

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS, HELD ON
DECEMBER 18, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hightower at 7:00 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, Espinoza, Mason, Walker, Mora, Jackson, and Cosette, absent Chavez , Also *present was Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Travis, and Mrs. Vince*

PUBLIC HEARING TRUTH IN TAXATION

Mrs. Vince stated that the purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the proposed property tax levy increase for Berkeley School District 87. She reviewed the balances of each of the district's fund balances.

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TRUTH IN TAXATION PROGRAM, BE CLOSED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Mason	
	Walker	Absent: Chavez
	Espinoza	
	Mora	
	Jackson	

Motion carried 6-0

AWARD BID FOR DISTRICT WIDE SECURITY IMPROVEMENT - PHASE TWO

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCEPT THE DISTRICT - WIDE SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT BID FROM VIDEO AND SOUND SERVICE INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF THEIR BASE BID OF \$463,201.74 AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Mason	
	Walker	Absent: Chavez
	Espinoza	
	Mora	
	Jackson	

Motion carried 6-0

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Joe Lightcap from the District's auditing firm of Baker Tilley Company, LLP presented the audit for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2023. He reported that the District received the highest level of assurance, highlighted specific areas of interest and answered questions.

Member Walker, moved seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE AUDIT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT ALL CORRESPONDENCE BE PUT ON FILE AS PRESENTED EXCEPT THAT WHICH REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

ORAL: Mrs. Chaparro expressed her concerns regarding the need for after school clubs for students with IEPs.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:
APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES**

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by member Walker. THAT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 18, 2023 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

REPORTS

SUPERINTENDENT None

**CURRICULUM AND
INSTRUCTION** None

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Accounts & Claims payable figures and Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,494,462.34 AS FOLLOWS:

PAYROLL 11/15/23.....	868,862.11
PAYROLL 12/01/23.....	871,911.16
PAYROLL 12/15/23.....	864,016.33
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS.....	1,701,183.47
REFERENDUM PROJECTS.....	1,025,616.80
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-P CARD.....	23,960.34
TOTAL \$5,494,462.34	

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

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

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INTENT TO RETIRE

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE INTENT TO RETIRE LETTER OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

LINDA ZAVALA

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF- LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS AS PRESENTED FOR:

DEBORAH MITCHELL
ALEJANDRA TURNER
LAURA MATA
BARBARA BLAZEK
KEITH WILLIAMSON

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

ANA VALADEZ ASSISTANT COOK

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

APPROVE BOARD OF EDUCATION / BERKELEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BERKELEY ASSOCIATION AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

ACCEPT DONATION

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DONATION FROM VENDOR SPECIAL T AS PRESENTED:

BLANKETS FOR CHILDREN
BABY STROLLERS

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

ACCEPT DONATION

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DONATION FROM MIKE AGRUSS (AGRUSS LAW) AS PRESENTED:

ASSORTED HOLIDAY GIFTS FOR UP TO 10 NEEDY FAMILIES

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Mason	
	Walker	Absent: Chavez
	Espinoza	
	Mora	
	Jackson	

Motion carried 6-0

LICENSED PERSONNEL RESIGNATION

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE FRIDAY, 12-22-23

ALEC ROSS ESL RESOURCE TEACHER NORTHLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Mason	
	Walker	Absent: Chavez
	Espinoza	
	Mora	
	Jackson	

Motion carried 6-0

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Sullivan spoke about the Teacher Vacancy Grant. He also invited the board members to be part of the interviewing process for the opening position of the Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Mieszanek presented to the board reports on the School improvement and Summative Designations. She also spoke about the Panorama Fall Data, School Improvement Planning and Grant

BUSINESS SERVICES

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending in 11/30/23.

ADOPT 2023 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT THE 2023 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Mason	
	Walker	Absent: Chavez
	Espinoza	
	Mora	
	Jackson	

Motion carried 6-0

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

The Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending in June 30, 2023 is provided for your information and review. I will briefly discuss the report at the December Board of Education meeting. The report was delivered electronically on December 15th. Paper copies were delivered December 15th to the members that requested paper copies, Please bring your copy to the meeting December 18, 2023.

RATIFY GAS SUPPLY LOCK EXTENSION

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION RATIFY THE EXTENSION OF THEIR RATE LOCK WITH VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES, FOR NATURAL GAS SUPPLIES, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025 AND FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower	Nays: None
	Mason	
	Walker	Absent: Chavez
	Espinoza	
	Mora	
	Jackson	

Motion carried 6-0

CHANGE ORDER NO. 210-212

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS NO. 210 THROUGH 212, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #4 - AV PROJECT

Member Walker moved, seconded by member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE AV PROJECT CHANGE ORDER FOUR, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Vince provided the Board with the Annual Financial Report. Mrs. Vince spoke about the SSCIP Annual Renewal. The Berkeley Joint Review Board Meeting will take place December 19. Mrs. Vince reported on the Expenditure and Fund Balance Review.

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the remaining licensed and support staff current vacancies. She updated the Board on the teacher and substitute shortage.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Joe Byrne, Director of Educational Technology reported that the department has been busy supporting staff and students.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Monday 1/22 - Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:01 PM.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Mason Walker Espinoza Mora Jackson	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion carried 6-0

ATTEST:

Secretary: _____

President: _____