

Board of Education Meeting Briefs
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October 24, 2019 – Regular Meeting

Havlicek Elementary School –Commons

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting began at 6:34 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by: Xitzel Arteaga, Jayden Rodriguez, Jayden Gaytan and Lorenzo Anaya.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. District 98 Position Surrounding Immigration:

Superintendent Michelle Smith read to the community Berwyn North District 98 School Board of Education’s stance on surrounding immigration issues.

B. Student Ambassadors:

Student Ambassadors Analysee Castillo and Ivan Resendiz greeted the Board and community. They prepared a brief presentation to introduce themselves and present their future topics for upcoming presentations to the Board and community.

C. Achievement Data Presentations:

This communication was tabled to the November Board Meeting since the information contained is imperative data that all Board Members must be present to receive.

In lieu of the Data Presentation Dr. Alexandra Escobar, Assistant Superintendent wanted to inform the Board and community of the need for Kindergarten through Second Grade Curriculum materials and how imperative these materials are for this group.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. Gina Parker, NBEA President and Physical Education teacher at Prairie Oak wanted to address Superintendent Smith and the Board in regards to the Board of Education and District 98’s stance to protect our community and families with the matter of immigration. Ms. Parker was wearing a “Dreamers Welcomed” T-shirt to the meeting in support.
- B. Nadine Cloherty and Donna Miller, Teachers at Havlicek and members of IEA introduced themselves to the Board and Community.
- C. Jennifer Danek-Parker and Joshua Bomba, Teachers at Lincoln Middle School and Student Ambassadors mentors introduced themselves to the Board and community.
- D. University Students attending the Board Meeting as a class project wanted to congratulate and commend Berwyn North District 98 on having Student Ambassadors to participate at Board Meetings. They have been at other districts Board meetings and none have had Student Ambassadors. They praised the Student Ambassadors on expressing themselves and being well versed during their presentation.

BOARD COMMENT

- A. Member Mounce wanted to remind the Board and community that November 11, 2019 is Veterans Day. He wanted to make sure that the veterans who have fought for our country are remembered and honored.
- B. Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano wanted to inform the Board and community that just like teachers receive professional development training so do Board members and that there are resources for Board members to receive training and information. Mrs. Valeriano wanted to speak about the meeting she just attended through IASB with the topic of “Bullying” and “0 Tolerance” and the law that governs those. The fact that when consequences are given the Board should look at the entire child’s history not just what that child did wrong. She also informed the community that the Board will be participating in a National Conference in November.

- C. Member Swade wanted to acknowledge to the Board and community that Prairie Oak Elementary held a Family Literacy Night on October 23rd, which showcased six well organized stations. He wanted to emphasize how successful the event was. Mr. Swade also wanted to thank Berwyn North District 98 for participating in the Mural event and providing district buses that helped facilitate the event.
- D. Superintendent Smith thanked Mayor Lovero and Alderman Ralph Avila for attending Unity Day at Jefferson Elementary School.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approved Minutes

1. Regular Meeting Minutes: 9/26/2019
2. Executive Meeting Minutes: 9/26/2019
3. Special Meeting Minutes: 10/15/2019
4. Executive Meeting Minutes: 10/15/2019

B. Approved Personnel

1. New Hires:

- Valarie Thomas, Program Assistant at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Shamir Brathwaite, EL Teacher at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year
- Arthur Kasak, Part-time PE Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year

2. Leaves:

- Georgine Mullen, Speech Language Pathologist at Prairie Oak Elementary School, requesting one semester leave of absence starting November 22, 2019 through January 31, 2020
- Sara Tlusty, SPED Teacher at Lincoln Middle School, 12 week FMLA, starting March 2, 2020 through June 2, 2020
- Teresa Barajas, Home, School, Community Liaison, at District Office, 12 week FMLA, starting December 2, 2019 through February 28, 2020

3. Resignations:

- Diana Ledesma, Program Assistant at Havlicek, has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective October 11, 2019

C. Approved Finance

1. Approval of Invoices – \$ 1,637,473.36
2. Approval of Monthly Payroll – \$ 1,903,426.48
3. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll – November

D. Approval for Building Use Application

1. Building Use – Prairie Oak Elementary – Berwyn Falcons Special Olympics-11/12/2019

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approved – Resolution for School Board Member's Day - November 15, 2019
- B. Approved – Resolution for American Education Week - November 18 - 22, 2019
- C. Approved – Resolution for Educational Support Professional Day - November 20, 2019

INFORMATION AND REPORTS

A. Monthly Fund Report

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

B. IASB Resolutions to be voted by 2019 - Delegate Assembly

Resolutions will be deliberated by Board Members at the Joint Conference in November.

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25

End of First Quarter

November 1

Havlicek - Fall Picture Retake Day

November 5

Parent Teacher Advisory Committee Meeting (PTAC) - District Office - 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

November 6

Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 7

Parent/Teacher Conferences - Students work from home

November 21

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

Community Conversations - Havlicek Elementary School - 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

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

November 22

Picture Retake - Lincoln Middle School

Parent University - Prairie Oak Elementary - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

November 26

Teacher Institute Day - No School

November 27

Conference Exchange Day - No School

November 28-29

Thanksgiving Break - No School

- A. Lincoln Wildcat Theater production of The Addams Family Musical on Thursday, November 21 and Friday, November 22 at 6:00 pm each evening at Lincoln Middle School.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. None Stated

BOARD COMMENT

- A. None Stated

NEW BUSINESS

- A. None Stated

ADJOURNMENT at 8:19 p.m.