

Board of Education Meeting Briefs

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

January 30, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Lincoln Middle School – Commons

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting began at 6:36 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by the Student Ambassadors Brian Mendez and Naomi Perez.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Special Olympic Falcon Winners

Superintendent Michelle Smith and the Board presented the Berwyn Falcons basketball team with a Certificate and acknowledged all the team coaches for their hard work and dedication on their 2nd place win at the division Special Olympics Regional Basketball Tournament on January 12, 2020.

B. Spelling Bee Winner

Superintendent Michelle Smith and the Board presented the Spelling Bee winner and finalists with a certificate.

C. Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors, Brian Mendez & Naomi Perez gave a presentation to the Board and community. They presented a brief introduction of themselves and future themes for the upcoming board meetings they will be attending.

D. Data Presentation

Superintendent Michelle Smith and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Escobar presented to the Board and community a data presentation that indicates Berwyn North's academic growth in comparison to neighboring districts. They also presented district attendance data, which indicate that although some of our schools have had a dip in attendance from last year to this year we are still maintaining a 94% and above attendance rate at all schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A.** Alicia Brucato, parent wanted to inform the Board that the Special Olympics has increased her child's self-esteem and confidence. She recommends to the Board that Berwyn North be more proactive in promoting the Special Olympics to parents. She is volunteering herself to assist with the promoting, fund raising or selling of shirts if needed. She believes that is program is extremely important to not only the children participating, but for the parents.
- B.** Maria McCarthy, Director of Special Education acknowledged Katherine Hickey who came to her and asked if Berwyn North could participate in the Special Olympics. Since then Ms. Hickey has been at the forefront of the initiative to bring the Special Olympics to Berwyn North. Ms. Erica Trzebny and Ms. Elizabeth Moore, also present, were acknowledged at the board meeting for all their hard work and dedication.
- C.** Gina Parker, NBEA President and Physical Education teacher, presented herself to the community and Board as her monthly check in.

BOARD COMMENTS

- A.** Member Cuevas spoke to the community about the Boards recent self-evaluation workshop through the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). She spoke of what the Board learned as a team in order to become a better Board for the students, parents and staff of the school district as a whole.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approved Personnel

1. New Hires:

- Camelia Gonzalez, Program Assistant at Havlicek Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Maritza Diaz, Program Assistant at Jefferson Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Amanda Wehrman, Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year
- Rodolfo Renteria, School Psychologist at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year

2. Leaves:

- Kathleen McGowan, Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School, has requested one semester leave starting January 16, 2020 through June 5, 2020.
- Olivia Salomone, Program Assistant at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has requested an FMLA Leave starting January 6, 2020 through February 24, 2020.
- Roseann Truppa, Teacher at Lincoln Middle School, has revised her FMLA leave starting January 06, 2020 through approximately March 31, 2020.
- Kayla Heine, Teacher at Jefferson, has requested an FMLA leave starting April 27, 2020 through May 28, 2020.
- William Witkowsky, Director of Technology at District Office, has requested an FMLA leave starting January 28, 2020 through February 18, 2020.

3. Retirement:

- Thea Perkins, Social Worker at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has submitted her Intent to Retire effective January 24, 2020.
- Karen Williams, Payroll at District Office, has submitted her Intent to Retire effective March 27, 2020.

4. Resignations:

- Rose Hensle, Substitute Teacher, effective January 23, 2020

5. Reassignments:

6. Terminations:

- Marisela Fernandez, Part-time Custodian at Lincoln Middle School, effective December 19, 2019.

7. Return from Leave:

- Blanca Chavez, Program Assistant at Prairie Oak Elementary, has submitted a letter of intent to return from leave for the 2020-2021 school year.

8. Districtwide Substitute Teacher New Hires:

- Thomas Balatsos • Sarah Bennett • Linda Brown • Yaquelin Flores Alcantara • Justin Gronko • Erin Kasak • Lisa Killian • Janice Lakey • Alanna Maloney • Paul Martin • Linda Ousley • Sean Paschal • Ariel Ramirez • Susan Stefano • Claudia vanZalingen • Kelly Walsh

B. Approved Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - 12/19/2019
2. Executive Meeting Minutes - 12/19/2019
3. Special Board Meeting Minutes - 1/21/2020
4. Executive Meeting Minutes - 1/21/2020

C. Approved Finance

1. Approved Invoices - \$ 2,038,489.47
2. Approved Monthly Payroll - \$ 1,849, 932.67
3. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll

D. Approved Building Use Applications

1. Building Use – Prairie Oak Elementary – Girl Scouts of America-2/28/20
2. Building Use – Jefferson Elementary – Girl Scouts of America-3/15/20
3. Building Use – Jefferson Elementary – Jefferson PTO-2/28/20 & 5/1/20

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approved – Policies – Second Read
- B. Approved – Resolution to Hardship and Eligibility Amendment to the Berwyn North School District 98 403 (b) Retirement Plan
- C. Approved – Direct the Superintendent and Business Manager to begin the development of the FY21 Budget.
- D. Approved – Agreement for School Board Policy Online Services.

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

- A. Monthly Fund Report
Regina Johnson, Business Manager present to the Board the Monthly Fund Report.
- B. Policy First Read
Policies were table to the February Board meeting for further discussion
- C. Food Service Enhancement Update
Regina Johnson, Business Manager and Ms. Smith updated the Board on having a full service kitchen and having a third party run and operate versus certifying and training current kitchen staff.
- D. Statement of Economic Interest Survey
Regina Johnson, Business Manager let the Board know that you will be receiving an email soon from the Cook County Clerk's Office. All Board members will be required to submit a survey.
- E. Upcoming Events

February 6

Parent Teacher Advisory Committee Meeting – District Office – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

February 17

Presidents' Day - No School

February 19

1/2 Day School Improvement - 11:20 am Dismissal

February 20

Jefferson Parent Coffee - Jefferson Elementary School - 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

February 21

Havlicek Parent Coffee - Havlicek Elementary School - 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Havlicek Family Art Night - Havlicek Elementary School - 4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

February 26

Jefferson Talent Show - Jefferson Elementary School - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

February 27

BOE Meeting - Lincoln Middle School - 6:30 p.m.

February 28

PTO Movie Matinee – Jefferson Elementary School - 3:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

March 17

Teacher Institute Day - No School

March 20

Havlicek Spring Picture Day

End of Third Quarter

March 26

Jefferson Parent Coffee - Jefferson Elementary School - 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

BOE Meeting - Lincoln Middle School - 6:30 p.m.

March 30 - April 3

Spring Break - No School

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Rosalia, community member asked the Board to please take in to consideration the years of service of the kitchen staff when making a final decision for the new kitchen service. She was a student of Berwyn North schools and remembers the lunch staff fondly. To her they are very important and integral part of all the schools.

BOARD COMMENT

- A. Member Cuevas asked Superintendent Smith where the schools are when it comes to the 5Essentials survey results. In the previous Board meeting not all school had reached the goal of 50% participation. Ms. Smith let the Board know that all four schools have met and exceeded their goal.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. None Stating

OLD BUSINESS

- A. None Stating

Adjourned meeting at 10:10 p.m.