

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126  
PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH  
11900 South Kostner  
Alsip, IL 60803  
May 12, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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  
Donna Waldrom  
Harry Tannehill

Absent Kimberley Powers, Therese Zaker

Also Present: Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent  
Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To approve the minutes of the April 14, 2022 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Waldrom, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Steve Gress reported we received a FOIA from The New York Times which was sent to us in error.

**EDUCATIONAL REPORT**

Lori Connolly reported that the district will continue with the take-home backpacks that were sent out last year. There was a very positive response from our families and students. The take-home backpack from the Teacher Created Materials Company contains a standards-based grade level workbook with engaging activities for all content areas as well as a collection of 6 fiction and nonfiction books. Our two-way immersion program students will receive backpacks containing Spanish content and our identified English Language Learners will receive backpacks specifically designed for EL students with grade-appropriate skills and content.

Students in grades third, fourth and fifth grades will receive a common award-winning book to read this summer called, Wishtree. The book for sixth and seventh grade is still being decided.

**EDUCATIONAL REPORT (continues)**

Lori updated the board on Summer School. She reported that 185 students enrolled in the summer enrichment program. A Camp Invention t-shirt, breakfast, lunch, and transportation will all be provided by the district. We have already had several families call or email thanking the district for this opportunity and for structuring the program to be a full day.

Lastly, Lori spoke about traditional summer school. She stated students will have the option to stay for a school day with an Invention Club afternoon focused on STEM. The students needing additional support in grades K-2 will be invited to attend summer school. Because of the impact, COVID has had on our youngest learners, we prioritized these grade levels to give them an extra boost in their foundational skills to help prepare them for the start of next school year.

**FINANCIAL**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To direct the superintendent to prepare the 2022-2023 Budget". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, LaChica, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To approve the Building Security Review by Facility Engineering Associates, PC at the cost of \$4,000 for the Junior High School and \$3,500 for each Elementary School." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, LaChica, Waldrom, Sinnott-Snooks. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Steve spoke to the board about replacing the rubber playground floor at Lane. The board supported purchasing from Team REIL Inc. through a purchasing cooperative rather than going out to bid for this work.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, LaChica. Nay: None. The motion carried 5-0 at 7:25p.m.

  
President

  
Secretary