

April 17, 2023

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17, 2023 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Nancy Kupka, President; Mike Davenport, Vice President; and Members Christopher Espinoza, Sherell Fuller and Terry Pavesich. Member Jennie Hagstrom arrived at 6:32 p.m. and Member Joanna Vazquez Drexler arrived at 6:37 p.m.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Mark Staehlin, Controller; Jeree Ethridge, Chief School Business Official; Jill Browning, Director of Communications; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant and Operations; Ryan Doherty, Director of Student Experiences; Courtney DeMent, North High Principal; Arwen Lyp, South High Principal; Student Board Member Kaitlyn Vincent; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were two visitors. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Davenport moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the March 20, 2023 Business Meeting; the March 20, 2023 Closed Meeting; the April 10, 2023 Workshop Meeting with Action Item; and the April 10, 2023 Closed Meeting.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Espinoza, Fuller, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

**2. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**3. HYBRID BLOCK SCHEDULE PROCESS REVIEW**

Ryan Doherty reviewed the reasons why the District moved to the Hybrid Block Schedule and the goals of the schedule change, including, students being able to get help from teachers during the day; increased access to social, emotional, and college/career planning supports; increased instructional time one day a week for deeper extended learning activities; and increased time for teachers to participate in professional learning and reach out to families. Mr. Doherty demonstrated how each of the goals are being met by the Hybrid Block Schedule; what questions on the most recent student, staff and family survey address each of these goals; and changes to the schedule that have been made and are planned in response to the fall survey.

Mr. Doherty presented data on grades, showing there has not been a drop in grades since the implementation of the new schedule. He reviewed the schedule changes planned for next year, which include lunches starting earlier, switching periods 2 and 4, and announcements occurring during ACCESS; and highlighted a SAT prep course that will be offered to Juniors free of charge during Resource next year. Dr. Thiele noted the time students were not at school on previous years' for late start Mondays equates to the time in Resource period this year. He pointed out not only are students now

in school for this time, they are receiving programming during Resource and have other supports available to them.

Ryan Doherty stated he will be sharing the spring survey results with the Board on May 1 and DLT and the Committee next week.

**4. THIRD QUARTER FINANCIAL REPORT**

Jeree Ethridge reported Revenues and Expenditures are in line with expectations, with 90% of Revenues collected and 70% of Expenditures expended, and the Fund balances look strong. Ms. Ethridge noted interest income is up and the State is not behind on any payments.

**5. RESOLUTION ON 2022 TAX RATES**

Mr. Staehlin stated the District's assessment base is \$5.4 billion dollars and this year the District will be receiving 5.39% in new tax revenue. He noted District 99 has the second lowest tax rate of high school districts in DuPage County, behind District 86, which includes Oak Brook.

Mark Staehlin stated the Resolution allows the District to decide how the tax revenue is distributed, based on the final allocation received from the assessor.

**6. PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE REXNORD FACILITY FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR**

Mark Staehlin shared this is based on an Agreement from 2017 where Districts 58 and 99 and the Village of Downers Grove agreed to rebate 90% of Rexnord's taxes the first year, and 10% less each year, in exchange for Rexnord building a 200,000 square foot facility in Downers Grove. He noted this year's rebate is 60%. Mr. Staehlin stated approval of the rebate to Rexnord is an Action Item.

**7. WORKING CASH TRANSFER**

Mr. Staehlin stated the money will come from the Working Cash Bonds and will be used for the expansion of T99.

**8. FORMATION OF THE DUPAGE COUNTY SCHOOL MUTUAL AID RESPONSE TEAM (DUSMART)**

Dr. Thiele explained, if there is a major event in a school district, such as a natural disaster or accident, the County may ask other school districts for assistance. He noted the Agreement formalizes past practice. Leadership and training will be provided by the County and the current annual dues is \$250 and cannot exceed \$400, according to Hank Thiele.

Dr. Thiele stated the Administration recommends the Board enters into the IGA.

**9. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - 2023-2024 - SUMMER PROJECTS - SOUTH HIGH**

Mr. Kolodziej stated replacing the Fine Arts Flooring and the Student Parking lot are the final two projects at South High. He shared, for both projects, the vendor is a familiar contractor and the bids met budget goals.

Jim Kolodziej asked the Board to approve the contracts to Consolidated Flooring in the amount of \$95,945 and Murphy's Construction Services in the amount of \$118,800. Dr. Thiele stated both of these are Action Items.

Mr. Kolodziej noted T99 is on schedule and going well.

#### **10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS**

Dr. Thiele reported the District had Freedom of Information Act requests this month and they are posted on the District's website.

#### **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

Member Davenport moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which includes: A. Personnel Report - Appointment-Administration; Appointment-Certified; Appointment-Classified; Transfer of Position-Exempt; Transfer of Position-Classified; B. Personnel Report - Honorable Dismissal-Certified; Resignation-Certified; Resignation-Classified; C. Personnel Report - Salary and Benefits - Wage Increase-Classified; Wage Increase-Administrative; D. Financial Pages; E. Student Trips; F. 2023-2024 Amended Calendar; G. 2024-2025 Amended Calendar; and H. DAOES Board Appointment.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Vazquez Drexler, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

#### **12. RESOLUTION ON 2022 TAX RATES**

Member Espinoza moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to adopt the Resolution entitled Resolution Authorizing the DuPage County Clerk to Extend Specific Tax Rates for Tax Year 2022.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Espinoza, Vazquez Drexler, Davenport, Fuller, Hagstrom, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

#### **13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENT FOR THE REXNORD FACILITY FOR THE 2022 TAX YEAR**

Member Davenport moved and Member Hagstrom seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Resolution Authorizing Property Tax Abatement for the Rexnord Facility for the 2022 Tax Year.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Hagstrom, Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Espinoza, Fuller and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

#### **14. RESOLUTION ABATING THE WORKING CASH FUND OF THE DISTRICT**

President Kupka stated in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education will consider the adoption of a Resolution abating the working cash fund of the District.

Member Davenport moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to adopt the Resolution abating the working cash fund of Community High School District Number 99, DuPage County, Illinois.

President Kupka inquired if there was any discussion; there was none. She directed the secretary to call for a vote upon the motion to adopt the Resolution.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Vazquez Drexler, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried and directed Secretary Gniadek to record this in the records of the Board of Education.

**15. INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN RESPONSE TO CRISES IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Member Davenport moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the "Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Mutual Assistance in Response to Crises in the Public Schools of DuPage County, Illinois," substantially in the form presented by the Superintendent, and to authorize the President and Secretary to sign the Agreement.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

**16. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2023-2024 - AWARD OF BID - SOUTH HIGH - PARKING LOT**

Member Davenport moved and Member Fuller seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve contracts for the Student Parking Lot to Murphy's Construction Services, LLC for the amount of \$118,800.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Fuller, Hagstrom, Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Espinoza and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

**17. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS 2023-2024 - AWARD OF BID - SOUTH HIGH - MUSIC SUITE FLOORING**

Member Vazquez Drexler moved and Member Davenport seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve contracts for the Fine Arts Flooring to Consolidated Flooring of Chicago, LLC for the amount of \$95,945.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Vazquez Drexler, Davenport, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

**18. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**19. NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**20. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no public comments.

**21. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK OF DUPAGE (LEND)**

No report.

**22. REPORT ON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE COUNTY (SASED)**

Member Vazquez Drexler reported Dr. Thiele will be the new representative to the SASED Board of Directors and the District 99 Board needs to select a Board member and alternate to the SASED Governing Board.

**23. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION**

No report.

**24. REPORT ON ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB)**

No report.

**25. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS**

President Kupka announced the following meeting dates:

May 1, 2023	Workshop Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC
May 15, 2023	Regular Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC
May 15, 2023	Organizational Meeting/Regular Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. ASC.

**26. CLOSED SESSION**

President Kupka announced, when the Board comes out of Closed Session, it will be taking Action on a personnel matter and then adjourning.

Member Fuller moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS

120/2(c)(1); student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9); and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Fuller, Vazquez Drexler, Davenport, Espinoza, Hagstrom, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:33 p.m.

**27. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION**

The meeting was reconvened in Open Session with the following members of the Board of Education in attendance: Nancy Kupka, President; Mike Davenport, Vice President; and Members Christopher Espinoza, Sherell Fuller, Jennie Hagstrom, Terry Pavesich and Joanna Vazquez Drexler.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Rob Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.


**28. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING NOTICE TO REMEDY AND 4-DAY SUSPENSION WITHOUT PAY**

Member Davenport moved and Member Hagstrom seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Notice to Remedy and 4-day suspension without pay to Melisa Roberts.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Hagstrom, Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Espinoza, Fuller and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

**29. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business or discussion, Member Pavesich moved and Member Fuller seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the seven members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

  
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Nancy Kupka, President

  
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Juli Gniadek, Secretary

