

**WESTERN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 101**

**FEBRUARY 6, 2020  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Julie O'Connor, President, called the special meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:05pm, in the McClure Junior High School Library Learning Center, 4225 Wolf Road, Western Springs, Illinois 60558.

Ms. O'Connor acknowledged the presence of Dr. Barnhart and Dr. Coffey.

On roll call, the following answered present: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego. Brett Lettiere was unable to attend.

**DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE GRANT**

Dr. Barnhart overviewed the Illinois School Maintenance Grant and the information shared that funding levels have been increased to a level that District 101 stands a chance at receiving State-matching funds up to \$50,000. He reminded the Board of previous conversations pertaining to facility improvement planning that includes the replacement of the McClure fire alarm system (estimated at \$50,000), lighting upgrades at each building (estimated at \$300,000), as well as other smaller projects that might include upgrades to the Field Park teacher lounge/work area, Renovation For Innovation classroom upgrades, and on-going life safety work including asbestos abatement. He noted that part of the eligibility requirement for school districts is that the local Board of Education must be aware of the grant application, and that matching funds must be acknowledged to be made available should an award be made. An interactive discussion ensued.

**ACTION ITEM**

Mrs. Garvin made a motion to approve the School Maintenance Grant execution and submittal and Mrs. Sendaydiego seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

**OTHER**

Dr. Barnhart provided the Board with a number of short updates on on-going issues of note, including new developments and rulings in the on-going TTO/LTHS 204 lawsuits, summary data information for the upcoming Laidlaw first-grade parent meeting, and our current healthcare insurance trend and likely impact on upcoming premiums. Short discussions followed.

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Dr. Barnhart overviewed a request made by Right At School to forward a survey to all District 101 parents pertaining to before- and after-school needs. Following an interactive discussion, it was agreed that the District would forward an information flyer for RAS, as this is similar to communication provided to parents for other local childcare providers, but that forwarding the survey would be inappropriate.

Board members noted their plans to go to the evening's District STEAM Night, beginning soon at McClure.

**ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING**

At 5:28 p.m., Ms. O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cahill to adjourn the meeting, and all voted yes.



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



Julie O'Connor  
Board of Education President