

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH
11910 South Kostner
Alsip, IL 60803
August 11, 2022**

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
Lori Pierce, Secretary
Donna Waldrom
Harry Tannehill
Therese Zaker

Absent: Joe LaChica, Kim Powers

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning
Nicole Leggett, Bilingual Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the minutes of the June 9, 2022 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, Sinnott-Snooks, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Harry Tannehill, "To approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting June 28, 2022 Special Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, Sinnott-Snooks, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Harry Tannehill, "To go into Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees in the district or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Waldrom, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0 at 7:07 p.m.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To go come out of Closed Session." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, Zaker, Waldrom, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0 at 7:34 p.m.

FOIA REQUESTS

Steve Gress reported we received FOIA's from Illinois Retired Teachers Association, SmartProcure, Roy Erikson and Michael Picard AIG Retirement Services. We have responded in the required timeframe.

FINANCIAL

Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To ratify the July bills paid by the District and approved by the Superintendent for the dates of June 2 through July 14, 2022." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Craig Gwaltney gave a registration update and stated that the enrollment numbers remain the same as in previous years. Numbers are down a bit but families are still registering. He also informed the board that at this time of year staffing changes are very common and that we are fully staffed at all buildings with teachers. We are working on filling the open Instructional Aide positions.

Lori Connolly gave an update on this year's enrichment summer school program. She mentioned that it is focused on STEM related learning modules from the National Invention Hall of Fame, which we called Camp Invention. We had about 180 students sign up for Camp Invention, with 142 attending the full week. Traditional summer school grades K-2 were invited this year to attend the traditional summer school program. Students participated in a variety of literacy and mathematics instruction in the morning. Of the families who responded that their child would attend summer school, we only had about half of the students attend all two weeks of summer school.

Lori let the board know that our current eLearning plan will expire this year a new/revised plan for the next three school years will need to be approved. She also stated that the board will need to approve on the ESS School wide plan which is done yearly and all information on these plans was sent in the board packet.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To approve the ESSA School-Wide (L, HG, SC, PJH) Plans." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the e-Learning proposal for 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 School years." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Pierce, Zaker, Tannehill, Sinnott-Snooks. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To approve the Prairie Junior High Band and Choir Trip to Milwaukee, WI for April 28 and 29, 2023." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Harry Tannehill, "To approve the Notice to Remedy for the teacher discussed in closed session." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, Sinnott-Snooks, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Harry Tannehill, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom. Nay: None. The motion carried 5-0 at 7:59 p.m.


President


Secretary