

September 18, 2023

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, September 18, 2023 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; Rob Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Travis McGuire, Assistant Superintendent for Learning Resources; Jeree Ethridge, Chief School Business Official; Jill Browning, Chief Communications Officer; Tammy Maksa, Director of Business Services; Courtney Dement, North High Principal; Arwen Lyp, South High Principal; Student Board Members Gianna Hunsche and Nahla Mokka; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There was one visitor. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Pavesich moved and Member Dawson seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2023 Business Meeting and the September 11, 2023 Workshop Meeting.

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

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

There were no public comments.

3. **ADMINISTRATOR AND TEACHER SALARY AND BENEFITS REPORT**

Dr. Thiele stated by State Law the District is required to inform the Board in Open Session that the Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report has been posted to the District's website; it has been posted.

4. **ALTRIA LITIGATION SETTLEMENT**

Dr. Thiele reported the District's portion of the Altria settlement offer for the vaping litigation is \$34,372 and noted the District was previously awarded \$114,137 in the settlement with Juul. He stated attorney's fees will be approximately one-third of the total and therefore District 99 should net approximately \$100,000. Hank Thiele stated acceptance of the Altria Settlement offer is an Action Item later in the meeting.

5. 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET

Jeree Ethridge stated there have been no changes to the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget since it was presented to the Board in August. The Board had no questions regarding the Tentative Budget.

6. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

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

7. PUBLIC HEARING: 2023-2024 TENTATIVE BUDGET

President Renner opened the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget.

No one addressed the Board.

Member Fuller moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion that the Board of Education close the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Tentative Budget.

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA

Dr. Thiele thanked the Bonfield Express Foundation for their donation.

Member Espinoza moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda as presented, which includes: A. Personnel Report: Appointments-Certified; Appointments-Classified; Transfer of Position-Classified; B. Personnel Report: Retirement-Administration; Retirement-Certified; Retirement-Classified; Resignation-Classified; C. July and August Financial Pages; D. Student Trips; and E. Acceptance of Donation - Bonfield Express Foundation.

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

9. SETTLEMENT OFFER FOR GOVERNMENT ENTITY CLAIMS AGAINST ALTRIA

Member Fuller moved and Member Dawson seconded the motion for the Board of Education to accept the Settlement Offer for Government Entity Claims Against Altria as presented and authorize the Superintendent to sign all documents related to the acceptance of the offer.

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

10. 2023-2024 BUDGET

Member Espinoza moved and Member Hagstrom seconded the motion for the Board of Education to adopt the 2023-2024 Budget as presented.

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

11. OLD BUSINESS

None.

12. NEW BUSINESS

The following policies were brought forward for First Reading by the Policy Committee. Dr. Thiele stated President Renner and Member Espinoza are the Policy Committee members and he is the administrator sitting on the Committee. Hank Thiele noted all the revisions, except for those to policy 7.180, were recommended by PRESS, based on legislation, new Public Acts and feedback. He stated the revisions to Board policy 7.180 were at the recommendation of the District's legal counsel.

- 2.110, Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 3.40, Superintendent
- 4.45, Insufficient Funds Checks and Debt Recovery
- 4.60, Purchases and Contracts
- 4.100, Insurance Management
- 5.30, Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5.90, Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5.125, Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- 5.150, Personnel Records
- 5.230, Maintaining Student Discipline
- 5.260, Student Teachers
- 6.135, Accelerated Placement Program
- 6.230, Library Media Program
- 7.180, Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment
- 7.275, Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment
- 7.305, Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries

Dr. Thiele asked that anyone who has questions or concerns contact the members of the Policy Committee between now and the October Board meeting, as the Administration will be asking that the changes to the policies be approved at that meeting.

Hank Thiele explained PRESS is a division of the Illinois Association of School Boards that reviews newly released laws and regulations at the State and Federal level and updates existing policies, recommends new policies and sometimes eliminates policies. Member Renner pointed out there is a financial benefit to subscribing to this service because the District does not need to contact its attorneys every time there are legislative changes.

13. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

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

No report.

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

Dr. Thiele reported the SASED Board of Directors are preparing for the Executive Director search and that SASED is currently led by two interim directors.

16. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Member Pavesich reported the Foundation is setting up the parameters for the Dr. Mark McDonald Scholarship; they are considering changing their mission statement to more accurately reflect what they are currently doing; and are actively trying to recruit members. She noted anyone interested in joining the Foundation should contact its President, Julia Beckman; her information can be found on the Foundation website, d99ef.org.

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

Member Dawson reminded the Board about the Annual Conference in November.

18. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

President Renner announced the following meeting dates:

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| October 2, 2023 | Workshop Meeting. President Renner stated this meeting is canceled. |
| October 16, 2023 | Regular Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC |

19. CLOSED SESSION

Member Pavesich moved and Member Espinoza seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); and 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, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Casten, Dawson 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 6:52 p.m.


20. 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.

21. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Pavesich moved and Member Espinoza 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 8:18 p.m.


Don Renner, President


Juli Gniadek, Secretary

