

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

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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
Harry Tannehill
Donna Waldrom

Absent: Kim Powers, Therese Zaker

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To approve the minutes of the February 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, LaChica, Pierce, Tannehill, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

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, Tannehill Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Robert Condon spoke to the board about opening an intermediate self-contained classroom for next school year. This classroom will be a great opportunity to broaden the scope of student needs that we service in-district. It will also provide a logical next step for the students who are in the primary self-contained classroom and will need that level of support when they go into 3rd grade and beyond.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Craig Gwaltney updated the board on the construction projects at Prairie Junior High. He informed them things are running on schedule and the first project, the district office should be completed early/mid-April. Other areas under construction will be updated as those projects progress.


TECHNOLOGY REPORT

Steve Gress addressed the board for John Chapman regarding the tech needs for the upcoming 2023-2024 School Year. Steve reported that this summer, the majority of our projects will focus on network infrastructure upgrades and reinforcing our security efforts. He included we are also looking at newer and more advanced security/surveillance cameras to replace the existing cameras which are more than 10 years old and are at the end of life. The new cameras will provide us with greater visibility of our buildings' interior and exterior. Some of the features include dual heads on the cameras for up to 270-degree viewing, artificial intelligence to scan and identify potential threats, and mobile visibility through an iOS and Android-based app. I expect that this upgrade will have a useful life of 8-10 years. Lastly, a refresh of the Chromebooks 3rd and 6th grade and some of the older iPads which are end of life. Refreshing these devices will allow us to keep up with the latest updates and security enhancements for Apple iOS and Google Chrome devices. Going forward, I anticipate a similar three to four-year refresh cycle for student iPads. This of course depends on the educational apps we are utilizing as their computing power continues to increase.

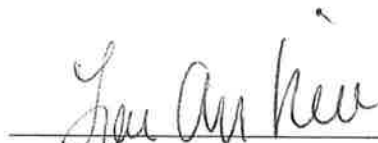
Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To approve the 2023-2024 Technology upgrades at cost not to exceed \$1,153,875.00". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Sinnott-Snooks, LaChica, Tannehill, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

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



President



Secretary