

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126  
District Office Conference Room  
11900 S. Kostner  
Alsip, IL 60803  
June 9, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Joe LaChica, Pro Tem President  
Therese Zaker, Pro Tem Secretary  
Harry Tannehill  
Donna Waldrom

Absent: Marigrace Sinnott-Snooks, Lori Pierce, Kim Powers

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, LaChica, Waldrom, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Zaker, Tannehill, LaChica, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-0.

**EDUCATIONAL REPORT**

Lori Connolly report that the district's 6-8 grade literacy curriculum, StudySync, promotes a nationwide annual media contest in which students work collaboratively on a project that takes the form of either a podcast, video, novel digital poster, or a StudySync TV episode. Students have the opportunity to channel their technical and creative talents while promoting literacy. We have had some individual winners over the years, which has been amazing. This year we had a group of 8th graders win The Best in the Midwest!

Also, Lori discussed with the board the strategic plan. The district's current strategic plan was written in 2012. Each strategic plan goal area has strategic actions. The plan now reflects how the district has currently addressed the strategic actions over the years. Included at the end of the plan are additional strategic actions that the district has taken over the years, but were not specifically addressed in the Strategic Plan goals.

Craig Gwaltney discussed with the board the District 126 Discipline Committee meeting and the updates that are made through Press Plus and the student handbook.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "That after a review of all of the Closed Session Minutes and audiotapes, the Closed Session Minutes of November 18, 2021, January 13, 2022, March 10, 2022 and April 14, 2022 will remain closed to the public due to the confidential nature of the topics discussed and the listing of specific individuals; no audio tapes will be destroyed."

All Closed Session minutes previously reviewed by the Board and designated to be closed will remain closed to the public". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, LaChica, Waldrom, Zaker, LaChica. The motion carried 4-0.

Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, that "School District 126 adopts and will post at the Administrative Center the Prevailing Wage Rates for the County of Cook effective June 1, 2022, as required by Public Act 86-799 (The Prevailing Wage Act) in connection with Public Works Projects". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows Aye: Waldrom, Tannehill, LaChica, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-0.

Steve Gress spoke with the board regarding our current food vendor, Preferred Meals. He informed the board that on May 18, 2022, we received an email from Preferred Meals letting us know that Preferred Meals is no longer able to provide services to our district after June 30, 2022, and will not renew the current contract or participate in the rebid.

Steve then contacted ISBE and we will need to have an emergency one-year contact with a new vendor for the 2022-2023 School Year. As soon as more details are available, Steve will inform the board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Waldrom, LaChica, Waldrom, Zaker, Tannehill. Nay: None. The motion carried 4-0 at 7:26p.m.

  
President

  
Secretary