

Minutes of a Virtual Regular Board of Education Meeting of  
 McHenry Elementary School District 15, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois,  
 Edgebrook School, 701 N. Green St., McHenry, IL 60050

June 8, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Chad Mihevc with the following Board Members present: Lindsay Morley, Rachel McConnell, Arne Waltmire, Matt Stauner, Jennifer Synek

Absent: Jan Riemann

Others present: Deputy Superintendent Josh Reitz, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Schubert, Director of Human Resources Brian Kilinski, Director of Student Services Kelli Catini, Director of English Learning Maureen Cassidy, Director of Teaching/Learning Fred Laudadio and various staff and citizens.

President Mihevc called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked Mr. Stauner to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting May 18, 2021
- Agenda of Bills and Imprest Cash summary ending May 25, 2021
 

Education Fund	\$ 470,694.33
Building Fund	44,198.06
Transportation Fund	<u>47,035.94</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 561,928.33</b>
- Payroll Report for May 2021
 

Education Fund	\$ 3,223,715.94
Building Fund	10,167.04
Transportation Fund	188,946.00
IMRF Fund	<u>171,216.89</u>
	<b>\$ 3,594,045.87</b>
- Personnel Report

CERTIFIED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Tamara Ray	Michelle Huerta
Danielle Meckl	Erika Senne

CERTIFIED NEW HIRES

Brittany Hannon	K-1 Looping Teacher/LM	\$39,711.00/yr.	effective 7/19/21
Sandra Zunkel	6 <sup>th</sup> Teacher/PK	\$47,268.00/yr.	effective 8/16/21
Heather Anderson	Social Worker/EB	\$57,636.50/yr.	effective 8/9/21
Zoe Kell	SES Teacher/PK	\$47,268.00/yr.	effective 8/16/21
Delaney Kinster	Speech Pathologist/PK	\$56,375.00/yr.	effective 8/16/21
Michelle Serini	6 <sup>th</sup> Teacher/PK	\$44,216.00/yr.	effective 8/16/21
Madelyn Barrett	2-3 Looping Teacher/LM	\$39,711.50/yr.	effective 7/19/21
Katie Andrews	2/3 Dual Lang. Tchr./HT	\$47,564.00/yr.	effective 8/16/21

CERTIFIED CHANGE IN STATUS

Karen Bauer	Leave of Absence to Retirement	effective 5/25/21
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Lori Mesnard	Adj. Lrg to SES Teacher/DK	effective 8/16/21
Megan Young	LMC Dir to Inst. Coach/EB	effective 8/16/21
Amanda Schmidt	SES SW/HT to Adj Lrg/HT/DK	effective 8/16/21
Ana Diaz	PreK Speech to Pre-K/K-3 Speech/EB	effective 8/16/21
Stefanie Sanidas	Speech/VV to Speech/Montini	effective 8/16/21
Taylor Marquardt	SAIL Speech/EB to EB/RW LOP Speech	effective 8/16/21
Jessica Lang	HT/RW .6 to HT /RW Speech .8	effective 8/16/21
Melissa Snyder	EB .5 Speech to EB/Dist .8 Speech	effective 8/16/21
Susan Crick	EB Speech to EB K-3 Speech	effective 8/16/21
CERTIFIED ANTICIPATED RETIREMENT		
Carrie Villacres	Teacher/MMS	effective 2024/2025
Tina Kazlauskas	Teacher/MMS	effective 2024/2025
Carol Peter	Teacher/MMS	effective 2024/2025
Paul Goodman	Teacher/LM	effective 2024/2025
Amy Wuerger	Director of Health Services	effective 2024/2025
Jenny Nellessen	Teacher/DK	effective 2024/2025
Stephanie Peight	Hearing Itinerant/EB	effective 2024/2025
CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION		
Jackie Torres	School Psychologist/HT	effective 5/25/21
Gena Albanese	ELD Teacher/VV	effective 5/25/21
Andrea Kosmicki	SPED Teacher/PK	effective 5/25/21
Kelly Ruth	Inst. Coach/EB	effective 6/1/21
NON-CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION		
Ericka Cazares	Bil ParaPro	effective 5/25/21
Michael Schultz	Bus Driver/TR	effective 5/25/21
NON-CERTIFIED CHANGE IN STATUS		
Carla D'Haiti	Bil SPED Para to Bil Para/RW	effective 8/17/21
Anna McDonnell	Playground to Sub Playground	effective 5/25/21
Tara Matz	Sub ParaPro to Playground/VV	effective 8/18/21
Maureen Mears	SPED ParaPro/DK to SPED Res./DK	effective 8/17/21
Joan Lichter	SPED ParaPro/HT to SPED Adj Lrg/DK	effective 8/17/18
Michelle Jenkins	SPED ParaPro/DK to SPED Adj Lrg/DK	effective 8/17/21
NON-CERTIFIED NEW HIRES		
Danielle Chalfant	Custodian/HT	\$13.90/hr. effective 5/24/21
NON-CERTIFIED ANTICIPATED RETIREMENT		
Laurette Kell	Secretary/HT	effective 2022/2023

A motion was made by Synek second by Waltmire to approve the consent agenda.

Voting aye: Stauner, Synek, Waltmire, McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley

Voting nay: None

Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

### Deputy Superintendent's Report

Just a quick housekeeping item of notice that our elementary school offices will be closing for the summer on June 9th and our middle school offices will be closing on June 16th. Folks in those buildings will be logging off of the 2020-2021 school year to recharge for our next year which begins for students on August 18th. Landmark's first student day is July 21st.

And as our schools close out and our year sort of now officially comes to an end, we turn our thoughts to summer learning opportunities for our students. As with nearly everything this past year, our summer learning opportunities were borne out of unpredictable health conditions and unknown regulations. While we planned activities the past few months and without knowing what rules or health conditions would be, we did know that we wanted our opportunities to be flexible and financially feasible for families, connect kids with community organizations, be equitable for all learners and grade levels, and provide a wealth of tangible and digital resources. A big part of our summer programming is the offering of free tutoring services, which we have been able to procure through grant funding. Research shows the value of individualized and targeted tutoring and we are happy to say that we have secured the ability to

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provide 9,000 hours of tutoring to our students this summer at essentially no cost to our parents and school district. We also have our optional digital learning platform that offers fun activities in both English and Spanish that are aligned to grade level literacy and math standards and can be done at the personal convenience of families. We are also partnering with various community leaders to help engage students and families and our very own Vice President, Mrs. Lindsay Morley will be one of our featured readers for a live-reading event later this summer. This really is a 30,000 foot view of our summer learning opportunities, that are truly very large in scope. I just wanted to give a broad overview of this in my report as a prelude to a larger presentation that we will go over at next Tuesday's Curriculum Committee meeting.

I also wanted to give a general overview of an important piece of information that came out from the Illinois State Board of Education a couple of weeks ago that, again, we will be discussing at our first Curriculum Committee meeting. About three weeks ago, ISBE passed a Resolution to return to in-person learning for next year. Districts are still seeking additional guidance from the State and interpretation of this resolution, but thus far our general understanding of it in broad strokes is that the State is very strongly advocating, if not mandating, for a full-return to in-person learning for all students next year. The resolution stresses and acknowledges the essential nature of having students back in person and also greatly narrows where and when districts are mandated to provide remote learning. There are a few cut out scenarios that the State allows for districts to expand their remote learning offerings, but does so, we would say, reservedly and in a much different manner than they did last year. As folks will recall, last year the State said that districts had to provide remote learning to "anyone who requested it." This year, their stance is quite different than that and instead advocates for remote learning to occur in very, very limited circumstances. With that, and I noted that we are still awaiting further clarifying guidance, we are looking towards next year and are engaging in our planning efforts for the new term with the mindset that all students will return to school for a full, five-days of school next year. As stated, we will be discussing this more in-depth at our curriculum committee meeting.

We are also waiting on more information about social distancing guidelines, bus capacity limits, and mask mandates, but unfortunately do not have anything concrete to share on those topics this evening.

Finally, some other upcoming dates...we have a curriculum committee meeting next Tuesday, June 15th at 4:30 PM just prior to our negotiation session and our next scheduled Board of Education meeting will be on Tuesday, June 22nd, at 7:00 PM here at Edgebrook Elementary School again.

#### 2021-2022 Board Meeting Dates

A motion was made by Morley, second by McDonnell to approve the 2021-2022 Board Meeting Dates.

Voting aye: Synek, Waltmire, McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner  
Voting nay: None  
Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

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Middle School Science Textbook Adoption

Dr. Laudadio did a brief PowerPoint explaining the rationale for the company selected. A motion was made by Synek, second by Waltmire to approve the purchase of the TCI Middle School Science Textbook Adoption.

Voting aye: Waltmire, McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek  
Voting nay: None  
Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

Consolidated District Plan-Title I

A motion was made by Morley, second by Stauner to approve the Consolidated District Plan-Title I which allows the District to begin working on grants.

Voting aye: McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek, Waltmire  
Voting nay: None  
Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

Staffing Recommendations 2021-2022

Mr. Kilinski refreshed the Board on the recommendations for 2021-2022. A motion was made by Waltmire, second by McDonnell to approve the staffing recommendations as presented.

Voting aye: Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek, Waltmire, McDonnell  
Voting nay: None  
Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

Board of Education Policies

A motion was made by Stauner, second by Waltmire to approve Board Policies:5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited, 7:190 Student Behavior, 7:345 Use of Educational Technologies; Student Data Privacy/Security.

Voting aye: Morley, Stauner, Synek, Waltmire, McDonnell, Mihevc  
Voting nay: None  
Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

One-Time Budget Item Transfer

Mr. Schubert explained that a clerical employee was mistakenly put in the wrong pay code which caused an overage in our administrative costs. A motion was made Synek, second by Waltmire to approve the one-time transfer.

Voting aye: Stauner, Synek, Waltmire, McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley  
Voting nay: None  
Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

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Closed Session

A motion was made by Morley second by Waltmire to adjourn into Closed Session to review closed meeting minutes; discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employee(s); setting of price for sale or lease of property by a public body; collective negotiation matters.

Voting aye: Synek, Waltmire, McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner

Voting nay: None

Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

Open Session

A motion was made by Waltmire, second by Stauner to reconvene into open session.

Voting aye: McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek, Waltmire

Voting nay: None

Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

At this time, a motion was made by Waltmire, second by Synek to approve closed meeting minutes for November 2, 2020; March 26, 2021

Voting aye: McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek, Waltmire

Voting nay: None

Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

President Mihevc moved to appoint Dr. Fred Laudadio to the position of Assistant Superintendent of Learning Services at an annual salary of \$144,923.00 effective July 1, 2021. A motion was made by Morley, second by Synek.

Voting aye: McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek, Waltmire

Voting nay: None

Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

President Mihevc moved to appoint Mr. Brian Kilinski to the position of Executive Director for Human Resources and Operational Support at an annual salary of \$143,091.00 effective July 1, 2021. A motion was made by Synek, second by Morely.,

Voting aye: McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek, Waltmire

Voting nay: None

Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.

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Adjournment

A motion was made by Waltmire, second by Synek to adjourn the Board of Education Meeting at 8pm.

Voting aye: McDonnell, Mihevc, Morley, Stauner, Synek, Waltmire

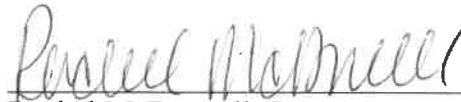
Voting nay: None

Absent: Riemann

Motion carried.



Chad Mihevc, President



Rachel McDonnell, Secretary