

Minutes of an Instructional Board of Education Meeting of
 McHenry Elementary School District 15, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois,
 Landmark School, 3614 Waukegan Rd., McHenry, IL 60050
 November 9, 2021

The Instructional 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, Assistant Superintendent Fred Laudadio, Director of English Learners Maureen Cassidy, Director of Learning Jacquie Duginske 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting October 19, 2021

- Agenda of Bills and Imprest Cash summary ending October 26, 2021

Education Fund	\$ 295,730.42
Building Fund	78,413.71
Transportation Fund	<u>50,139.16</u>
TOTAL:	\$ 216,258.01

- Payroll Report for October, 2021

Education Fund	\$ 3,145,643.51
Building Fund	163,880.30
Transportation Fund	226,684.82
IMRF Fund	<u>180,220.73</u>
	\$ 3,716,429.36

- PERSONNEL REPORT

CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

Jessica Lange Speech Lang. HT/RW effective 10/28/21

CERTIFIED RETIREMENT

Carol Zei Innovation Coach effective 12/31/21

NON-CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

Karen Lamz ParaPro/EB effective 10/29/21

Michelle Jenkins ParaPro/DK effective 10/22/21

Nancy Fennell Playground/VV effective 11/5/21

Sabrina Jimenez Playground/DK effective 11/5/21

Michele Powers	ParaPro/DK		effective 11/12/21
NON-CERTIFIED NEW HIRES			
Susan Jones	Bus Driver/TR	\$18.85/hr.	effective 10/7/21
Madison Nosalik	Bil. ParaPro/VV	\$12.00/hr.	effective 10/26/21
Andrew Melesio	Custodian/HT	\$14.11/hr.	effective 11/8/21
Graceanne Parent	ParaPro/DK	\$12.00/hr.	effective 11/1/21
James Riley	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200/day	effective 11/1/21
Nancy Zurawski	ParaPro/DK	\$12.00/hr.	effective 11/8/21
Hailey Gavers	ParaPro/VV	\$12.00/hr.	effective 11/8/21
NON-CERTIFIED LEAVE OF ABSENCE			
Cheyenne Coats			
Magali Garcia-Lagunes			
NON-CERTIFIED CHANGE IN STATUS			
Michael Holme	Cust. DK to Head Cust. MMS		effective 10/22/21
Sarah Martin	6.0 to 6.5 Café/EB		effective 11/1/21
Lisa Kearns	6.0 to 6.5 Café/DK		effective 11/1/21

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

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACTS

SecurePro

Doug Peterson

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reitz started out by providing an update on a topic that administration and the Board spent a considerable amount of time on this past month--which is our ESSER III grant. As we all know, through our various Board of Education committees, and during the course of both of our meetings in October, Dr. Laudadio provided an overview and a plan for how we wanted to spend the ESSER III dollars that we were allocated in our efforts to confront the impact of COVID. And generally for the past few months and more specifically the past several weeks, we have had many valuable and meaningful conversations as a Board and with dozens of other stakeholders on the best way to utilize these funds. All of these important conversations culminated somewhat at our last BOE meeting in which we approved our ESSER III plan giving us the opportunity to take the next step in our efforts to secure these funds. We were happy with the approval of that plan because it directly mapped out a logical funding strategy that was targeted on a number of priorities in the areas of 1. Unfinished learning; 2. Staffing; and 3. Capital projects designed to improve air quality, health and safety of students and staff. We thank our stakeholders for their feedback and involvement in this important process as it was instrumental in the development of a plan that we believe will serve District 15 very well.

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And it appears that ISBE believes that as well, because just two weeks after the submission of our plan, we are proud to announce that it has been tentatively approved which gives us the green light to start capitalizing on the roughly 4.5 million dollars allocated to District 15 in our efforts to address the impact of COVID-19. As we have mentioned throughout this process, as we continue to learn more about the pandemic and conditions evolve and prioritize and ebb and flow, we will continue to make necessary modifications and amendments to the plan so that we are spending the funds as effectively as possible. Additionally, we will continue to solicit feedback and information via our website where our ESSER III plan is located and will use that as one of the many data points to help us determine future steps.

So we see this as a pretty big success story and we wanted to once again thank our Board and the many folks who were a part of helping us get this important plan approved. We have no doubt it will be incredibly positive for District 15.

And just a few other calendar related items of important benchmarks that have either recently passed or are on the immediate horizon.

First off, last Friday marked the end of our first trimester of school. It has been an eventful twelve weeks to say the least and our staff and students seem to be working harder than ever. So as we close out trimester 1 and turn the page to trimester 2, we look back on the past few months very pleased with the great start we have had to this school year and increasingly optimistic about the future. Thank you, everyone, for the important part you play in making this year such a success thus far. Naturally coinciding with the end of a trimester is the release of report cards which will be issued out this Friday, so parents, please be on the lookout for those.

And speaking of report cards, any report cards or progress report should be seen for what it is, which as merely an important communication tool regarding the performance of student between a school and the families of students. It is an important data point but we believe that it is important to gain a rich understanding of student performance through a variety of measures and multiple means. So coupling the report cards that will be going out this Friday is our upcoming parent/teacher conferences which will be taking place in just under a couple of weeks on Monday, November 22nd and Tuesday, November 23rd. Information has been sent out districtwide on conferences and schools have been reaching out individually. I greatly encourage our families to take advantage of that night and sign up for the chance to connect with their child's teacher.

Also on the horizon, in a couple of days, just this Thursday, our schools will be celebrating Veterans Day in their buildings. Due to COVID, we are not able to do many of the same type of big, school-wide celebrations nor are we able invite veterans into our buildings as we typically do; however, we still have various activities planned in our

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schools that will help our children learn the importance of this day and pay fitting tributes to the dedication and bravery of our veterans and honor them for the many sacrifices they have made on behalf of this great nation.

Also, next week we celebrate National Education Week and throughout the week there are a few things here and there that we will be doing to celebrate the staff of District 15 for the integral part they play in the great institution of public education, specifically here in McHenry. Per tradition, on Wednesday the Board of Education will be providing donuts to all of our schools that they can enjoy during their Staff Development Wednesday meeting.

And just a friendly reminder and/or update that our next Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 7th and it will take place at McHenry Middle School. Our second Board meeting in November that was originally scheduled for November 23rd has been cancelled due to Parent/Teacher Conferences.

And finally I also want to take just a quick minute to congratulate Board Member Mr. Arne Waltmire for attaining the status of Master Board Member through the Illinois Association of School Boards. To attain this status, Board Members can earn points by attending IASB division meetings, governing meetings, legislative leadership programs as well as holding positions of leadership within the Association. In addition to attaining this status, Mr. Waltmire has been issued a special pin from IASB noting this achievement. So congratulations, Mr. Waltmire, on this achievement.

Instructional Program—Landmark School

Dr. Laudadio introduced Landmark Principal Margaret Carey. Mrs. Carey welcomed everyone and introduced staff members Natalie Vallianatos, Jessica Hodge, and Lori Anderson. The staff shared that Landmark has incorporated Service Learning into their daily schedule. They shared examples Fire Care Boxes, which contains items to help families who have fires in their homes, crayon recycling, a Food drive for FISH, and a plastic recycling program. The Board thanked the Landmark Staff for a very impressive presentation.

Finance Committee Report

Mr. Stauner shared that the committee reviewed the Treasurer's Report, the gas and electric contracts and the banks of depository. He also stated that the budgeted amount for the chillers and boilers at McHenry Middle School and Duker School was \$2.5 million. The bids came in under budget at \$1.27 million.

At this time Mr. Mihevc asked for a motion to approve the 2021 Tax Levy. A motion was made by Morley, second by Synek to approve the 2021 Tax Levy.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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At this time Mr. Mihevc asked for a motion to approve Resolution for Working Cash. A motion was made by DeGeorge, second by McDonnell to approve the Resolution for Working Cash.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

At this time Mr. Mihevc asked for a motion to approve the Resolution for Special Education Purposes. A motion was made by Synek, second by Morley to approve the Resolution for Life Safety Fund.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

At this time Mr. Mihevc asked for a motion to approve the Natural Gas/Electric Contracts. A motion was made by DeGeorge second by Synek to approve the Natural Gas/Electric Contracts.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

At this time Mr. Mihevc asked for a motion to approve the Banks of Depository. A motion was made by Synek, second by McDonnell to approve the Banks of Depository.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by DeGeorge, second by McDonnell to adjourn to closed session to review closed meeting minutes; discuss probable or pending litigation.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

OPEN SESSION

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

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

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A motion was made by Morley, second by Waltmire to approve the following Closed Meeting Minutes for release to the public: 5/18/21, 6/8/21, 6/22/21, 7/6/21, 7/14/21, 8/17/21, 8/31/21, 9/7/21, 10/5/21, 10/19/21.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

A motion was made by Synek, second by DeGeorge to approve the Settlement Agreement between Ward vs. McHenry School District 15, et al.

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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


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

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

Motion carried.


Chad Mihevc, President


Rachel McDonnell, Secretary