

August 16, 2021

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2021 at South High School.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Nancy Kupka, President; Mike Davenport, Vice President; and Members Christopher Espinoza, Jennie Hagstrom, Terry Pavesich and Joanna Vazquez Drexler. Member Christopher Espinoza participated via audio means. Member Sherell Fuller was absent.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning; Rob Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jeree Ethridge, Assistant Controller; Jill Browning, Director of Communications; Courtney DeMent, North High Principal; Ed Schwartz, South High Principal; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were 71 visitors. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Vazquez Drexler moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the July 19, 2021 Business Meeting, the July 19, 2021 Closed Meeting, the August 2, 2021 Workshop Meeting with Action Item and the August 2, 2021 Closed Meeting.

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

2. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Kylie Spahn expressed her gratitude to the Board for bringing students back to school safely with masks; Rich Bennema raised concerns about the wording of the proposed Handbook Addendum regarding PPE; and Reed Hois stated masks should be optional.

3. 2021-2022 DISTRICT 99 RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION PLAN

Dr. Thiele stated there is an Executive Order that masks must be worn in all K-12 schools in Illinois, the order has the force of law and the District does not have the option to not comply. Dr. Thiele then reviewed the consequences of losing state recognition as a school if District 99 does not comply with universal masking order.

Dr. Thiele provided information on the IDPH Test to Stay protocol, which involves testing students, with parent authorization, on days 1, 3, 5 and 7 after close contact and, as long as the student tests negative, they can remain at school. He shared the DCHD does not support Test to Stay and the DCHD has the final say.

4. PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO THE STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

Dr. Thiele reviewed the key points of the Student/Parent Handbook Addendum, which include: observance of required safety measures; availability of educational opportunities to all students; students who are ill should stay home; and students must wear PPE as directed and display their ID at all times. He stated this is an Action Item later in the meeting.

5. 2021-2022 CONCUSSION OVERSIGHT TEAM

Dr. Thiele displayed the names of the Concussion Oversight Team, and shared administration must inform the Board of the members of the Team and the Board must approve the Team.

6. STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTANT

Dr. Thiele stated the Administration is recommending, under Action Items, the Board approves CESO Communications as the third party to serve as the District's Strategic Plan Consultant. He noted CESO's focus is community engagement and the planning team unanimously recommended CESO.

7. CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE IN FINANCIAL REPORTING

Dr. Thiele recognized Mark Staehlin and Jeree Ethridge for their work which facilitated the District receiving the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting for the 22nd year in a row.

8. 2021-2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Mark Staehlin shared it is difficult to compare the tentative numbers for 2021-2022 to the actual numbers for 2020-2021 because of the pandemic. He made note of the increase in federal aid (ESSER funds); increased staffing costs - custodial due to the new spaces and certified to assist with learning recovery; a decrease in tuition for special education students; and the \$10 million bond issuance in 2020-2021. Mr. Staehlin shared Revenues are budgeted at \$97,781,000, an increase in \$3.5 M over last year, and Expenditures are budgeted at \$97,782,000.

Mr. Staehlin stated the Tentative Budget would be on display at the libraries, the District office and online for one month and in September there would be a hearing on the budget. Dr. Thiele stated the Tentative Budget is an Action Item.

9. MASTER FACILITY PLAN PROGRESS

Dr. Thiele shared going forward Master Facility Progress would no longer be on the agenda unless there was something specific to report. He stated the facilities passed the Regional Office of Education's inspections for occupancy. Hank Thiele displayed pictures from the first day of school at both buildings, noting all the resources that can be accessed from the Commons.

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

President Kupka recognized the Bonfield Express Foundation for their generous donation to the multi-needs program at North and South High.

Member Pavesich 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 - Appointments-Certified; Appointment-Exempt; Appointments-Classified; Transfer of Position-Classified; B. Personnel Report - Resignation-Certified; Leave of Absence-Certified; Retirements-Classified; Resignations-Classified; C. Financial Pages; D. Out of State Credit Authorization for IMRF Employee; E. 2021-2022 Concussion Oversight Team; and F. Acceptance of Donation - Bonfield Express Foundation.

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

12. APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM TO THE STUDENT/PARENT HANDBOOK

Member Pavesich moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Student/Parent Handbook Addendum as presented.

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

13. APPROVAL OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTANT

Member Davenport moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve entering into an Agreement with CESO Communications, as outlined in the Contract and Scope of Work documents provided; authorize Administration to execute all necessary documents to enter into this Agreement; and approve the amount of \$32,000 plus expenses to proceed with strategic planning.

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

14. APPROVAL OF THE 2021-2022 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Member Davenport moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to accept the Tentative Budget for 2021-2022 for display purposes and establish 6:45 p.m., September 20, 2021, for the Public Hearing to be held at the Administrative Service Center, 6301 Springside Avenue, Downers Grove, Illinois.

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

15. OLD BUSINESS

None.

16. NEW BUSINESS - FIRST READING OF BOARD POLICY 2.230, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Dr. Thiele shared the District worked with the Board attorneys on Board policy 2.230 to codify the procedures already in place for the Reception of Visitors. He noted the proposed policy revision gives priority to residents/taxpayers, details prohibited conduct (taken from Board policy 8.30) and outlines the Board President's authority.

Dr. Thiele stated the Board would take Action at a future meeting and anyone with questions should contact President Kupka or himself.

17. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Noel Manley, Lansa Calvanese, Mary O'Dowd, Marcella Cheaure, Laura Hois, Janet Winningham, Christine Martin, Paul Drabik, Jim Devitt, Janet Novotny and Carolyn Guglielmo addressed the Board on one or more of the following topics: racism, equity, universal masking, CRT, support for the Board, concern over Board member actions and perceived misuse of personal information.

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

No report.

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

No report.

20. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

No report.

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

No report.

22. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

President Kupka announced the following meeting dates.

September 13, 2021 Workshop Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Administrative Service Center

September 20, 2021 Regular Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Administrative Service Center

23. CLOSED SESSION

Member Pavesich moved and Member Davenport seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned to Closed Session for the purpose of 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).

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

Dr. Thiele stated the Board would return from Closed Session to adjourn. Dr. Kupka stated no other Action would be taken.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 8:10 p.m.

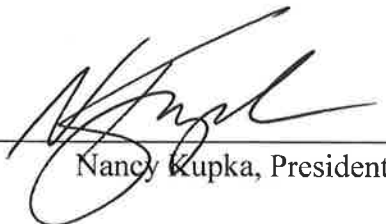
24. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

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 Sherell Fuller, Jennie Hagstrom, Terry Pavesich and Joanna Vazquez Drexler. Member Christopher Espinoza was absent.

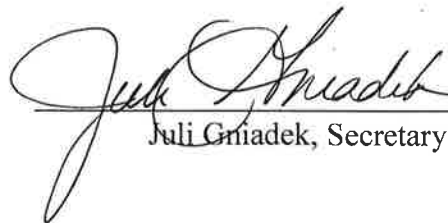
Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Rob Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

25. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Davenport moved and Member Fuller seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the six members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:59 p.m.



Nancy Kupka, President



Juli Gniadek, Secretary

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Deb Olmsted
Fred Olmsted
Tom Piazza
Janet Winningham
Vince Sinoski
LAURA HERNANDEZ-DENK
TON DENK
Ryan Doolhy
Jake Giblin
Annette McNeely
Carrie Svenson
Reed Hopf
Izzy Pider
VIVIAN GRELLA

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Beth Barker
Noel Marley
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Cherie Spinosy
Paul Hall
Pat Brennan
TERRY NEWSOME
KEVIN KUSTEN
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Francesca Wool
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