



Minutes Regular Meeting

The Board of Education Members Berwyn North School District 98

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Members of Berwyn North School District 98 was held Thursday, November 21, 2019, beginning at 6:30 PM in the Havlicek Elementary School - Commons Room 6401 15th Street, Berwyn, Illinois 60402.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting began at 6:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mounce, Swade, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano, and Pabon

Members Late arrival: Arenella at 6:36 p.m.

III. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance Students are:

- Daniel Gonzalez
- Benicio Garcia
- Sebastian Brucato
- Yaritza Gutierrez
- Roberto Bautista

IV. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Student Ambassadors:

Student Ambassadors Analysee Castillo and Ivan Resendiz greeted the Board and community once again. They prepared and presented to the Board and community the result of a student check-in survey about student climate when it comes to safety.

B. Achievement Data Presentations:

Superintendent Michelle Smith and Assistant Superintendent Dr. Alexandra Escobar presented to the Board and community District 98's state ranking for all school. At this time all district school are ranked "Commendable" and two out of the four were extremely close to "Exemplary" status. Ms. Smith and Dr. Escobar presented the Board with the State Data that corroborated the ranking.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Monica Deenihan, Teacher at Prairie Oak and Donna Miller, Teacher at Havlicek introduced themselves to the Board and community. Ms. Miller wanted to make it known that Havlicek School held a pizza and raffle event that pulled about 400 parents and family members to the event. She emphasized the great effort put forth by school staff, administrators and the Havlicek PTO that made this event successful. PTO member Luisa Villagomez was named as a great collaborator to the event.

VI. BOARD COMMENTS

- A. Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano wanted to inform the Board and community of the great opportunity she had the privilege of being able to participate in the dual language conference "La Cosecha." She hold a great interest in the dual language program and wanted to bring back information she acquired through this event.
- B. Member Pabon whom was also able to participate in the dual language conference learned how the program empowers students to have a voice. He hopes to bring a presenter to the district and

provide training to Board members on how to properly integrate the dual language program at Berwyn North School District 98.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approved Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - 10/24/2019
2. Executive Meeting Minutes - 10/24/2019

B. Approved Personnel

1. New Hires:
 - Angelica Lechuga, Program Assistant at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year.
2. Leaves:
 - Lisa Levinsky, Certified School Nurse at Lincoln Middle School, has requested FMLA Leave effective December 4, 2019 through January 31, 2020
 - Kathleen McGowan, Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School, has requested FMLA Leave effective October 07, 2019 through January 15, 2020
 - Emma Herrera, Custodian at Jefferson Elementary, has requested FMLA Leave effective November 4, 2019 through January 10, 2020
 - Jessica Bucio, Program Assistant at Havlicek Elementary School, has requested FMLA Leave effective January 06, 2020 through April 09, 2020
 - Jennifer Pena, Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has requested FMLA Intermittent leave starting October 14, 2019.
 - Julia Perez, Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School, has requested an FMLA Leave effective December 2, 2019 through December 16, 2019.
3. Reassignments:
 - Cristina Adame, from District Substitute to Program Assistant at Havlicek Elementary School, effective October 21, 2019.
4. Resignations:
 - Daniel Wonk, Special Education Teacher at Lincoln Middle School, submitted a Letter of Resignation effective November 15, 2019.
 - Amelia Graham, Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, submitted a Letter of Resignation effective November 21, 2019
 - Olga Menchaca, Program Assistant at Lincoln Middle School, submitted a Letter of Resignation effective November 8, 2019.
5. Retirement:
 - Ligija Ambutas, Special Education Teacher at Lincoln Middle School, has submitted a Letter of Intent to Retire effective January 31, 2020.

C. Approved Authorization of next month's payroll

1. Approved Invoices - \$ 1,917,215.67
2. Approved Monthly Payroll - \$ 1,921,091.48
3. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll

D. Approved Building Use Applications:

1. Building Use - Lincoln Middle School - UCP Seguin of Greater Chicago
2. Building Use-Prairie Oak Elementary School – Prairie Oak PTO
3. Building Use – Prairie Oak Elementary School - North Berwyn Park District

APPROVAL OF ITEMS ON THE CONSENT AGENDA

Member Cuevas moved and was seconded by Member Paul-Emile that the Board approve the following items listed on the Consent Agenda. Approval of Minutes, Item A 1-2, Personnel B 1-5, Finance C 1-3, and Building Use D 1-3 as submitted.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano and Mounce.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approval of Contracts:
Skyward Financial System Contract

APPROVAL OF SKYWARD FINANCIAL SYSTEM CONTRACT

Member Cuevas moved and was seconded by Member Arenella that the Board approve the Skyward Financial System contract.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano and Mounce.

- B. Approval of Notice to Remedy:

APPROVAL OF NOTICE TO REMEMDY

Item was tabled for further discussion by the Board.

- C. Approval of Resolution to Purchase the PTLC Building:

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE THE PTLC BUILDING

Item was tabled for further discussion by the Board.

IX. INFORMATION AND REPORTS

- A. Monthly Fund Report
Regina Johnson, Business Manager presented the Monthly Fund Report to the Board and community.
- B. FOIA
FOIA Request from Jonathan P. Fagg (WLS-TV)
Started: 11/01/2019 and Completed: 11/5/2019
The request was fulfilled with as much information as we had available on student vaping incidents from 2017 to the present.
- C. Upcoming Events
November 22
Picture Retake - Lincoln Middle School
Parent University - Prairie Oak Elementary - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Family Reading Night - Jefferson Elementary School - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.
November 26
Teacher Institute Day - No School
November 27
Conference Exchange Day - No School
November 28-29
Thanksgiving Break - No School
December 1
Lincoln Middle School Choir - Trinity Lutheran Church - 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.
December 9
Lincoln Middle School Choir - Havlicek Elementary School - 12:10 - 12:40 pm
Prairie Oak Elementary School - 12:50 - 1:20 pm

Jefferson Elementary School - 1:40 - 2:10 pm

December 10

Lincoln Middle School Choir & Band - Morton West High School - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

December 13

AM PreK Holiday Performance - Havlicek Elementary School - 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

PM PreK Holiday Performance - Havlicek Elementary School - 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

December 16

Lincoln Middle School Choir - Christmas Caroling at Seguin - 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

December 19

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

December 20

Kindergarten Holiday Performance - Havlicek Elementary School - 9:10 - 10:15 a.m.

December 23 - January 3

Winter Break - No School

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None Stated

XI. BOARD COMMENT

A. None Stated

XII. NEW BUSINESS

A. None Stated

XIII. ADJOURNMENT MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Cuevas that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, School District 98 adjourned to Executive Session at 7:54 p.m., Thursday, November 21, 2019 for the purpose of discussing the following items:

The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5ILCS 120/2(c) (1). (Open Meetings Act Exception 1)

Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(2)(11). (Open Meetings Act Exception 11)

The Purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(4). (Open Meetings Act #5)

MOTION TO RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Arenella that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education, District 98 reconvenes from Executive Session at 9:15 p.m., Thursday, November 21, 2019.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano and Mounce.

MOTION TO APPROVE NOTICE TO REMEMDY

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Cuevas that the Board approve the Notice to Remedy – Ms. Goldman

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano and Mounce.

MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION TO PURCHASE THE PTLC BUILDING

Member Cuevas moved and was seconded by Member Arenella that the Board approve the Resolution to Purchase the PTLC Building.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano and Mounce.

XIV. ADJOURMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURMENT

Member Paul-Emile moved and was seconded by Member Arenella that the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education, District 98, adjourn at 9:15 p.m., Thursday, November 21, 2019.

ROLL CALL:

Ayes: Swade, Arenella, Paul-Emile, Cuevas, Pabon, Kulis-Kearns Valeriano and Mounce.

Michelle Smith, Secretary

Adam R. Mounce, President

Jessica Ibarra

Visitors:

Karla Avalos, Beatriz Gonzalez, Daniel Gonzalez, Luisa Villagomez, Aliana Brucato, Francela Lopez, Jessica Hartless, Charlie DeLeonardis, Joshua Bomba, Monica Deenihan and Donna Miller