

Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting of  
McHenry Elementary School District 15, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois,  
McHenry Middle School, 2120 Lincoln Rd., McHenry, IL 60051

September 21, 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 McDonnell, Matt Stauner, Jennifer Synek, Arne Waltmire, Patrick DeGeorge

Absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Josh Reitz, CSBO Jeff Schubert, Executive Director of Human Resources Brian Kilinski, Director of English Learners Maureen Cassidy, Director of Student Services Kelli Catini, Director of Learning Jacquie Duginske and various staff and citizens.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Eric Siracusa asked the Board to reconsider the restrictions for e-Learning. Jason Hocin addressed the Board regarding his concerns for needing more custodial help in the schools, the need for additional paraprofessionals, and air quality in the schools.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting September 7, 2021
- Agenda of Bills and Imprest Cash summary ending September 14, 2021
 

Education Fund	\$ 636,918.11
Building Fund	210,784.36
Site & Construction Fund	197,488.67
Transportation Fund	<u>44,007.01</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 1,089,700.59</b>
- Agenda of Bills and Imprest Cash summary ending August 24, 2021
 

Education Fund	\$ 843,270.10
Building Fund	28,270.10
Site & Construction Fund	5,165.08
Tort Immunity Fund	11,108.00
Transportation Fund	<u>44,525.95</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 932,938.01</b>

Tort Immunity Fund	708,371.00
Transportation Fund	<u>1,045,258.38</u>
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 3,602,675.36</b>
- Payroll Report for Augus, 2021
 

Education Fund	\$ 3,117,763.29
Building Fund	174,260.06

Transportation Fund	72,744.15
IMRF Fund	<u>149,280.58</u>
	<b>\$ 3,514,048.08</b>

- Personnel Report

## CERTIFIED NEW HIRES

Thomas Kleine	Resource Teacher/LM	\$71,775.00	effective 10/14/21
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## NON-CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

Jamie Peters	ParaPro/EB		effective 9/24/21
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Allison Boelter	ParaPro/EB		effective 8/25/21
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## NON-CERTIFIED NEW HIRES

Shelly Cole	Food Service/District	\$12.00/hr.	effective 9/24/21
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Maria Szamlewski	Food Service/RW	\$12.00/hr.	effective 9/13/21
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Suzanne Smith	Food Service/RW	\$12.00/hr.	effective 9/13/21
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Valerie Brixy	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200.00/day	effective 9/7/21
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Heather Anderson	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200.00/day	effective 9/7/21
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Kristin Thompson	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200.00/day	effective 9/7/21
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Terese Glenn	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200.00/day	effective 9/14/21
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Teri Valenziano	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200.00/day	effective 9/8/21
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Carmi Bonnet	Floating Nurse/Dist.	\$26.50/hr.	effective 9/8/21
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Amanda Jaramillo	Bus Driver/TR	\$18.25/hr.	effective 9/1/21
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## NON-CERTIFIED CHANGE IN STATUS

Jennifer Blank	.5 ParaPro to Full-Time/EB		effective 8/17/21
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Les Lambert	Tech Superv. to Dir. of Technology	\$90,000	effective 9/22/21
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## NON-CERTIFIED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Nathan Brock			
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A motion was made by Waltmire, second by DeGeorge to approve the consent agenda.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Superintendent's Report

Last week was the National Arts in Education Week and I wanted to take a minute to commend our many teachers of the arts here in District 15. We are incredibly proud of our arts programming here in District 15 and believe that, especially in an elementary school district, a robust exposure to the arts is vital for the growth and development of students. In many ways, the arts are opportunities for students to shine in different ways, develop and showcase their talents and express themselves in ways that they are not able to do so in a normal classroom. We love these opportunities for kids and believe that the staff we have who teach these important classes are second to none. So once again, I want to thank our teachers of the arts for the important work they do with kids.

I'm proud to announce that Parkland School and McHenry Middle School were honored to win the 2021 Great Schools Thrive Award. This award is a result of the partnership that the Illinois State Board of Education has with the Illinois 5Essentials survey which is

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a survey we administer to all staff and students at our middle schools each year. The Thrive Award analyzes data from the Illinois 5Essentials and celebrates public schools that provide supportive learning environments based on trust, commitment, and safety. Through their analysis of the Illinois 5Essentials GreatSchools.org has identified both Parkland and MMS as schools who provide this type of school environment and have been named two of 452 schools across the entire state of Illinois to achieve this honor.

I wanted to give a brief update on SHIELD testing. We have submitted official rostering to SHIELD and now are trying to work with them to incorporate this into our school day for each of our schools and our transportation office. Last week an article was published in the Chicago Tribune that reported that out of 449 school districts in the State who have partnered with SHIELD, only 79 had actually begun their testing protocols.

Finally, I wanted to give an update on the Executive Order issued by Governor Pritzker on August 26th and which was extended on September 3rd requiring vaccinations or weekly COVID-19 testing of all school personnel. If I may, I'll direct your attention to the screen so I can walk you through the various information around this new mandate.

Lastly, just a reminder that our next Board of Education meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 5th at Hilltop Elementary School where we will have our second Instructional BOE meeting of the year.

Freedom of Information Act Requests

The District received 3 FOIA Requests: Jason Hocin, Jason Hocin, Steel Steep. All have received responses from the District.

Resolution to Continue Transporting Students Under Serious Safety Hazards Findings for 2021-2022.

At this time Director of Transportation, Kim Frost shared with the Board the new hazardous findings as well as the ones we currently have on file with the State of Illinois. At this time CSBO, Jeff Schubert stated that we would need to amend the Resolution, as we need to approve the current hazardous findings, as well as the two additional findings.

A motion was made by Morley, second by Synek to approve the Serious Safety Hazard Findings for 2021-2022

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Waltmire, second by DeGeorge to approve the 2 new Serious Hazard Findings for 2021-2022.

Voting aye: Morley, Stauner, Synek, Waltmire, DeGeorge, McDonnell, Mihebc

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Stauner reported that the committee discussed revenues and expenditures, Treasurer's Report, the purchase of Board Docs (a software program designed to have board information on-line), and the Serious Safety Hazards Resolution.

Facilities Committee

Mr. Waltmire shared the committee reviewed the vehicle renewal process and will be going out to bid, the replacement of chillers and boilers for McHenry Middle School and Hilltop School, and they also discussed the purchase of Board Docs.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Synek second by Stauner to adjourn the meeting.

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


Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.



  
Chad Mihevc, President

  
Rachel McDonnell, Secretary