

Minutes of an Instructional Board of Education Meeting of
McHenry Elementary School District 15, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois,
Hilltop School, 2615 Lincoln Rd., McHenry, IL 60051
October 5, 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, Arne Waltmire, Patrick DeGeorge

Absent: Jennifer Synek

Others present: Superintendent Josh Reitz, CSBO Jeff Schubert, Assistant Superintendent Fred Laudadio, 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 Mrs. McDonnell to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristy Harper shared her concerns about eLearning for students who are sent home with Covid-like symptoms, Eve Schroeder spoke about needing to increase the pay of both cafeteria workers and cafeteria substitutes.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Minutes of a Regular Board of Education Meeting September 21, 2021

PERSONNEL REPORT

CERTIFIED NEW HIRES

Noelle Petty	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200.00/day	effective 9/22/21
Lauren Erickson	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200.00/day	effective 9/20/21
Tanya Jepsen	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200.00/day	effective 9/23/21
Amy Markowski	Permanent Sub/Dist.	\$200.00/day	effective 8/17/21

NON-CERTIFIED RESIGNATION/TERMINATION

Nina Markgraff	Playground Supervisor/DK		effective 9/17/21
Robert Opsal	Head Custodian/MMS		effective 10/8/21
George Wilkinson	Bus Driver/TR		effective 7/26/21

NON-CERTIFIED CHANGE IN STATUS

Rhonda Leon	MMS/DK ParaPro to MMS ParaPro		effective 9/20/21
Christina Christiansen	LM Food Service to Sub		effective 8/17/21
Meaya Amici	PreK ParaPro to SAIL ParaPro/EB		effective 9/27/21
Joan Lichter	DK ParaPro to HT ParaPro		effective 8/17/21

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

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: Synek

Motion carried.

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Superintendent's Report

Dr. Reitz shared that today marks our 35th day of school. All things considered, we are off to a great start this year and, if I dare say, it feels as if we are starting to, despite the many twists and turns that have been a part of this year, get into a groove. Teachers and staff continue to work so hard and put so much into their classes and students and kids continue to show up each and every day with excitement and enthusiasm. We are not where we were two years ago at this time, but we are certainly not where we were last year at this time and we see each day as a gift and opportunity to connect with kids in ways that we haven't been able to do so in quite some time. Thank you to everybody for helping us get off to a great start this year.

A couple of meetings ago I mentioned that we were in the beginning of the year assessment season and were at the time in the midst of our STAR testing. Those tests have now concluded and as is our practice we are in the process of reviewing and analyzing that data at the District level to help us determine learning trends in our system. The data analysis will continue into the school level, to the grade levels and ultimately to individual classrooms so educators can use the data to make intentional instructional decisions in their lesson planning to meet the needs of their learners. A key part of that process is to share student data with parents and caregivers. To that end, we are targeting the date of October 15th for when we want to send our beginning of the year STAR results to our families.

Last week Friday we celebrated National School Custodian Appreciation Support Day, which officially occurred on Saturday, October 2nd. We wanted to take a minute tonight publicly to thank our many hard working custodians and buildings and grounds crews who work so diligently to keep our schools up and running and looking sharp. Thank you to Mr. Andy Lund, Director of Facilities, Mr. Ed Jost, Assistant Director of Facilities, and Mrs. Lolita Christensen, Administrative Assistant, for leading our teams in this area and again a special thanks to each and every member of these critical departments.

Our next Board of Education Meeting will be in two weeks on Tuesday, October 19th, where we will be back at McHenry Middle School.

We also have some upcoming committee meetings that I'd like to mention:

- * Curriculum Committee: Thursday, October 14th at 4:30
- * Finance Committee: Thursday, October 14th at 6:30
- * Personnel Committee: Tuesday, October 19th at 5:30
- * Facilities Committee: Tuesday, October 19th at 6:00

Finally, this Friday, October 8th is an Early Release Day for all of our schools for School Improvement planning purposes and Monday, October 11th is a day of non-attendance for both staff and students due to it being Columbus Day.

Instructional Program—Hilltop School

Dr. Laudadio introduced Executive Director of English Learners Dr. Maureen Cassidy, English Learner Coordinator Juan Suarez, and Spanish Reading Teacher at Hilltop Alise Gaughn. The group shared a presentation with the Board regarding One-Way Dual Language and how we are implementing in District 15. Currently, we have 650 students in the English Learner population, which is our largest to date. Dr. Cassidy then introduced Araceli Rodriguez who is an English Learner Teacher. Dr. Cassidy proudly presented each Board Member with a copy of the newly published book by Ms. Rodriguez. The Board thanked the group for a very informative and positive presentation.

ESSER III Plan Overview

Dr. Laudadio shared a PowerPoint presentation with the Board regarding the District's Plan regarding ESSER III Funds. District 15 has been awarded \$4,497,236.00 in funding to be used specifically for learning loss, personnel, and capital expenditures. This plan can be amended as time progresses depending on the needs of the District and approval of the Illinois State Board of Education. The ESSER III Plan will be brought forth at the October 19, 2021 Board Meeting for Board approval. Additionally, Dr. Laudadio stated that a public comment area is available on the district website (www.d15.org) for the community to make Public Comment regarding the spending of ESSER III funds.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Waltmire, second by DeGeorge to go into Closed Session to discuss, appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s).

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: Synek

Motion carried.

Open Session

A motion was made by Morley second by Stauner to reconvene into Open Session

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

Voting nay: None

Absent: Synek

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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


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

Voting nay: None

Absent: Synek

Motion carried.


Chad Mihevc, President


Rachel McDonnell, Secretary