

February 26, 2024

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2024 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Don Renner, President; Terry Pavesich, Vice President; and Members Kara Casten, Ken Dawson, Christopher Espinoza, Sherell Fuller and Jennie Hagstrom.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Travis McGuire, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Resources; Jeree Ethridge, Chief School Business Official; Tammy Maksa, Director of Business Services; Courtney DeMent, North High Principal; Arwen Lyp, South High Principal; Student Board Member Gianna Hunsche; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Espinoza moved and Member Dawson seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2024 Business Meeting; the January 22, 2024 Closed Meeting; the February 5, 2024 Special Meeting; and the February 5, 2024 Closed Meeting.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Espinoza, Dawson, Hagstrom, Pavesich, Casten and Renner voted AYE. Member Fuller abstained. The President declared the motion carried.

2. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. BOARD REPRESENTATION ON THE PARENT TEACHER ADVISORY COMMITTEE - APRIL 29, 2024

Dr. Thiele stated the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee meets every year to review the handbook and discuss discipline matters. He asked for two Board members to volunteer to serve on the Committee. Members Dawson and Espinoza volunteered.

4. WORKING CASH BOND ISSUANCE

Jeree Ethridge stated approval of the Resolution will allow the District to issue the Bonds, with the anticipated closing occurring the third week of March. Dr. Thiele stated there have been no changes to the issuance since previously presented and this is an Action Item this evening.

5. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Dr. Thiele reported the District received and responded to Freedom of Information Act requests and they are posted on the District's website.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Member Pavesich moved and Member Dawson seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which includes: A. Personnel Report – Appointment-Administration; Appointment-Certified; Contract Adjustment-Certified; Transfer of Position-Classified; Appointment-Classified; B. Personnel Report - Retirement-Certified; Resignation-Certified; Resignation-Classified; Retirement-Classified; C. January Treasurer’s Report and January Financial Pages; D. Student Trip; and E. Acceptance of Grant - Downers Grove Junior Woman's Club.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Dawson, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Casten and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

President Renner acknowledged the generous gift from the Downers Grove Junior Woman’s Club.

7. RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$5,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION LIMITED TAX SCHOOL BONDS, SERIES 2024, OF THE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING THE WORKING CASH FUND OF THE DISTRICT, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND AUTHORIZING THE PROPOSED SALE OF SAID BONDS TO THE PURCHASER THEREOF.

President Renner stated, the next item for consideration is the issuance of not to exceed \$5,200,000 general obligation limited bonds to be issued by the District pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code for the purpose of increasing the District’s Working Cash Fund. The Board of Education will consider the adoption of a resolution providing for the issue of said bonds and the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest thereon. The resolution sets forth the parameters for the issuance of the bonds and sale thereof by designated officials of the District, including the specific parameters governing the manner of sale, length of maturity, rates of interest, purchase price and tax levy for said bonds.

Member Pavesich moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion for the Board of Education to adopt the Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$5,200,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2024, of Community High School District Number 99, DuPage County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

President Renner asked if there was any discussion and then directed Secretary Gniadek to call the roll on the motion to adopt said Resolution.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Casten, Dawson and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried and the Resolution adopted and directed Secretary Gniadek to record this in the records of the Board.

8. OLD BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS – POLICY COMMITTEE REPORT – FIRST READING OF POLICIES

Dr. Thiele shared the recommended changes are predominantly clerical or related to changes in State or federal laws. He stated the policies are linked in the Board packet and, if there are any questions or concerns with the changes, to contact President Renner or Member Espinoza, who serve on the Policy Committee, or himself.

- 2.20, Powers and Duties of the School Board; Indemnification
- 2.50, Board Member Term of Office
- 2.120, Board Member Development
- 2.150, Committees
- 2.200, Types of School Board Meetings
- 2.220, School Board Meeting Procedure
- 4.10, Fiscal and Business Management
- 4.30, Revenue and Investments
- 4.40, Debt Management
- 4.60, Purchases and Contracts
- 4.160, Environmental Quality of Buildings and Grounds
- 5.210, Resignations
- 5.220, Guest Teachers
- 5.250, Leaves of Absence
- 6.15, School Accountability
- 6.50, School Wellness
- 6.60, Curriculum Content
- 6.65, Student Social and Emotional Development
- 6.210, Instructional Materials
- 6.230, Library Media Program
- 6.270, Counseling and Student Support Services Program
- 7.60, Residence
- 7.160, Student Appearance
- 7.190, Student Behavior
- 7.270, Administering Medicines to Students
- 7.290, Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention
- 7.325, Student Fundraising Activities
- 7.330, Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access
- 7.345, Protection of Student Personal Information Online
- 8.25, Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities
- 8.30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property or Involving School Personnel

10. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

11. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK OF DUPAGE (LEND)

Member Hagstrom reported there were meetings in January and February. She stated discussion topics at these meetings included snow days, schools as polling places, use of multi-function activity buses during the day, fluctuations in staffing due to the influx of migrant students, limiting the number of athletic practice hours per week and staffing requirements for dual credit/dual enrollment courses.

Dr. Thiele explained the proposed legislation regarding polling places requires the Board to actively consent to having a school be used as a polling place, where, in the past, schools could not say no to the Election Commission.

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

Dr. Thiele reported the first joint meeting of both SASED Boards was held. He shared items of focus include strategic planning, finances, onboarding the new Executive Director, negotiations and transportation contracts. He informed the Board he is on the negotiations team.

13. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Member Pavesich reported Foundation Grant recipients will be presented ceremonial checks at Board meetings starting next month; the Dr. McDonald Fund has had a slow start; and the Foundation has two new members. Member Casten thanked Jill Browning, District 99 Chief Communications Officer, for the photos she provided for the Foundation's website.

14. REPORT ON ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB)

Member Dawson reminded the Board about the DuPage Division dinner meeting on March 5.

15. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

President Renner announced the following meeting dates:

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| March 4, 2024 | Workshop Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC |
| March 16, 2024 | Regular Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC |

16. ADDITIONAL REMARKS

Member Dawson thanked those involved in South High's appearance as the CBS News Spotlight School on Friday. He stated, not only were the students incredible, but it was also a tribute to the Downers Grove community. Member Pavesich commended the District 99 Trostangs for winning 2nd place in State and the South High Speech Team for also receiving 2nd place in State.

17. CLOSED SESSION

Member Espinoza moved and Member Pavesich 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); and collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Espinoza, Pavesich, Casten, Dawson, Fuller, Hagstrom and Renner voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

President Renner stated after coming out of Closed Session the Board will not be taking any Action, other than to Adjourn.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:55 p.m.

18. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Open Session with the following members of the Board of Education in attendance: Don Renner, President; Terry Pavesich, Vice President; and Members Kara Casten, Ken Dawson, Christopher Espinoza, Sherell Fuller and Jennie Hagstrom.

Also present was Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

19. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Hagstrom moved and Member Dawson 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 8:29 p.m.



Don Renner, President



Juli Gniadek, Secretary



BOARD OF EDUCATION

FEBRUARY 26, 2024

VISITOR ROSTER

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