

Board of Education Meeting Briefs

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

August 29, 2019 – Regular Meeting

Prairie Oak – Commons

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting began at 6:32 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by Prairie Oak 2nd grader Lyric Talley, 5th grader Jordan Hamlin and 5th grader Francisco Jimenez.

COMMUNICATION:

- A.** Superintendent New School Year Comments
Superintended Smith spoke to the Board and community about New Teacher Orientation Week and the great feedback from the new teachers. She informed the Board about the new system of Teacher Mentoring. Ms. Smith assured the Board and community of the excellent start to this school year.
- B.** Berwyn North District 98 IAR Achievement Results Presentation August 2019
Dr. Alexandra Escobar, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, will wait for the Illinois State Board of Education ISBE to publish the finalized IAR data and present to the Board at a later time.
- C.** Aramark - Food Service Program
Ms. Regina Johnson, Business Manager informed the Board and the community that she met with Aramark food services to discuss the possibility of onsite meal preparation and serving. Ms. Johnson will await Aramark to submit a report of recommendations and present it to Board for final approval. Regina also informed the Board of the great feedback from students with our current food vender Open Kitchen. The students are actually eating the lunch and enjoying the food being served.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A.** Ms. Gina Parker, Physical Education Teacher at Prairie Oak and NBEA President, presented herself to the Board and community. She thanked Ms. Michelle Smith, Superintendent for the great start of the new school year. She also wanted to let the Board know that the students really appreciate the new lunch and breakfast options from Open Kitchen.

BOARD COMMENTS

- A.** Board Member Cuevas thanked Gina Parker and everyone present for all the positive comments and let the community know that the Board is working hard to make sure that our students are being well served.

CONSENT AGENDA

- A.** Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes 7/25/2019
 - 2. Executive Meeting Minutes 7/25/2019
- B.** Approval of Personnel
 - 1. New Hires:
 - Valerie Diaz, English Language Arts Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020

School Year

- Cynthia Saavedra, 1st Grade Dual Language Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Ryan Skvarenina, Physical Education/Health Teacher at Jefferson Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Julia Bettis, 5th Grade Inclusion Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Ian Nifoussi, 5th Grade Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Ana Siguenza, Lunchroom Supervisor at Prairie Oak Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Janine Lezza, Cross Categorical Teacher at Jefferson Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Daniel Wonk, SPED Math Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Season Clauss, SPED Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Michael Jesewitz, Physical Education/Health Teacher at Jefferson Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Jasmin Marquez, Program Assistant at Prairie Oak Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Anabel Díaz, Program Assistant at Jefferson Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Toni Svehla, Program Assistant at Havlicek Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Amelia Graham, Art Teacher at Jefferson Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Abdiel Santiago, Band Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Carmelita Whitman, 7th Grade SPED Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Natalie Church, 2nd Grade Teacher at Havlicek Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Ryan McMillin, Physical Education/Health Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Jessica Medina, Program Assistant at Jefferson Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Marsha Orluck, Physical Education/Health Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Annette Fuller, Non-Certified Nurse at Prairie Oak Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Randall Noonan, Math Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year

2. Reassignments:

- Salvador Mares from District Substitute to Special Education Program Assistant at Havlicek Elementary for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Stephanie Gage from 4th Grade Teacher at Havlicek Elementary to Assistant Principal at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year

3. Leaves:

- Barbara DeLeon, Program Assistant at Jefferson Elementary has requested a One Year Leave of Absence for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Angela Riggio, SPED Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary, has submitted an Intermittent FMLA Leave starting August 19, 2019
- Georgine Mullen, Speech & Language Pathologist at Prairie Oak Elementary, has submitted a 12 week FMLA Leave starting August 28, 2019 through October 11, 2019, Intermittent leave, as needed, for the remaining 28 days
- Therese Thomas, Physical Education Teacher at Lincoln Middle School, has submitted a 12 week FMLA Leave starting October 25, 2019 through December 20, 2019
- Karen Aluise, Speech & Language Pathologist at Prairie Oak Elementary, has submitted a 12 week FMLA Leave starting November 25, 2019 through March 5, 2020

4. Resignations:
 - Andrea DeArmas, EL Program Specialist at Prairie Oak Elementary, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective July 29, 2019
 - Lyanis Lopez, Program Assistant at Havlicek Elementary, has submitted a Letter of Letter of Resignation effective July 27, 2019
 - Vasilios Balatsos, 3rd Grade Co-Teacher at Jefferson Elementary, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective July 29, 2019
 - Cari McCabe, Teacher at Lincoln Middle School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective August 15, 2019
 - William Johnson, Program Assistant at Lincoln Middle School, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective August 19, 2019
 - Anabel Diaz, Program Assistant at Jefferson Elementary, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective August 23,2019

5. Rehiring of Non-Tenured Certified Staff:
 - a. First Year to Second Year Teacher:

The movement of the following certified staff members from first-year probationary status to the second year, non-tenured probationary status for the 2019-2020 School Year.

 - Roque Hernandez
 - Dyna Van Allen
 - Colleen Wirtz

C. Approved Finance

1. Invoices \$ 1,278,929.87
2. Monthly Payroll \$ 432,263.74
3. Authorization of next month's payment for payroll for September.

D. Approval for Building Use Application

1. Building Use – Lincoln Middle School - Girl & Boy Scouts of America
2. Building Use – Havlicek Elementary – Girl Scouts of America
3. Building Use – Lincoln Middle School – North Berwyn Park District-Taekwondo
4. Building Use – Jefferson, Havlicek & Prairie Oak - Girls Scouts of America and Cub Scouts
5. Building Use – Prairie Oak Elementary – Cub Scouts Pack 3900
6. Building Use – Lincoln Middle School – Girl Scouts of America
7. Building Use – Jefferson Elementary School – Cub Scout Pack 3900

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approved – Agreement with Youth Crossroads
- B. Approved – Extension of the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Eyes For Education Program
- C. Approved – Board Policies – Second Reading

MONTHLY FUND AND REPORTS

- A. Monthly Fund Report
 - a. Finance Report July 31, 2019
 1. Monthly Fund Report: \$ 50,998,707
 2. Activity Accounts
- B. FOIA Request

- FOIA request from Mr. Vince Espinoza of LocalLabs, Requested copies of any current collective bargaining agreements between Berwyn North and any organized labor collective bargaining unit. The request was fulfilled with as much information as possible in a timely manner.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 29

BOE Meeting - Prairie Oak Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

September 2

Labor Day - No Attendance

September 18

Elementary School Curriculum Night

September 25

Middle School Curriculum Night

September 26

BOE Meeting - Prairie Oak Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

October 2

International Walk to School Day

October 14

Columbus Day - No Attendance

October 16

1/2 day School Improvement Plan Day

October 24

BOE Meeting - Havlicek Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

A. West Cook Division Fall Meeting - October 22, 2019

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None Stated

BOARD COMMENT

A. Board Member Pabon wanted to mention that he has not seen a crossing guard at the corner of 16th Street and Ridgeland Ave since school began. He will be talking to the Alderman assigned to the district to verify why there is no crossing guard. He also wanted to mention the huge potholes between 15th and 16th on Ridgeland Ave that may cause a hazard to parents picking up students at Havlicek.

Adjourned meeting at 9:50 p.m.