

Regular Board Meeting
August 11, 2015
Board Conference Room

Call to Order:

President Nick Aguinaga called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room, whereupon roll was subsequently taken. Leroy Duncan, Rebecca Leggett, Scott Miner, Jennifer Murray, Mark St. Peters, Melissa Walter-Bock, and Nick Aguinaga answered the roll call to establish a quorum. Absent: None. Present were administrators and/or directors John Pearson, Leigh Robinson, Kevin Gockel, Adam Miller, and Gerry Mattix-Wand.

Board Correspondence:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Minutes:

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mrs. Murray, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of July 14, 2015 and the Personnel Committee Meeting of July 7, 2015. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Approve Payment of District Bills and Quick Pays:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, that the payment of bills as presented in the amount of \$66,499.39 be authorized; that salaries for the month of July in the amount of \$408,417.64 and bills quickly paid for the month of July in the amount of \$7,090.00 be approved and that August salaries and bills to be paid quickly be authorized. Aye: Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, Ms. Walter-Bock, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Approve Application for Recognition of Schools - ISBE

Dr. Pearson reviewed the purpose behind this application, which is to start the annual recognition (accreditation) process for the Illinois State Board of Education.

Motion by Ms. Leggett; second by Mrs. Murray, to apply for annual recognition with ISBE. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Presentation of Tentative FY 2016 Budget:

Superintendent Pearson presented the tentative FY 16 District Budget, which has been on display since August 7, 2015.

The budget requires that a 3-year deficit reduction plan be adopted by the Board, along with the FY 16 budget. This is due to a mathematical calculation of dividing the projected deficits in operating funds by the projected June 30, 2016 fund balances.

The tentative budget projects another large deficit of at least \$800,000 in the Education Fund, which needs to be offset by additional future revenues and/or large cuts in spending over the course of FY 2016 and beyond. The budget also presumes the sale of bonds to enhance the revenues and keep the operating funds in the black.

The Board will conduct its FY 2016 Budget Hearing on Sept. 8, 2015, immediately before its Regular Meeting that same night.

Amend Risk Management Plan:

The Board discussed the advantages of having the Tort Liability expenses incurred and projected by Region III's administrative fees, to be included in the Risk Management Plan, and, ultimately to be paid from the Tort Fund. Dr. Pearson presented a draft of the amended Plan to the Board.

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to adopt the amended Risk Management Plan to include the estimated Region III liability costs covered in its administrative fees charged to the District. Aye: Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, Ms. Walter-Bock, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed.

Principal's Report:

Mrs. Robinson reported on the following:

Upcoming dates to remember

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| Aug | 10 | First Day of Football Practice |
| | 12 | First Day of Fall Sports Practice |
| | 13 | All School Registration |
| | 20 | Teachers Institute |
| | 21 | Freshmen Orientation/Teacher Institute |
| | 24 | First Day—All Students |
| Sept | 7 | No School—Labor Day |

Committees

The math, science, and English departments met over the summer to write assessments.

Miscellaneous

Teachers are submitting Type II and Type III assessments over the summer and the admin team has been meeting to review them.

EAWR has purchased STAR assessments through Renaissance Learning, which is an assessment program to progress monitor students. A team will be sitting in a webinar next week about the initial implementation.

Superintendent's Report:

The superintendent briefed the Board on the new IHSA concussion policy and plan, which is in effect this year. The changes were adopted by the General Assembly.

Dr. Pearson also gave an update on the new electronic marquee, which is due to be installed in the 2nd week of September.

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Ms. Walter-Bock, to adjourn to executive session to: a) Discuss individual student matters, b) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District, c) Discuss collective bargaining matters, and d) Discuss pending or current litigation. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, Ms. Walter-Bock, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 7:08 p.m.

Come Out of Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Miner, to come out of executive session. Aye: Mr. Duncan, Ms. Leggett, Mr. Miner, Mrs. Murray, Mr. St. Peters, Ms. Walter-Bock, and Mr. Aguinaga. Nay: None. Motion Passed at 7:48 p.m.

Action Items:

Motion by Mr. Duncan; second by Mr. Miner, to approve the destruction of the audio recordings of the Executive Session Minutes of February 2014. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Motion by Mr. Miner; second by Mr. Duncan, to approve the Executive Session Minutes of July 14, 2015. Motion Carried Voice Vote.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. St. Peters; second by Mr. Duncan, to adjourn. Motion Carried Voice Vote at 7:50 p.m.