

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 28
HELD THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, District 28, Cook County, Illinois, was held via electronic format for said district on Thursday evening, March 19, 2020. Board members and administration attended via an online Zoom video conference. The Public was able to attend via a livestream audio link through the District 28 YouTube Channel.

President Tracy Katz Muhl called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present at roll call:

Tony Forchetti
Jennifer Gallinson
Michael Gilmore
Louis Gross
Michelle Kohler
Mara Silver-Schack
Tracy Katz Muhl

Absent: none.

Also present were Dr. Larry Hewitt, Superintendent; Jessica Donato, Chief School Business Official; Terry Ryan, Communications Director; and Ramsin Israel, District Computer Technician.

President Katz Muhl read the following statement:

Governor Pritzker issued an Executive Order allowing Boards of Education to meet remotely to conduct essential operations. Therefore this an electronic meeting, and it will be abbreviated to address only those items that are essential in nature to the ongoing operations of the school district. Members of the public may listen to the audio of the Board meeting online via our live-stream link. Other matters that are pending will continue to be examined by the team and will be addressed at the next live meeting or as further orders come in.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

The public had the opportunity to submit statements via Google form from 6:30 p.m. to 7:05 p.m. Dr. Hewitt read aloud two statements that were submitted.

A public comment was submitted by a staff member. She suggested that cooking and sewing classes should not be eliminated from the NBJH program and highlighted benefits of such classes to students.

A second comment was submitted by a parent who thanked the district staff for efforts related to communication, the e-Learning program and support for families. Teachers have been responsive, flexible, and done a good job with the roll-out of the new learning format.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Hewitt stated that the staff has been working tirelessly and is doing a marvelous job to bring e-Learning to our students. The tech department has been doing a lot of trouble-shooting, teachers are working together to develop e-Learning plans, and administration is coordinating everything. He is very proud of the District 28 learning community, including parents and students as they exhibit patience while we launch e-learning.

Board President Katz Muhl noted that because this is an abbreviated board meeting and the board can only discuss items on this agenda, they are not able to discuss the scheduling options referenced in the public comment tonight. Dr. Hewitt provided background information, stating that District administrators have been studying ways to modify the junior high master schedule in order to increase instructional time in math. One viable option involves moving some English Language Arts learning standards to exploratory classes. This option would eliminate cooking and sewing classes and replace them with new ELA exploratory classes. With this option under consideration, the junior high Family and Consumer Sciences teacher was notified of a possible reduction in force to her position. He said there is a statutory timeline involved in notifying the impacted teacher of such a change. However, a final decision on the schedule has not been made and if an alternate model is adopted, the teacher would be rehired, as is commonplace in many districts, which use reduction in force annually for budget or class-size reasons.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

It was moved by Member Forchetti and seconded by Member Gilmore that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda:

(Payroll – last half of February 2020 and first half of March 2020)

the payment of employee salaries for the last half of February 2020, in the amount of \$ 1,182,798.79 and covered by check numbers 64248 through 64288, and deduction check numbers 64289 through 64306, inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated March 19, 2020;

the payment of employee salaries for the first half of March 2020, in the amount of \$ 1,148,368.70 and covered by check numbers 64307 through 64343, and

deduction check numbers 64344 through 64352, inclusive, as outlined in detail on the Payroll Summary, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District Board of Education, and dated March 19, 2020;

(Bills)

Vendor invoices totaling \$236,777.78 and Warrants listed as Numbers 54411 through 54542, with the following voids 54192, confirmed by the signatures of the President and Secretary of the School District 28 Board of Education, and dated March 19, 2020;

(Personnel Report: Contract Change, Employment of Staff, Leaves, Resignations, Dismissals, Reduction in Force, and Job Share)

The employment of staff:

Shelly Kaszynski	WM	1-on-1 Aide, \$15/hr.
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The leaves of:

Christine Kim	MB	Kindergarten Teacher
Jasmine Myalil	GB	EL Coach

The resignations of:

Melissa Anderson	WM	5 th Grade Aide
Jamie Edelstein	WM	Foundational Aide
Nancy Horowitz	GB	Foundational Aide
Meg Marienthal	MB	3 rd Grade Teacher
Dominique Radtke	NBJH	Orchestra Teacher
Joseph Sarmiento	MB	Custodian

The non-renewals of:

Diane Anderson	GB	EL Teacher
Renee Mezny	WM	Social Worker

The reduction in force of:

Stephanie Badzioch	NBJH	FACS Teacher
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FINANCE
(Financial Report)

The Board of Education received copies of the District 28 Financial Report for the period ending February 2019. CSBO Donato provided an update on food service sales, optional student accident insurance, and monthly financial reports.

(Bus Contract)

Award a bid for general education student transportation to First Student, Inc. (1823 Centre Point Circle, Suite A Naperville, IL 60563) for service between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2023.

(eRate – Wiring)

Accept the proposal from Midco Inc. (221 Shore Court, Burr Ridge, IL 60527) for Wiring and Components in the amount of \$31,899.28 for fiscal year 2020-21.

(e-Rate- Equipment)

Accept the proposal from CDW-G (230 N. Milwaukee Ave. Vernon Hills, IL 60061) for Data Infrastructure and Equipment in the amount of \$33,351 for fiscal year 2020-21.

(Replacement of NBJH Walk-in Cooler/Freezer)

Accept the proposal from Edward Don & Company (9801 Adam Don Parkway Woodridge, IL 60517) for the Northbrook Junior High Walk-In Cooler/Freezer in the amount of \$30,445 for fiscal year 2020-21.

(Ratification of New Staff)

Rosanne J. Wozney, School Psychologist, beginning date August 17, 2020 for the Foundational program at Step M+30-13.

On a roll call vote, the following voted Aye: Members Forchetti, Gilmore, Kohler, Gross, Silver-Schack, Gallinson, and Katz Muhl. May: none. Absent: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

EDUCATION
(District 28 E-Learning Plan)

Dr. Hewitt said the district's e-Learning plan was approved by Dr. Kevin Jauch of the North Cook Intermediate Service Center and ROE #5 as meeting the educational criteria required by state statute. Board approval is part of the process to formally adopt the plan.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the caring and committed teachers and the district's overall endeavor to support students and keep them learning.

It was moved by Member Silver Schack, and seconded by Member Kohler that the Board approve the E-Learning plan, as presented.

On a roll call vote the following voted: Aye: Silver Schack, Kohler, Gross, Gallinson, Gilmore, Forchetti, Katz-Muhl. Nay: none. Absent: none. Abstain: none. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

President Katz Muhl noted they are hoping the next meeting will be in person. If not, items that are deemed essential to the ongoing operations of the district will be placed on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:23 p.m., it was moved by Member Forchetti and seconded by Member Kohler that the meeting adjourn.

All members present voted Aye. Absent: none. Motion carried.

Larry A. Hewitt, Secretary

Tracy Katz Muhl, President