

Board of Education Meeting Briefs

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(Official meeting minutes will be posted upon approval by the Board)

November 19, 2020 – Regular Meeting (Video Conference – Zoom Meeting)

District Office

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 6:33 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Member Mounce.

COMMUNICATIONS

- A. Superintendent, Dr. Michelle Smith took this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Lauren Hinchley for being nominated for the Golden Apple Award! Berwyn North is proud to have Ms. Hinchley as part of our team.
- B. STAR Data Presentation
Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Robert Hubbard presented the Board and community with the Fall STAR assessment comparison and the Covid impact on students.
- C. Attendance Presentation
Dr. Smith presented the Board and community with a three year comparison of attendance for all four schools. Although, in previous years the attendance percentage was much higher most of our schools are still in the ninetieth percentile, however most schools are in a downward trend. Superintendent Smith will pay close attention to the trend and communicate to building administrators to come up with a plan to encourage a positive attendance trend.
- D. COVID Numbers Presentation
Ms. Smith provided the Board and community with a view of Covid reported cases in the district by building. The number of cases are extremely low at all buildings. However, Ms. Smith made it clear that the numbers only represent the number of positive cases reported to district and not the number of cases of exposures. Staff that reported being in contact with someone who tested positive for Covid were not included in the count.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. None stated.

BOARD COMMENT

- A. None stated.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approved Minutes
 1. Regular Meeting Minutes - 10/29/2020
 2. Executive Meeting Minutes - 10/29/2020
 3. Special Meeting Minutes - 11/13/2020
 4. Executive Meeting Minutes - 11/13/2020
 5. Special Meeting Minutes - 11/14/2020
 6. Executive Meeting Minutes - 11/14/2020

B. Approved Personnel

1. New Hires:
2. Leaves:
 - a. Michael Keysboe, Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School has requested a Sick Leave starting on November 2, 2020, and ending November 20, 2020.
 - b. Maria Miranda, Secretary at Prairie Oak Elementary School has requested a Sick Leave starting on January 4, 2021, and ending January 15, 2021.
3. Reassignments:
4. Resignations:
5. Retirement:

C. Approved Authorization of next month's payroll

1. Approved Invoices - \$ 1,014,005.55
2. Approved Monthly Payroll - \$ 1,805,986.46
3. Approved Authorization of next month's payroll - December

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approved – The replacing of “Columbus Day” with “Indigenous Peoples Day”

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Monthly Fund Report

Regina Johnson, Business Manager will presented the Board and community with the monthly fund report.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 19

Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences 4:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
BOE Meeting - District Office - 6:30 p.m.

November 23

Virtual Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
No school for students

November 24

No School - Teacher Institute Day

November 25-27

No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Dr. Smith use this opportunity to thank the schools and administrators for the awesome presentations, videos, and gifts presented to the Board for National Board Member Appreciation Day.

BOARD COMMENT

- A. Member Swade announced to the community that the Board goes on retreat once a year for training. On Friday the Board was provided training through the Illinois Association of School Boards, IASB and on Saturday the Board sat through a training with Ashley Perkins. The same training that the Berwyn North Administrators and Teachers have also taken part in.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. None stated.

Adjourned meeting at 7:57 p.m.