

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126  
Prairie Junior High School Cafeteria  
11910 Kostner Ave  
Alsip, IL 60803  
September 14, 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**

Present: Marigrace Sinnott-Snooks, President  
Joe LaChica, Vice President  
Lori Pierce, Secretary  
Muna Conley  
Jennifer Warrick  
Harry Tannehill  
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  
Nicole Leggett, Bilingual Director

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the minutes of the August 10, 2023 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Conley, LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Warrick, LaChica, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Joe Muna Conley, "To open the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Budget as duly advertised". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Warrick, Conley, Tannehill, LaChica, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

There were no questions, statements or positions by the audience or Board.

Joe LaChica moved, seconded Jennifer Warrick, "That the Public Hearing on the 2023-2024 Budget be closed". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Warrick, Conley, Sinnott-Snooks, Pierce, Zaker, Tannehill, LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

**FINANCIAL**

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Jennifer Warrick, "To approve the Estimate of Revenue for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, LaChica, Conley, Sinnott-Snooks, Zaker, Warrick, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded Harry Tannehill, "To adopt the 2023-2024 Budget". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, Pierce, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To adopt the Budget Resolution for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Said copy to appear at the end of the Minutes." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Conley, Warrick, LaChica, Pierce, Sinnott-Snooks, Zaker, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

Publication of legal notice of proposed Tax Levy and Publication of legal notice of Transfer Hearing Date is October 12, 2023. The proposed tax levy will be on display for 30 days.

### **STUDENTS/STAFF/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Principals from Lane, Hazelgreen, Stony Creek and Prairie Junior High introduced their new and tenured staff.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Steve Gress stated that we received a FOIA request from Janine Asmus and we responded within the proper length of time.

### **EDUCATIONAL REPORT**

Lori Connolly had teachers Jo Maietta and Kristy Regan speak to the board about CASPIR and the District leadership team that is in place. They spoke about the advantages of having this leadership team and the positive impact it is having on our staff and students in math. They look forward to continued success with CASPIR and their representative from UIC.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Muna Conley, "To approve the Prairie Junior High Field Trip to Washington DC from October 7, 2023 through October 11, 2023". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Warrick, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Conley, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.


### **OLD BUSINESS**


Craig Gwaltney updated the board on the Prairie construction. He stated that all that was left were some punch list items and that the students are enjoying their new space.

Jennifer Warrick moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To approve the bid for the 2024 Hazelgreen Interior Project to R.L. Solhol in an amount not to exceed \$298,000.00." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Warrick, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Conley, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote is as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica. Nay: None. The motion carried 7-0 at 7:37 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary