

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH
11900 South Kostner
Alsip, IL 60803
March 10, 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
Joe LaChica, Vice President
Lori Pierce, Secretary
Kim Powers
Harry Tannehill
Donna Waldrom
Therese Zaker

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning
Robert Condon, Director of Special Education

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, LaChica, Pierce, Powers, Tannehill, Waldrom, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Steve Gress reported we received FOIA's from Freedom Foundation and Ted Novak. We have responded in the required timeframe.

CLOSED SESSION 1

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "To go into Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of 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: Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, Waldrom, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0 at 7:04 p.m.

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "To come out of Closed Session". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Powers, LaChica, Tannehill, Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0 at 7:18 p.m.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Lori Connolly reported on the anticipated staffing for 2022-2023 school year. She mentioned we have three positions at Lane consisting of a Bilingual Spanish ESL Resource Teacher, a Special Education Resource Teacher and a 6th Grade Classroom Teacher. Stony Creek will have two current positions a Music Teacher and a Reading Specialist and one new position, a Bilingual Spanish Reading Specialist that are open and will be filled for the next school year. Prairie has one position open a Bilingual Spanish TWI Teacher that we were not able to fill this year. Hazelgreen school does not have any open positions.

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the hiring of a Bilingual Spanish Reading Specialist at Stony Creek School starting with the 2022-2023 school year". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, LaChica, Pierce, Powers, Tannehill, Waldrom, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Joe Lachica, "To approve the Administrative staffing changes discussed in closed session 1". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, Powers, Tannehill, Waldrom, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, LaChica.- Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION 2

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "To go into Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of 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: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, Waldrom, Sinnott-Snooks. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, Waldrom. Nay: None. The motion carried 5-0 at 7:30p.m.



President



Secretary