

Minutes of a Virtual Regular Board of Education Meeting of
McHenry Elementary School District 15, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois,
McHenry Middle School, 2120 Lincoln Rd., McHenry, IL 60050
May 18, 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, Jennifer Synek

Absent: Jan Riemann, Matt Stauner

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

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

GOOD NEWS

Director of English Learning, Maureen Cassidy introduced Michelle Prickett and Dawn Bremmer from Kids in Need. This organization delivered breakfast and lunches for students during the pandemic in conjunction with the Illinois Food Bank. Mr. Mihevc thanked the organization for all they do for students and the community. Chorus Teacher, Lauren Walter then spoke about the award that McHenry School District 15 received from the National Association of Music. District 15 was one of only 12 districts in the state to receive this prestigious honor. Mr. Mihevc thanked Mrs. Walter and shared that he feels our music programs are the best in Northern Illinois.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting April 27, 2021
Minutes of a Reorganizational Board of Education Meeting April 27, 2021

- Agenda of Bills and Imprest Cash summary ending May 11, 2021

Education Fund	\$ 1,019,577.68
Building Fund	113,567.78
Site & Construction Fund	21,916.00
Transportation Fund	<u>27,427.73</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 1,182,489.19

- Agenda of Bills and Imprest Cash summary ending April 27, 2021

Education Fund	\$ 452,110.25
Building Fund	38,100.75
Transportation Fund	<u>69,833.27</u>
	\$ 560,044.27

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- Payroll Report for April 2021

Education Fund	\$ 3,226,878.75
Building Fund	13,234.40
Transportation Fund	153,261.81
IMRF Fund	<u>161,539.51</u>
	\$ 3,554,914.47

- Personnel Report

CERTIFIED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Sarah Anderson	Ian Anderson	Annie Werner
Jenna Scheffler	Paul Lotz	Lauren Lotz

CERTIFIED NEW HIRES

Emma Porter	Speech Lang. Path/RW	\$50,631.00	effective 8/16/21
Amy Sullivan	5 th SPED Teacher/DK	\$57,962.00	effective 8/16/21
Amy Quam	Speech Lang. Path/EB	\$58,189.00	effective 8/16/21
Alison DeLuca	Speech Lang. Path/DK	\$50,631.00	effective 8/16/21
Hannah Nicolin	Adjust Lrg. Teacher/EB	\$39,711.00	effective 8/16/21

CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

Rebecka Park	2/3 Teacher/LM		effective 5/25/21
Kayla Ross	Speech Lang. Path/DK		effective 5/25/21
Jacob Burr	2/3 Teacher/LM		effective 5/25/21
Arhely Brunton	Teacher/HT		effective 5/25/21
Richard Birmantas	Speech Lang. Path/PK/MMS		effective 5/25/21
Katharine Casey	School Psychologist/EB		effective 5/25/21
Kathryn Stachowiak	LD Resource Teacher/LM		effective 5/25/21

NON-CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

Lori Magee	ParaPro/EB		effective 5/7/21
Denise Thuernau	ParaPro/MMS		effective 5/25/21
Lliana Graciano	Bilingual ParaPro/RW		effective 5/25/21
Rhonda Wetzel	Café/EB		effective 5/25/21

NON-CERTIFIED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Chris Jergensen	Tina Dawley	Nancy Larrain
Eva Mendoza		

NON-CERTIFIED CHANGE IN STATUS

Juana Bernardino	MMS Cust to RW Cust.	effective 5/17/21
Andres Ponciano	LM Cust to MMS Cust.	effective 5/17/21

NON-CERTIFIED RETIREMENT

Mary Searles	ParaPro/DK (amended retirement)	effective 2025-26
Kim Frost	Director of Transportation/TR	effective 2024-25
Cathleen Koski	ParaPro/MMS	effective 5/25/21

A motion was made by Morley second by McConnell to approve the consent agenda.

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

Motion carried.

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TRIO Presentation

At this time the TRIO Organization presented the Board a PowerPoint presentation regarding Parkland land that they would like to acquire to make a bigger detention pond. Mr. Mihevc thanked the TRIO staff and stated that the Board will discuss and get back to them.

Deputy Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reitz shared that May 24 is the Promotion Ceremony for McHenry Middle School and Parkland School, the last day of school is May 25. We will also provide an end of year drop-off for students who have remained remote on May 26 & 27. At the next meeting we will be recommending the adoption of a new science curriculum for both middle schools. Additionally, we will be placing on the agenda for approval a transfer of funds in the amount of \$45,000 from the administrative cost account to the business office account. Dr. Reitz stated that there is a resolution being presented at ISBE for all students to return to full in-person learning.

Literacy Presentation

Literacy Expert Beth Olsen presented the Board with information about our Literacy Program. District 15 has been named the third best in the nation by Fountas and Pinnell. Ms. Olsen shared all the amazing things our staff is learning and teaching. Board Members Morley and McDonnell shared that they are very impressed with our literacy program as they know first-hand how their children have improved.

Board of Education Committees

President Mihevc stated that the Board will have several committees—Curriculum, Finance, Facilities, Personnel, and a special Negotiations Committee. He asked the Board Members to please let him know what committees they would like to be on. A motion was made by Morley, second by McDonnell to approve the recommended committees.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: Riemann, Stauner

Motion carried.

Board of Education Policies

The following Board of Education Policies were brought forth for the first reading. These policies will be placed on the June 8, 2021 agenda for approval.

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

Presentation of Consolidated District Plan—Title 1

Dr. Laudadio presented the Consolidated District Plan. This Plan allows grantees to answer one set of planning questions to meet the requirements of 12 federal grants. This Plan is approved by the School Board each year to allow our various departments to apply for individual federal grants. The Plan will be placed on the agenda for approval at the June 8, 2021 Board Meeting.

Staffing Presentation

Human Resource Director Brian Kilinski presented the 2021-2022 Staff Recommendations to the Board. The Staffing Recommendations will be on the June 8, 2021 Board Agenda for approval.

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At this time Mr. Mihevc asked for a motion to adjourn to Closed Session to 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. A motion was made by Waltmire, second by Morley.

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

Motion carried.

Open Session

A motion was made by Synek, second by Waltmire to reconvene into Open Session

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

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Morley, second by Waltmire to adjourn the meeting.

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

Motion carried.


Chad Mihevc, President


Rachel McDonnell, Secretary