

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS, HELD ON
JULY 24, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hightower at 6:36 pm in the Boardroom of the Administration Office, 1200 N. Wolf Road, Berkeley, IL.

ROLL CALL

On roll call by the secretary, the following were present: Members Hightower, Jackson, Espinoza and O'Connell. Absent: Mora, Mason and Chavez, Also present was *Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Zimmerman and Mrs. Vince*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson , THAT ALL CORRESPONDENCE BE PUT ON FILE AS PRESENTED EXCEPT THAT WHICH REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

ORAL: Mike Agruss and his law firm will donate 500 backpacks with supplies.

CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS:

APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by member Jackson. THAT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 24, 2023 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

APPROVAL OF REVISED OLD MINUTES

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by member Jackson, THAT THE REVISED MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, FEBRUARY 27, MARCH 20, APRIL 24 AND MAY 22, 2023 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT None

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION None

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Accounts & Claims payable figures and Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$6,197,931.62, AS FOLLOWS:

PAYROLL 6/30/23.....	1,259,409.55
PAYROLL 7/14/23.....	780,898.52
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS.....	764,975.71
REFERENDUM PROJECTS.....	3,384,458.48
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-P CARD.....	<u>8,189.36</u>
TOTAL	\$6,197,931.62

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

MONTHLY BUILDING REPORT

Mrs. Vince explained that the Monthly Building Rental Report is submitted for informational purposes only.

SPECIAL SERVICES None

HUMAN RESOURCES None

OTHER OLD BUSINESS None

CLOSED SESSION

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER A STUDENT DISCIPLINE/ RESIDENCY MATTER. TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE/LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY. TO CONSIDER INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, OR DISMISSAL OF AN EMPLOYEE OR OFFICER, OR TO CONSIDER PENDING LITIGATION.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:24 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 8:11 pm with all members present except Member Chave, Mora and Mason.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD:

Member. O’Connell was appointed to PAEC Committee and Member Mason alternated. **PAEC** Members Mason and O’Connell reported on the July meeting. The minutes, payroll and bills were approved. Action was taken on the following items at the July meeting; – Action was taken on the following items: all bills were approved as presented; approved resignations..

IASB No Report

EDUCATION & FINANCE No Report

POLICY & LEGISLATION No Report

FACILITIES Minutes from the June 26, 2023 are in the Board Packet for your review.

HEALTH/SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION No Report

PUBLIC RELATIONS No Report

PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY No Report

BILINGUAL ADVISORY No Report

FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY No Report

SUPERINTENDENT:

LICENSED PERSONNEL - RESIGNATIONS

Member O’Connell moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATIONS OF THE FOLLOWING LICENSED PERSONNEL, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

ABIGAIL HORN	WHITTIER	2ND GRADE TEACHER
JILLIAN STOLBERG	JEFFERSON	2ND GRADE TEACHER
CAROYLN SCHMIDT	JEFFERSON	PRE-K TEACHER
VANESSA DOTSON	NORTHLAKE	INSTRUCTIONAL COACH
JASMINE MEEKS	MACARTHUR	INCLUSION RESOURCE TEACHER
ANNA AVILES	JEFFERSON	2ND GRADE TEACHER
STEPHANIE SCHISGALL	JEFFERSON	KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
NAILA UKANI	SUNNYSIDE	3RD GRADE TEACHER

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O’Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

LICENSED PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENTS

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING TEACHERS, PENDING EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK EFFECTIVE 8/28/23:

JENNIFER SOVERINO JEFFERSON INCLUSION RESOURCE TEACHER (LANE 3 STEP 6)
MATTHEW HERMETET WHITTIER INCLUSION RESOURCE TEACHER (LANE 2 STEP 2) MEGAN
JANIS MACARTHUR 6TH GRADE ELA TEACHER (LANE 1 STEP 3) HALEY BARLUND JEFFERSON
2ND GRADE TEACHER (LANE 1 STEP1) KAYLA DAVIE MACARTHUR ESL RESOURCE TEACHER (LANE 1 STEP 1)

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

ADMINISTRATOR EMPLOYMENT

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY LAURA HENEGHAN FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR FOR ENGLISH LEARNING, PENDING EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK EFFECTIVE 7/24/23.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF- EMPLOYMENT

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THAT EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL, PENDING ALL EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK:

RHONDA FRANKLIN	CROSS CATEGORICAL TEACHER ASSISTANT	RILEY
ANGELICA LAO	ROSS CATEGORICAL TEACHER ASSISTANT	WHITTIER

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF LEAVE OF ABSENCES:

JESUS BAUTISTA

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

FUNDRAISERS

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDRAISERS, AS PRESENTED:

MIKE AGRUSS LAW - PROJECT BACKPACK WILL DONATE 500 BACKPACKS WITH SUPPLIES

JEFFERSON, SUNNYSIDE & MACARTHUR PTO - CHICAGOLAND VETERANS WILL GIVE FREE SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

POLICIES - 1ST READING & ADOPTION

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING POLICIES FOR A FIRST READING AND ADOPTION:

1. Policy 209.00 Organizational Meeting/Election of Officers (revised)
2. Policy 403.00 Budget (revised)
3. Policy 426.00 Food Services (revised)
4. Policy 416.00 Waiver of Fees (revised)
5. Policy 523.01 Awareness and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse and Grooming Behaviors (revised)
6. Policy 506.03 Employee Ethics, Conduct and Conflict of Interest (revised)
7. Policy 527.00 Educational Support Personnel-Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays and Leaves (revised)
8. Policy 7:40 School Accountability (revised)
9. Policy 612:00 Complaints About Instructional Material (revised)
10. Policy 604.00 Student Testing and Assessment Program (revised)
11. Policy 704.00 School Admissions and Transfers (revised)
12. Policy 7:10 Truancy (revised)
13. Policy 722.08 Suicide and Depression Awareness and Prevention (revised)
14. Policy 713.00 Maintenance and Release of School Student Records (revised)
15. Policy 419.00 Compliance With Laws (revised)
16. Policy 501.00 Recruitment and Selection (revised)
17. Policy 523.00 Department of Children and Family Services/Child Abuse and

Motion carried 4-0

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INTEREST EARNINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member O’Connell, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT THE RESOLUTION DESIGNATING INTEREST EARNINGS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O’Connell	Nays: None
	Hightower	
	Espinoza	Absent: Mora
	Jackson	Mason
		Chavez

Motion carried 4-0

RATIFY GAS SUPPLY RATE LOCK EXTENSION

Member O’Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF THEIR RATE LOCK WITH VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES, FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES, FOR THE AUGUST 2023-JUNE 024 AND FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O’Connell	Nays: None
	Hightower	
	Espinoza	Absent: Mora
	Jackson	Mason
		Chavez

Motion carried 4-0

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT INTER-FUND TRANSFERS FOR DEBT SERVICE PURPOSES

Member O’Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PERMANENT INTER - FUND TRANSFERS FOR DEBT SERVICE AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O’Connell	Nays: None
	Hightower	
	Espinoza	Absent: Mora
	Jackson	Mason
		Chavez

Motion carried 4-0

APPROVE NUTRITIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TOWEL SERVICES VENDOR CONTRACT

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE NUTRITIONAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT TOWEL SERVICES VENDOR CONTRACT FOR THE 2023 -2024 SCHOOL YEAR, PENDING ATTORNEY REVIEW, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O’Connell	Nays: None
	Hightower	
	Espinoza	Absent: Mora
	Jackson	Mason
		Chavez

Motion carried 4-0

CHANGE ORDER NO. 178-182 2020 REFERENDUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS NO. 178 THROUGH 182, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

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APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #5 - FURNITURE- RILEY/NORTHLAKE PROJECTS

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE FURNITURE FOR THE RILEY INTERMEDIATE AND NORTHLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PROJECTS CHANGE ORDER FIVE AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 - FURNITURE - JEFFERSON / WHITTIER PROJECTS

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE FURNITURE FOR THE JEFFERSON / WHITTIER PROJECTS CHANGE ORDER TWO, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #2 JEFFERSON PRIMARY AND WHITTIER PRIMARY SCHOOLS HEALTH LIFE SAFETY RENOVATIONS PROJECTS

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE JEFFERSON - WHITTIER PRIMARY SCHOOLS HEALTH LIFE SAFETY RENOVATIONS PROJECT CHANGE ORDER TWO, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

APPROVE E-RATE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT/EXTENSION

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE E-RATE CONSULTANT AGREEMENT / EXTENSION FOR THE PERIOD 2023-24 THROUGH 2025-26 WITH INFINITE CONNECTIONS, INC. AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0

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BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Vince gave the Board an update on the Summer feeding program. It offered meals to the community. Audit dates are finalized August 21st - September 21, 2023.

HUMAN RESOURCES MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the current vacancies.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday 8/28 - Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:14 PM.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: O'Connell Hightower Espinoza Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Mora Mason Chavez
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Motion carried 4-0