

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH
11910 South Kostner
Alsip, IL 60803
February 9, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Pierce called the roll.

Present: Marigrace Sinnott-Snooks, President
Joe LaChica, Vice President
Lori Pierce, Secretary
Kim Powers
Harry Tannehill
Donna Waldrom
Therese Zaker

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent
Robert Condon, Director of Special Education
Nicole Leggett, Bilingual Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Waldrom, Zaker. Abstain: Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0-1.

CONSENT AGENDA

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Steve Gress stated that we received a FOIA request from Illinois Teachers Retired Teachers Association and Local Labs and we responded in the proper amount of time.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Craig Gwaltney informed the board that the ISC4 Compliance visit took place in January and the district was compliant in all areas.

Craig Gwaltney discussed the current enrollment numbers and reported that enrollment is back to up the 1500 level where it has been in years past before COVID-19. Hazelgreen saw an increase in enrollment for this school year.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To adopt the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented by the Board Calendar Committee". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

PURCHASING

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the purchase of furniture from Educational Environments by Frank Cooney at a cost not to exceed \$175,937.31." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adopt the Resolution Regarding Transportation Serious Safety Hazards for the 2023-2024 school year". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To approved going out to bid for the District fencing project." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, Waldrom. Nay: None. The motion carried 7-0 at 7:20 p.m.


President


Secretary