

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY  
ILLINOIS, HELD ON  
NOVEMBER 13, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hightower 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 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 | Nays: None   |
|                      | Mason     |              |
|                      | Walker    | Absent: None |
|                      | Espinoza  |              |
|                      | Mora      |              |
|                      | Jackson   |              |

Motion carried 7-0

**ORAL: Teachers attended the board meeting. They had one teacher represent them. She spoke on behalf of the team, regarding the contract and vacancies.**

**CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:**  
**APPROVAL OF OLD MINUTES**

Member Espinoza moved, seconded by member Jackson. THAT MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 13, 2023 BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

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

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 \$3,298,547.76, AS FOLLOWS:

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| PAYROLL 10/31/23.....                        | 855,048.46   |
| PAYROLL 11/15/23.....                        | 0.00         |
| REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS..... | 1,173,077.41 |
| REFERENDUM PROJECTS.....                     | 1,250,474.39 |
| REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE-P CARD.....   | 19,947.50    |
| TOTAL \$3,298,547.76                         |              |

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| 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

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Member Walker was appointed to PAEC Committee and Member Mason alternated. **PAEC** Members Mason and Walker reported that the meeting did not take place.

**IASB** No Report

**EDUCATION & FINANCE** No Report

**POLICY & LEGISLATION** No Report

**FACILITIES** Minutes from November 13, 2023 are in the Board Packet for your review.

**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 ABSENCE**

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

STEPHANIE MCGINN  
AMANDA CAMPOS  
JAYME MENDIOLA  
TRINA JAMES  
KARYN TUPEK  
RICHARD SIBLE

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

Motion carried 7-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - EMPLOYMENT**

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PENDING ALL EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK:

SEBASTIAN PORTILLO      PM CUSTODIAN      SUNNYSIDE

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

Motion carried 7-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF- LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

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

SONIA FALCO

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

Motion carried 7-0

**SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION**

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

MONSERRAT CHAVEZ            TEACHER AIDE            RILEY

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

Motion carried 7-0

**FUNDRAISER REQUEST**

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FUNDRAISER, AS PRESENTED:

- Jefferson School
- Krispy Kreme Doughnuts - Nov. 15- Dec. 8

- Sunnyside -JSM PTO
- Little Caesars Pizza Fundraiser - Starting Nov. 27, 2023 for four weeks.

Riley

- Author Juanita Hernandez assembly. This is a free event. Her book is in English and Spanish and this will make a wonderful opportunity for our students to hear from a published author. She will read her book to the students which is based on her mother growing up in Mexico. She will then talk to the students about the process of writing and publishing a book. The students will then have a chance to ask her questions and learn more about the publishing process. This will tie into our ARC curriculum as students at that time will be working on publishing their own non fiction book.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**CHANGE STARTING TIME FOR BOARD MEETINGS**

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Mason. THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CHANGING THE START TIME OF THE BOARD MEETINGS TO 6:30 PM.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**STUDENT RESIDENCY**

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION NOTIFIES THE PARENT OF STUDENT A THAT, BECAUSE OF RESIDENCY REGULATIONS, THE STUDENT WILL BE DISENROLLED FROM DISTRICT 87 SCHOOLS EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

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

Motion carried 7-0

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Dr. Sullivan informed the Board of upcoming events. Dr. Sullivan will attend the Joint Annual Conference November 17-19. He is exploring the possibility of extending the work year for Principals, Assistant Principals and Administrative Assistants. The Holiday - Retirement party is Friday, December 1st.

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS 2023-2024**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES THE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Zimmerman reported on the School improvement and Summative Designations. She also spoke about Professional Development Opportunities.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending in 11/30/23.

**APPROVE TENTATIVE TAX LEVY**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE TENTATIVE PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2023 AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**APPROVE POST-ISSUANCE COMPLIANCE REPORTS**

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE POST-ISSUANCE TAX COMPLIANCE REPORTS, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 7-0

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**CONSIDERATION OF CHANGE ORDERS NO. 208-209  
2020 REFERENDUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 208 THROUGH 209 AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #4 - AV PROJECT**

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE AV PROJECT CHANGE ORDER FOUR, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1 - SIGNAGE AND BLINDS  
SUNNYSIDE/MACARTHUR AND RILEY/NORTHLAKE PROJECTS**

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Espinoza, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE SIGNAGE AND BLINDS FOR THE SUNNYSIDE/MACARTHUR AND RILEY/NORTHLAKE PROJECTS CHANGE ORDER NUMBER ONE AS PRESENTED

Roll Call Vote Ayes:                   Hightower                   Nays: None  
  Mason



Walker  
Espinoza  
Mora  
Jackson

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

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**BUSINESS OFFICE MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Vince spoke about the SSCIP the next meeting is December 1st. Mrs. Vince reported the audit is moving forward and is in the review stage. The audit will be presented at the December board meeting.

**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 12/18 - Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Walker moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 8:48 PM.

Roll Call Vote Ayes:

Hightower  
Mason  
Walker  
Espinoza  
Mora  
Jackson

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

ATTEST:

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

President: \_\_\_\_\_