

**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 8, 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

Present: Marigrace Sinnott-Snooks, President
Joe LaChica, Vice President
Lori Pierce, Secretary
Harry Tannehill
Therese Zaker

Absent: Kim Powers, Donna Waldrom

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning
Robert Condon, Director Special Education
Nicole Leggett, Bilingual Director
Various audience members (see attached sheet)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Harry Tannehill, "To approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker. Abstain: LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-1-0.

PUBLIC HEARING

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To open the Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Budget as duly advertised". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, LaChica, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "That the Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 Budget be closed". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Pierce, Zaker, Tannehill, LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIAL

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To approve the Estimate of Revenue for the Fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Zaker, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded Harry Tannehill, "To adopt the 2022-2023 Budget". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, Pierce, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by, Therese Zaker "To adopt the Budget Resolution for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. Said copy to appear at the end of the Minutes." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Pierce, Sinnott-Snooks, Zaker, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Publication of legal notice of proposed Tax Levy and Publication of legal notice of Transfer Hearing Date is October 3, 2022. 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

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

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

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

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Lori Connolly reported that we had the honor of having Chris Singleton as our keynote speaker on the Friday institute day for our school district. She spoke of his poignant message of accepting and embracing our differences through his personal stories and experiences was an inspiring way to begin the new school year. There were tears, there was laughter, there were smiles and at the end, everyone walked away feeling a special connection with Chris and each other. Every certified staff member received his book, Different - A Story About Loving your Neighbor, to share with students. It's a children's story about a boy from Nigeria attending a new school here in the United States. All staff received a specially designed welcome back district t-shirt capturing Chris' messages.

Lori also stated Bernie's Book Bank provides age-appropriate, high-interest and culturally relevant books to under-served children in the Chicagoland area. Last school year, Katy Pape, 6th-grade teacher at Stony Creek School, had asked about this for her class. We completed the application for all 3 elementary schools. The waiting list is extensive and we didn't anticipate getting notified by them any time soon. A few weeks ago, we were informed that we are now an active partner of Bernie's Book Bank. On Friday, September 9th, the Bernie's Book Bank Mobile will be at each of our three elementary schools to deliver books to every child K-6! Each child will receive a bag of 8 books to take home promoting literacy at home. The Book Bank will deliver books to the students every calendar year as long as the schools meet the qualifications of serving low-income families.

Craig Gwaltney reported on the Demographics Study that was done for the district. He stated that projected enrollment in 10 years should be comparable to what is now with a dip in enrollment at Lane School. We will keep an eye on enrollment numbers going forward.

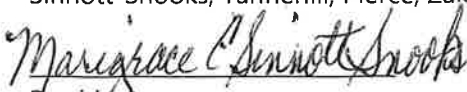
Craig Gwaltney reported there is an improvement with the busses from last school year. Busses are running on time and with no major issues.

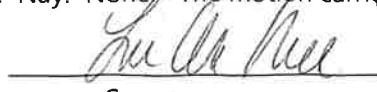
OLD BUSINESS

Craig Gwaltney updated the board on the Prairie Junior High construction project.

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 5-0 at 7:37 p.m.


President


Secretary