

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY
ILLINOIS, HELD ON
FEBRUARY 25, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President O'Connell at 7:00 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 Chavez, Hightower, Jackson, Mason O'Connell, Rosas and Sosa. Absent: None. Also *present were Dr. Bresnahan, Dr. Sickele, Mrs. Vince, Dr. Sullivan and Mrs. Travis.*

STUDENT LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD PRESENTATION

The Student Library Advisory Board presented library recommendations to the Board for their consideration.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

WRITTEN

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

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson Mason O'Connell Rosas Sosa	Nays: None	Absent: None
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Motion Carried 7-0

ORAL: None

CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Rosas moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD JANUARY 28, 2019 AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2018, BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson Mason O'Connell Rosas Sosa	Nays: None	Absent: None
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Motion Carried 7-0

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower Nays: None
 Chavez
 Jackson
 Mason Absent: None
 O'Connell
 Rosas
 Sosa

Motion Carried 7-0

The Board recessed to closed session at 7:10 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 7:47 pm with all members present.

REPORTS OF THE BOARD

PAEC Member O'Connell reported on the meeting of January 21, 2019. The Governing Board approved minutes, payroll, agenda and bills. The Board took action on the following items: fundraisers and donations; FMLA requests; request from Forest Park District 91 for a student to attend PAEC Elementary on a tuition basis; and a first reading of policies. A tentative agreement for the CBA was reached on February 14. The next meeting will be March 21, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

IASB	No Report
EDUCATION & FINANCE	No Report
POLICY & LEGISLATION	No Report
BUILDING & GROUNDS	No Report
HEALTH/SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION	No Report
PUBLIC RELATIONS	No Report
PARENT-TEACHER ADVISORY	No Report
BILINGUAL ADVISORY	No Report
FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY	No Report

SUPERINTENDENT

LICENSED PERSONNEL – LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Rosas, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE LEAVE REQUESTS, AS PRESENTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

JENNIFER BUCZKIEWICZ
AMANDA JEFFREY
PATRICIA SALZMANN
TYNISH FLOWERS
BRIAN ERLICH
KRISTEN ZELL

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower Nays: None
 Chavez
 Jackson
 Mason Absent: None
 O'Connell
 Rosas
 Sosa

Motion Carried 7-0

LICENSED PERSONNEL - EMPLOYMENTS

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Hightower, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

KAMILAH JAMES DISTRICT SUBSTITUTE PENDING ALL EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower Nays: None
 Chavez
 Jackson
 Mason Absent: None
 O'Connell
 Rosas
 Sosa

Motion Carried 7-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - RESIGNATION

Member Rosas moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATIONS:

JACQUELYN HERNANDEZ NORTHLAKE TEACHER AIDE EFFECTIVE 02/11/19

CATALINA IBARRA MACARTHUR LUNCHROOM SUPERVISOR EFFECTIVE 03/14/19

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower Nays: None
 Chavez
 Jackson
 Mason Absent: None
 O'Connell
 Rosas
 Sosa

Motion Carried 7-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCES

Member Rosas moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE LEAVE REQUEST, AS PRESENTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SHAWANDA MCCAMURY

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson Mason O'Connell Rosas Sosa	Nays: None
			Absent: None

Motion Carried 7-0

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENTS

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL, AS PRESENTED.

JACQUOLYN SMITH JEFFERSON CAFETERIA AIDE EFFECTIVE 02/20/19

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson Mason O'Connell Rosas Sosa	Nays: None
			Absent: None

Motion Carried 7-0

FUNDRAISERS

Member Rosas moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDRAISER, AS PRESENTED:

SUNNYSIDE PTA; MCTEACHER NIGHT

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson Mason O'Connell Rosas Sosa	Nays: None
			Absent: None

Motion Carried 7-0

ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION CONCERT BAND CONTEST

Member Rosas moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR USE OF NORTHLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL TO HOST THE ILLINOIS GRADE SCHOOL MUSIC ASSOCIATION CONCERT BAND CONTEST, AS PRESENTED:

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Jackson Mason O'Connell Rosas Sosa	Nays: None Absent: None
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Motion Carried 7-0

BASEBALL CONTRACT

Member Rosas moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 87 AND BERKELEY YOUTH BASEBALL IN CONJUNCTION WITH ELECTRIC BASEBALL FROM APRIL 1, 2019 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 1, 2019, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Jackson Mason O'Connell Rosas Sosa	Nays: None Absent: Chavez
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Motion Carried 6-0

SELF-DIRECTED LEARNING

Dr. Bresnahan shared that on January 30-31, severe weather caused the schools to close. With the changes in state policy governing the definition of a school day, the District used a flexible approach to allow learning to take place even while schools were closed. Staff and students participated in Self-Directed Learning Days from home. This allows the District to count these days towards student attendance. On average across all grade levels for both days of Self-Directed Learning, 89% of the students participated and received attendance for the 2 days. Proposed legislation may change the District's ability to conduct Self-Directed Learning in the same way, but we hope some sort of e-learning will be available to use on emergency days.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Bresnahan reported that the IDEA grant is being transitioned to the member districts from PAEC. Parent Liaison Position information will be brought to the March Board meeting. The Harlem Wizards Basketball game will be on April 12 at 7:00 pm.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

MIDDLE SCHOOL EXPLORATORIES PROPOSAL

Carolyn Zielinski and Colleen Hoffman presented information regarding the Exploratories Proposal. Teachers from both middle schools have been meeting for the last year and a half to look more closely at the exploratory options we offer to students. We would like to provide students with the opportunity to self-select courses they are interested in learning more about.

MATH COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOSAL

Teachers from all six schools have been meeting this year to look more closely at our math materials and math practices. We worked with the Consortium for Educational Change to audit our math program. One of the first recommendations was to update our math core instructional materials to be more aligned with Common Core. They have also recommended that we provide intensive remediation supports early to ensure we minimize learning gaps.

BILINGUAL LITERACY SPECIALIST PROPOSAL

Mr. Corona presented information regarding the Bilingual Proposal. There is an achievement gap in ELA (English/Language Arts) with our English Learners, which widens as these students progress through each grade. Foundational literacy skills in Spanish are necessary in order for students to be able to build literacy skills in English. Students who struggle with these skills are currently not provided with intensive intervention support by a Literacy Specialist who speaks Spanish and can provide native language supports. Providing this early intervention will ensure our Bilingual students have the Spanish literacy skills they need, and with the supports they need as they transition to learning English literacy.

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Sickle reported that Institute Day was held on February 15th and it was very well received. Parent-Teacher Conferences will be on February 28th. Mr. Corona hosted a Biliteracy Squared Training at District 87 that included fifteen school districts.

BUSINESS SERVICES

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 01/31/19.

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Vince reported the District received a notice from ISBE that they are adjusting the USDA cash disbursements after the federal government shut down. Jefferson Primary piloted the Offer vs Serve serving model and it will now begin at Whittier Primary. The P-Card limit has been increased to begin paying certain District monthly utilities and bills.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE TITLE I SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT 1033 (a) WORK PLANS, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson Mason O'Connell Rosas Sosa	Nays:	None
			Absent:	None

Motion Carried 7-0

MONTHLY REPORT

Dr. Sullivan reported that Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Committee presented at Institute Day.

HUMAN RESOURCES

MONTHLY REPORT

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the vacancies and the College/Career Recruiting Fairs.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS None

ANNOUNCEMENTS None

ADJOURNMENT

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Hightower, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:10 PM.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson Mason O'Connell Rosas Sosa	Nays:	None
			Absent:	None

Motion Carried 7-0

ATTEST:

Secretary _____ (sgd) Rose Mason _____

President _____ (sgd) Peg O'Connell _____

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