for renewable electricity. Mrs. Hickey thanked Mr. Cozzi for his efforts.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education approve the renewable energy services agreement with Nania Energy Advisors, as presented.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Ms. Williams, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Hickey, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis, Dr. Thompson

Nays: none

The motion carried.

RENEWABLE
ENERGY
SERVICES
AGREEMENT
APPROVED

Policy, First Reading – Dr. Condon and Ms. Williams gave the first reading of the PRESS Policy Update for March 2020.

ASBO International's Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting – Dr. Condon spoke about the Certificate of Excellence. He and the Board thanked Mr. Cozzi for his continued efforts in this area.

Comprehensive Transition Plan Update – Mid-Term Phase, Summer 2020 – Dr. Condon spoke in detail about the updated mid-term phase (June – November 2020) of the transition plan. He also spoke in detail about the formation of the action and modification teams. Finally, he spoke about complementary learning opportunities; reviews of the remote learning plan; access of social/emotional supplies, 5th grade orientation planning; and financial forecasting.

Remote Learning/COVID-19 Response Q&A – Dr. Condon acknowledged that the entire administrative team was present to answer questions. Mrs. Avalos asked about the current summer school enrollment outside of ESY and wondered if any additional class recommendations would be added. Dr. Hawley noted that all recommendations are final. Mrs. Deogracias asked about teacher reactions to preliminary plans to re-opening in the fall. Mr. Garstki noted that teachers have worries about starting in the fall in a virtual format because it does not allow them the opportunity to develop relationships with new students. Ms. Wood and Mr. Godfrey agreed. Ms. Williams asked about incomplete grades and if there were any requirements to complete the work over the summer. Dr. Thompson added on to that by asking about requirements of students completing essential assignments.

Enrollment Update – Dr. Condon gave the Board an update of current enrollments by school and projections for next year.

Additional Exploratory Course Offerings – Grades 5 and 6 – Dr. Condon spoke about the proposed addition of a fourth exploratory course offering for Grades 5 and 6 at Roosevelt. He noted that this would reduce the enrollment in each exploratory rotation on average from 32 to 24 students. He gave further details of the proposal.

Emergency Child Care for Essential Workers Partnership – West Cook YMCA – Dr. Condon gave information about a potential partnership with the West Cook YMCA to provide emergency child care for essential workers this summer at Lincoln school. Mr. Moore was thankful that District 90 would have the opportunity to support essential workers in the community. Mrs. Avalos asked about the communication strategy around this topic.

It was moved by Mrs. Deogracias and seconded by Mrs. Hickey that the Board of Education move into closed session in order to discuss 2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Hickey, Ms. Williams, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Deogracias, Mr. Davis

Nays: none

The motion carried and the Board moved into closed session at approximately 8:22 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board returned to open session with the same members present at approximately 8:59 p.m.

Personnel

It was moved by Mrs. Hickey and seconded by Mr. Davis that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

PERSONNEL
REPORT
APPROVED

On roll call, the vote was as follows:

Ayes: Mrs. Hickey, Mr. Davis, Dr. Thompson, Mr. Moore, Mrs. Avalos, Mrs. Deogracias, Ms. Williams

Nays: None

The motion carried.

Committee Meeting Dates

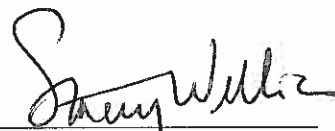
A Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2020, to be held virtually at 6:00 p.m.

It was moved by Ms. Williams and seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously carried that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Richard Moore
President


Stacey Williams
Secretary