

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY  
ILLINOIS, HELD ON  
JANUARY 22, 2024

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hightower at 6:40 pm in the Boardroom of the Administration Office, 1200 N. Wolf Road, Berkeley, IL.

**ROLL CALL**

On roll call by the secretary, the following were present: Members Hightower, Espinoza, Mason, Walker, Mora, Jackson, Cosette, and Chavez, Also *present was Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Travis, and Mrs. Vince*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT ALL CORRESPONDENCE BE PUT ON FILE AS PRESENTED EXCEPT THAT WHICH REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower<br>Mason<br>Walker<br>Espinoza<br>Mora<br>Jackson | Nays: None<br><br>Absent: None |
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Motion carried 7-0

**ORAL:** Mrs. Chaparro expressed her concerns regarding the need for after school clubs for students with IEPs.

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**

**APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES**

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by member Walker. THAT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 22, 2024 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower<br>Mason<br>Walker<br>Espinoza<br>Mora<br>Jackson | Nays: None<br><br>Absent: None |
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Motion carried 7-0

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT**                 None

**CURRICULUM AND  
INSTRUCTION**                         None

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Accounts & Claims payable figures and Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,494,462.34 AS FOLLOWS:

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|--|----------------------|
| PAYROLL 12/29/23.....                        | 868,844.65           |
| PAYROLL 01/12/24.....                        | 847,115.40           |
| REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS..... | 1,038,896.62         |
| REFERENDUM PROJECTS.....                     | 613,922.28           |
| REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-P CARD.....   | 8,480.39             |
|  | TOTAL \$3,564,804.31 |

Roll Call Vote           Ayes:   Hightower                         Nays: None  
  Mason  
  Walker                                 Absent: None  
  Espinoza  
  Mora  
  Jackson

Motion carried 7-0

**MONTHLY BUILDING REPORT**

Mrs. Vince explained that the Monthly Building Rental Report is submitted for informational purposes only.

**SPECIAL SERVICES**                         None

**HUMAN RESOURCES**                         None

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS**                         None

**CLOSED SESSION**                                 None

**IASB**   No Report

**EDUCATION & FINANCE**                         No Report

**POLICY & LEGISLATION**                         No Report

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**FACILITIES** Committee meeting held prior to Regular Board meeting. Minutes from November meeting in Board Packet.

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| <b>HEALTH/SAFETY &amp; TRANSPORTATION</b> | No Report |
| <b>PUBLIC RELATIONS</b>                   | No Report |
| <b>PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY</b>            | No Report |
| <b>BILINGUAL ADVISORY</b>                 | No Report |
| <b>FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY</b>              | No Report |

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

**LICENSED PERSONNEL - LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD THE LICENCED PERSONNEL LEAVE REQUEST AS PRESENTED FOR:

STANLEY SOWA  
VESNA TANCEVA  
BETTY TAPIA  
MICHELLE CASEY  
SAMANTHA DEROSIA

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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower<br>Mason<br>Walker<br>Espinoza<br>Mora<br>Jackson | Nays: None<br><br>Absent: None |
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Motion carried 7-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF- LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS AS PRESENTED FOR:

- AURELIA BARTUCCI
- BARBARA ALESSI
- EVELIA CARRERA ALVARADO
- KEITH WILLIAMSON

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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower<br>Mason<br>Walker<br>Espinoza<br>Mora<br>Jackson | Nays: None<br><br>Absent: None |
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Motion carried 7-0

**SUPPORT STAFF REASSIGNMENT**

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REASSIGNMENT OF NORMA VILLALBA FROM FLOATER COOK TO ASSISTANT COOK AT NORTHLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 8, 2024

NORMA VILLALBA ASSISTANT COOK

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|----------------|-------|---|--------------------------------|
| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower<br>Mason<br>Walker<br>Espinoza<br>Mora<br>Jackson | Nays: None<br><br>Absent: None |
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Motion carried 7-0

**APPROVE SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION**

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

PATRICIA HAWKINS-NEWTON LUNCH MONITOR @ NORTHLAKE  
ALEJANDRA LARA VEGA LUNCH MONITOR @ WHITTIER

Roll Call Vote           Ayes: Hightower                   Nays: None  
  Mason  
  Walker                               Absent: None  
  Espinoza  
  Mora  
  Jackson

Motion carried 7-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - EMPLOYMENT**

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL

THEODORA HARRIS

Roll Call Vote           Ayes: Hightower                   Nays: None  
  Mason  
  Walker                               Absent: None  
  Espinoza  
  Mora  
  Jackson

Motion carried 7-0

**ACCEPT DONATION**

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING DONATION AS PRESENTED:

JEFFERSON, SUNNYSIDE & MACARTHUR PTO - Is having a Valentine's Day Fundraiser

RILEY - NED ASSEMBLY

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|----------------|-------|-----------|--------------|
| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower | Nays: None   |
|                |       | Mason     |              |
|                |       | Walker    | Absent: None |
|                |       | Espinoza  |              |
|                |       | Mora      |              |
|                |       | Jackson   |              |

Motion carried 7-0

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**SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARD ANNUAL RESOLUTION**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Jackson THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE SERIOUS SAFETY HAZARD ANNUAL RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED

|                |       |           |              |
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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower | Nays: None   |
|                |       | Mason     |              |
|                |       | Walker    | Absent: None |
|                |       | Espinoza  |              |
|                |       | Mora      |              |
|                |       | Jackson   |              |

Motion carried 7-0

**DECLASSIFY SERIES OF CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Jackson THAT THE BOARD DECLASSIFY THE FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

- December 19, 2022
- January 23, 2023
- February 27, 2023
- March 20, 2023
- April 24, 2023
- May 22, 2023
- June 26, 2023
- August 28, 2023
- September 25, 2023
- November 13, 2023

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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower | Nays: None   |
|                |       | Mason     |              |
|                |       | Walker    | Absent: None |
|                |       | Espinoza  |              |
|                |       | Mora      |              |
|                |       | Jackson   |              |

Motion carried 7-0

**ADOPT 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE 2024-2025 SCHOOL CALENDAR AS PROPOSED AND ATTACHED TO THE MINUTES OF THIS MEETING SHOWING THE BEGINNING OF SCHOOL AS AUGUST 19, 2024, THE ENDING OF THE SCHOOL AS JUNE 10, 2025 WITH 180 ATTENDANCE DAYS, 3 INSTITUTE DAYS, (8-19-24, 10-18-24, 2-7-25) AND TWO ALL DAY PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES (10-3-2024 AND 3-6-2025) FOR A TOTAL OF 185 DAYS.

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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower<br>Mason<br>Walker<br>Espinoza<br>Mora<br>Jackson | Nays: None<br><br>Absent: None |
|----------------|-------|---|--------------------------------|

Motion carried 7-0

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Dr. Sullivan reported to the board that he is working on class sectioning for the 2024-2025 school year. He is also working on our SIP and SLT process.

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Zimmerman presented information regarding the Student Services Report. She gave information on the upcoming Institute Day and E-Learning Family Survey. Dr. Mieszanek updated the board with photos from the scholars in different buildings.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 12-31-23.

Mrs. Vince updated the board on the following. The Village Of Berkeley Joint Review Board Meeting will take place on December 19. Mrs. Vince updated the board on the Bid Storage Shed. The IASBO Leadership meeting will take place January 26. The EBC Pre-Renewal meeting will be held January 31. was held early this month. The District received a mid year participation payment from NRG in the amount of \$2,385.23

DESIGNATE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE AND OPERATION TO PREPARE 2024-2025 BUDGET IN TENTATIVE FORM

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DESIGNATE THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE OPERATIONS TO PREPARE THE 2024-2025 BUDGET IN TENTATIVE FORM.

Roll Call Vote           Ayes:   Hightower                   Nays: None  
  Mason  
  Walker                       Absent: None  
  Espinoza  
  Mora  
  Jackson

Motion carried 7-0

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**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year ending in June 30, 2023 is provided for your information and review. I will briefly discuss the report at the December Board of Education meeting. The report was delivered electronically on December 15th. Paper copies were delivered December 15th to the members that requested paper copies, Please bring your copy to the meeting December 18, 2023.

**ADOPT PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2023 RESOLUTIONS AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN PROCEEDING BEFORE THE STATE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD**

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADOPT THE PROPERTY TAX YEAR 2023 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING INTERVENTION IN PROCEEDING BEFORE THE STATE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD AS PRESENTED

Roll Call Vote           Ayes:   Hightower                   Nays: None  
  Mason  
  Walker                       Absent: None  
  Espinoza  
  Mora  
  Jackson

Motion carried 7-0

**CHANGE ORDER NO. 213-214 2020 REFERENDUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS NO. 213 THROUGH 214, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote           Ayes:   Hightower                   Nays: None  
  Mason  
  Walker                       Absent: None



Espinoza  
Mora  
Jackson

Motion carried 7-0

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**BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Vince updated the board on the following. The Village Of Berkeley Joint Review Board Meeting will take place on December 19. Mrs. Vince updated the board on the Bid Storage Shed. The IASBO Leadership meeting will take place January 26. The EBC Pre-Renewal meeting will be held January 31. was held early this month. The District received a mid year participation payment from NRG in the amount of \$2,385.23

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the remaining licensed and support staff current vacancies. She updated the Board on the teacher and substitute shortage.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

Joe Byrne, Director of Educational Technology reported that the department has been busy supporting staff and students.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monday 2/26 - Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Walker, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:30 PM.

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| Roll Call Vote | Ayes: | Hightower<br>Mason<br>Walker<br>Espinoza<br>Mora<br>Jackson | Nays: None<br><br>Absent: None |
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Motion carried 7-0

ATTEST:

Secretary:

President: