

**WESTERN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 101
FEBRUARY 7, 2019
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. O'Connor called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm

ROLL CALL

Dr. Barnhart took the roll, and all members of the Board and Assistant Superintendent Sarah Coffey, were present.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

At 8:03 pm, Ms. O'Connor made a motion to move to Closed Session. This was seconded by Mr. McLawhorn. On Roll Call, all members voted yes.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:17 pm, Ms. O'Connor made a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. McLawhorn seconded the motion. On Roll Call, all members voted yes to return to Open Session.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Ms. O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLawhorn to name Ashley Burger as the new Field Park Principal, effective July 1, 2019. On Roll Call, the following voted yes: Mrs. Garvin, Mr Lettiere, Mr. McLawhorn, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Second, and Mrs. Sendaydiego.

- B. The Board held an interactive discussion on the various financial aspects of the Tentative Contract Agreement with the teachers' association. Dr. Barnhart noted that all financial impact areas of the contract - Salary, Healthcare, Stipends, and Retirement - fell within budget ranges overviewed with the Board periodically since June, including the detailed overview presented in December and January. Mrs. Padgett noted that she had reviewed the same data, per a request she made of Dr. Barnhart several weeks ago as Finance Committee Chair. Ms. O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Padgett, to approve the Tentative Agreement 2019 through 2024, with the Western Springs Education Association. On Roll Call, the following voted yes: Mrs. Garvin, Mr Lettiere, Mr. McLawhorn, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Second, and Mrs. Sendaydiego.

OTHER

Ms. O'Connor overviewed handouts provided to the full Board related to the on-going Lyons Township Treasurer's Office (TTO). She shared that the first handout was a draft letter from the Board Presidents of each Lyons Township elementary district members of TTO to House Leader Jim Durkin requesting that a legislative solution that would allow districts greater autonomy over their own financial decision-making, including the option to leave TTO and take financial responsibilities in-house. She noted that the second handout was a series of questions prepared for TTO by the Pleasantdale 107 Board of Education. There is a desire by the Board Presidents across Lyons Township districts to have a single forum with TTO and all member districts, with these questions providing some aligned guidance for all districts to ask shared questions, and receive a commonly heard response, from TTO. She went on to share that the LaGrange League of Women Voters plans to hold a public forum on March 21. Dr. Barnhart shared with the Board that he plans to attend. Ms. O'Connor noted that all Board members whose calendars allow should feel free to attend. A full Board discussion ensued.

ADJOURN MEETING

At 8:31 pm, Ms. O'Connor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McLawhorn seconded the motion. On Roll Call, all members voted yes.



Brian T. Barnhart, Ph.D.
Board of Education Secretary



Julie O'Connor
Board of Education President