

Board of Education Meeting Briefs

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July 25, 2019 – Regular Meeting

Prairie Oak – Commons

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting began at 6:30 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by Board President Mounce.

COMMUNICATION:

A. FY20 Tentative Budget Presentation

Ms. Regina Johnson, Business Manager presented to the Board and community the second draft of the 2019-2020 school year budget.

B. CallOne additional Phone System Upgrade Cost and Website Upgrades

Mr. William Witkowsky, Technology Director and Superintendent Michelle Smith presented the board on the upgrades needed and cost involved in the upgrading of the current office phone system. Mr. Witkowsky, also presented the Board and community of several website options and costs associated with upgrading the current district website. Superintendent Smith, also mentioned to the Board that the Prairie Oak marquee, which is currently off due to electrical issues, will need to have electrical upgrades. Per previous conversations with the Board and resident complaints she informed of the cost associated with the electrical issues, repositioning of the marquee and the software to dim the brightness of the marquee.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Ms. Shawnda Steer, PTO President voiced her concern in regards to parents not feeling welcomed at Jefferson. Ms. Steer would like to engage more parents into participating in the PTO and becoming more involved as PTO members. She mentioned to the Board of her involvement in bringing the STEM program to Jefferson and also the fact that she was able to acquire 10 scholarships for Jefferson students. Superintendent Smith also mentioned that Ms. Steer assisted in Lincoln students receiving STEM scholarships through her effort. PTO President Steer hopes to continue working with the Berwyn North District 98 School Board of Education and well as with Mrs. Teresa Barajas, District Parent Liaison.
- B. Ms. Anna Marin, Organizing Director of West Suburban Action Project spoke to the Board in regards for the need to protect our immigrant families from the Immigration and Customs Enforcement better known as “ICE.” She voiced a great concern for the North Berwyn community and the need to educate and/or train our staff and teachers to protect from ICE coming into our schools. Ms. Marin stated that as of now there is no legislature that protects families from being removed, profiled, and terrorized by police and ICE. She suggests that we adopt a resolution to protect undocumented children and their

parents. Superintendent Smith and the Board assured Ms. Marin that Berwyn North will do its part in protecting the children. Ms. Smith passed out to the Board a flyer that City of Berwyn put out to the community in regards to their rights. Ms. Marin provided the Board Secretary with her contact information and is willing to provide training to staff and teachers.

BOARD COMMENT:

None stated.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - 6/27/2019
2. Executive Meeting Minutes - 6/27/2019

B. Approval of Personnel

1. Ratifications:

- Ana Flores, as an 8th Grade Social Studies Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Thea Perkins, as a Social Worker at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Xavier Vargas, as a Summer Custodian at Lincoln Middle School
- Deisi Segura, as a Lunchroom Supervisor Substitute at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Marisela Rodriguez, as a Program Assistant at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Jessica Hughes, as a Program Assistant at Havlicek Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Mercy Toledo-Gonzalez, as a Program Assistant at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Maria Garcia, as a Program Assistant at Havlicek Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Olga Menchaca, as a Program Assistant at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Alejandra Cervantes, 2nd Grade Dual Language Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year

2. Reassignments:

- Dena Thill from Assistant Principal to Principal at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Dora Amador from School Bus Aide to School Bus Driver for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Jessica Ibarra from Administrative Assistant of Data at District Office to Executive Assistant to Superintendent and Board of Education at District Office, effective 7/26/2019

3. Declinations:

- Lizette Ruiz as 1st Grade Dual Language Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School

4. Leaves:

- Sarah Ellis, PBIS Specialist at Lincoln Middle School, has requested a 12 week FMLA Leave of Absence from September 19, 2019 through December 17, 2019
- Lynn Ostrom, 7th Grade Special Education Math Teacher at Lincoln Middle School has request a One Year Leave of Absence for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Maria C. Hernandez, Program Assistant at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has requested a One Year Leave of Absence for the 2019-2020 School Year

5. Resignations:

- Alexis Gonzalez, Summer Custodian at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has submitted Letter of Resignation effective 6/28/19
- Eduardo Santos Arredondo, Substitute/Summer Custodian, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective 7/11/19
- Xavier Vargas, Summer Custodian at Lincoln Middle School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective 7/16/19
- Jacqueline Torres, 2nd Grade Dual Language Teacher at Jefferson, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective 7/3/19
- Karen Fish, PE Teacher at Jefferson, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective 7/16/19
- Megan Rakoci, 4th/5th Grade Cross Categorical Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective 8/1/2019
- Karen Bopp, as a 5th Grade Inclusion Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective 7/25/2019

6. Terminations:

- Luis Arredondo, Program Assistant at Lincoln Middle School, effective end of FY19 School Year

C. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll:

1. Approval of Invoices \$ 1,101,206.93
2. Approval of Monthly Payroll \$ 495,669.74
3. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll for August

ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Approved – Policies - Second Read
- B. Approved – La Cosecha Dual Language Conference in New Mexico
- C. Approved – Tentative - Budget for the 2019-2020 school year be put on public display. Such tentative Budget to be placed on file and conveniently available for public inspection for 30 days prior to Board Approval on September 26, 2019.
- D. Tabled – Superintendent Goals for 2019-2020 Goals to closed session for further discussion.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

A. Upcoming Events

August 5

Registration - 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 6

Registration - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

August 7

Registration - 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 8

Registration - 11:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

August 9

Registration - 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

August 17

Back to School Event

August 19 - 20

Teacher Institute

August 21

First Day of School

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Ms. Louisa Villagomez PTO member wanted to know where she could find the Board Policy Manual and when the new policies being discussed by the Board would be available. Board Member Swade and Ms. Ibarra Recording Secretary showed her on Ms. Ibarra's computer where she could find the Policy Manual and Mr. Swade showed her how to navigate the search for policies.

BOARD COMMENT

- B. None Stated

NEW BUSINESS

- C. None Stated

Adjourned meeting at 10:40 p.m.