

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

**MAY 20, 2019
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Julie O'Connor, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:45 p.m., in the McClure Junior High School Library Learning Center, 4225 Wolf Road, Western Springs, Illinois 60558.

Ms. O'Connor invited Oliver Young, a student in attendance, to lead the Board of Education and those in the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. O'Connor acknowledged the presence of Dr. Barnhart as well as many students and their families and commented that after the student recognitions, there would be a brief recess for student photographs.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Garvin moved, seconded by Mrs. Sendaydiego to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Minutes from the Meeting of April 23, 2019, and the minutes from the Special April 30, 2019, Board Meeting. For the April 23 minutes, Mrs. Garvin, Mr. Lettiere, Ms. O'Connor and Mrs. Sendaydiego voted yes, with new members, Mrs. Adler, Ms. Cahill and Mrs. Heit abstaining, as this was prior to their Board service commencement. All voted yes to approve the April 30 minutes.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. O'Connor commented that Mrs. Garvin had represented the Board at the recently held celebration for teaching staff and retirees from D101. Mrs. Garvin shared that she had the privilege of representing the Board in honoring the retirees, one of whom, Brad Promisel, was in attendance tonight. Mrs. Garvin commented that Mr. Promisel knew the name of every person, even visitors, who entered into Field Park. Mrs. Garvin shared with Mr. Promisel that he will be missed by the students, the Board and his colleagues. Mrs. Garvin also wished the best of luck to retirees Ms. Gannon and Mr. Cuff, both beloved teachers, and Mrs. Gripp and Mrs. Zebert, both valued Board office staff members.

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SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kindergarten Enrollment

Dr. Barnhart commented that the kindergarten enrollment for 2019 - 2020 had seen a drop in enrollment from the month prior with updated number of 38 students at Field Park, 53 at Forest Hills and 65 at Laidlaw for a total of 156. This compares to a total of 165 last month. Dr. Barnhart commented that the drop in numbers is based on parents participating in the kindergarten screening process but choosing not to enroll their children for kindergarten this year, opting to wait until the 2020 - 2021 school year.

Student Recognitions

Dr. Barnhart welcomed the students and families in attendance tonight. He introduced the principals who, in turn, briefly discussed and introduced their building's 2019 SCOTY Award winner. SCOTY - School Citizen Of The Year - is awarded to one fifth grader from each elementary school and one eighth grader from McClure.

Principal Brad Promisel introduced Field Park's SCOTY winner, Oliver Young and asked him to stand and be recognized. Mr. Promisel shared that Oliver was a wonderful representative from Field Park and has a quiet level of maturity that is a positive addition to the school as a whole.

Principal Rachel Corrough introduced Forest Hills' SCOTY winner, Lindsay Forebaugh, and asked her to stand and be recognized. Mrs. Corrough shared that Lindsay has unbelievable poise and is a great listener and friend to her peers, qualities of an amazing young lady.

Principal Erin DeBartolo introduced Laidlaw's SCOTY winner, Sylvie Wixted and asked her to stand and be recognized. Mrs. DeBartolo shared that Sylvie is the student who is always asking how someone else is doing and is an example of pure kindness towards others.

Assistant Principal Ashley Burger introduced McClure's SCOTY winner, Nicholas Barbera and asked him to stand and be recognized. Mrs. Burger commented that Nicholas has the most wonderful smile and lifts you up every time you see it. In sixth grade, Nicholas put a post it note on every teacher's door with a message of kindness. He has continued to make these types of positive contributions throughout his time at McClure.

Dr. Barnhart commented that it is so enjoyable to hear the presentations about the individual SCOTY winners, but he knows that deciding who will win the SCOTY each year is a very difficult decision for teachers and principals. This year's SCOTY winners were part of an amazing pool of nominated candidates. District 101 is truly lucky to have so many wonderful student candidates to consider each year.

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Dr. Barnhart introduced the District's band and orchestra directors, Dawn Fiebrandt and Stacey Turner. Mrs. Fiebrandt and Ms. Turner noted that while the overall program consists of 250 students, the 20 students being recognized this evening have achieved the distinct honor of receiving a perfect score on their performance at the LTHS Solo Ensemble Festival and/or represented McClure in the state competition. The students were introduced and recognized for their accomplishments.

Dr. Barnhart congratulated the students and recognized the time that achieving this distinction requires both within and outside of the school day. Ms. O'Connor congratulated the band and orchestra students and encouraged them to continue their music studies. She also congratulated the SCOTY winners and asked that they continue to live their life in the manner that awarded them this distinction.

Ms. O'Connor indicated there would be a five minute recess to allow the students to have their photographs taken.

ADJOURN TO PUBLIC HEARING ON TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Ms. O'Connor made a motion to adjourn to public hearing. Mrs. Garvin seconded. Upon roll call, all voted yes.

Ms. O'Connor asked if there were any comments regarding the transfer of funds before the Board. With no comments, Ms. O'Connor made a motion to return to the regular meeting and Mrs. Garvin seconded. Upon roll call, all voted yes.

ACTION ITEMS

Employment of Non-Certified Staff

Mrs. Garvin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sendaydiego, to approve the hiring of the following non-certified staff for the 2019 - 2020 school year: Cindy Achepohl, Gina Avgeris, Emily Carter, Matt Condon, Maureen Condon, Amy Czerwinski, Janet Piccolo-Delaney, John Derrah, Amy Enderle, Francesca Gick, Stephanie Glisson, Elizabeth Janicek, Julie Johnson, Katelyn Johnson, Linda Lundeen, Linda Makdah, Vaiva Machertas, Julie McGann, Mary Miller, Maria Ognibene, Michelle Pusatera, Sue Quigley, London Rideaux, Linda Rodriguez, Kelly Rotolo, Janet Schoneman, Michelle Shapiro and Jill Van Vuren.

On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

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Approve Paper Bid

Dr. Barnhart commented that the paper bid being presented to the Board represents a 1% per unit increase over the previous year; however, our overall expenditure is decreasing due to reduced overall volume. Mr. Lettiere made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sendaydiego, to approve the low bidder for the 2019 - 2020 Paper Bid, Midland Paper. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Employment of Certified Staff

Mrs. Garvin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lettiere, to employ the following certified staff for the 2019 - 2020 school year: Stephanie King, McClure Science teacher and John Stibich, McClure permanent substitute. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Approve Resolution to Abolish the Working Cash Fund

Ms. O'Connor noted that the resolution before the Board was to abolish the working cash fund with the result being that the balance would be transferred to the Education Fund.

Mrs. Garvin made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Sendaydiego to approve the Resolution to abolish the Working Cash Fund. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Approve Resolution for Transfer of Funds to the Debt Service Fund

Ms. O'Connor noted that the amount to be transferred from Building Fund 2 into Debt Service Fund 3 was \$750,000. Dr. Barnhart commented that the \$750,000 transferred amount is the same amount publicly noted during the September 2018 Public Budget Hearing.

Mrs. Sendaydiego made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the Resolution for Transfer of Funds to the Debt Service Fund. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego

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Approve Retirement

Ms. O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lettiere, to approve the Retirement request of Sue Trpisvosky. This retirement is under the parameters of the new contract and the 2019 - 2020 would count as the first of her five years leading up to retirement. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Education Committee

Mr. Lettiere, Education Committee Chair, shared that ELA curriculum committee would implement a new curriculum next year as a pilot. The Standards Based Reporting committee is sending out weekly communications to parents and staff and Dr. Coffey's "Coffee with Coffey" this week focused around Standards Based Reporting.

Building Committee

Mrs. Adler, Building Committee Chair, had no report.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Sendaydiego reported for the Finance Committee that there were no surprising expenses this month, noting the annual assessment to LADSE as well as expenses for out-of-level testing and the printing fees associated with the annual writing anthology.

Mrs. Sendaydiego moved to approve May 2019 expenditures and liabilities in the total amount of \$1,586,102.59 and Ms. O'Connor seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego

Mrs. Sendaydiego commented that the pre-payment of taxes and the effect on the fund balance as compared to the previous year that was noted the last two months has evened out and reported a fund balance of \$13,758,805.07 is comparable to this same time last fiscal year.

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Policy/Legislative Committee

Mrs. Heit, Policy/Legislative Committee Chair, reported that a potential property tax freeze was under consideration and the effect on the District would be an estimated \$400,000+, compounded annually.

Communications Committee

Mrs. Garvin, Communications Chair, thanked the Principals for sending her the list of service projects from the current school year, and that they will be included in the summer Board newsletter. She also noted that Lisa Swanson has been of great talent and assistance with graphics for the newsletter. The newsletter is anticipated to be completed and sent out for delivery at the end of June.

Educational Foundation

Ms. Cahill, Board liaison for the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence (WSFEE), reported that the WSFEE May 13th Golf & Tennis raised \$30K. Mrs. Kruiswyck had a grant approved to bring an a capella group to McClure next school year. Ms. Cahill also noted that WSFEE representatives would be touching base with each building regarding their progress related to the Renovation for Innovation (R4I) grant.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. O'Connor noted there was no correspondence.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

At 7:18p.m., Ms. O'Connor requested a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss personnel and legal matters. The Board will return to Open Session following Closed Session. Ms. O'Connor made a motion and Mrs. Garvin seconded, to adjourn to Closed Session. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

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RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:49 p.m., Mrs. Sendaydiego moved to return to Regular Session. Mr. Lettiere seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

OTHER

Calendar Discussions

Dr. Barnhart presented the proposed change to the District calendar, adjusting February and March Late Arrival/Early Dismissal/Regular days to align the early dismissal with the identified District STEAM Night date of February 6. He noted that there was zero net change to the numbers/types of days originally approved by the Board, simply this was a three-way move to better align with supporting the preparation time needed for STEAM Night. Following a brief interactive discussion, all Board members seemed satisfied that this change would be a positive.

Dr. Barnhart overviewed potential Board Meeting date changes for July and November 2019. A short discussion ensued, and it was agreed that the proposed changes made sense.

TTO Pro-Rata Discussions

Ms. O'Connor, Dr. Barnhart, and other veteran members of the Board overviewed elements of the TTO billing request by providing new members with a historical overview of TTO billing, the on-going and expensive litigation with LT 204, the March TTO Public Forum hosted by the LaGrange League of Women Voters, and other relevant information. An interactive discussion followed. In the end, it was agreed that the Board was not ready to approve the TTO Pro-Rata share at this time, but they would likely approve it in June. Further, the Board discussed its previously adopted resolution that allows any Board member to participate in discussions with other school districts part of TTO, regarding TTO. Mr. Lettiere agreed for the time being to participate in discussions organized with other districts for that purpose.

Board Monthly Topics

Ms. O'Connor provided the full Board with an overview of the monthly topics summary included in this month's packet. She suggested that Board members add items of interest to

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these monthly topics, a process that can begin immediately and continue as members become better acquainted with monthly discussions and topics of interest. She discussed organizing monthly topics by category down the line.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve TTO Pro-Rata Share

No motion was made to approve the TTO Pro-Rata Share invoice. The issue will be reconsidered next month.

Approve Revised Board Meeting Dates

Mrs. Heit made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lettiere to approve the revised Board Meeting Dates for the 2019 - 2020 school year, resulting in the July meeting being held on July 15 and the November meeting moving to November 14. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Approve Change to 2019 - 2020 School Calendar

Mrs. Adler made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cahill to approve the revised calendar for the 2019 - 2020 school year. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

At 8:17 p.m., Mrs. Garvin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Sendaydiego seconded the motion, and all voted yes.



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



Julie O'Connor
Board of Education President