

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
August 8, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, August 8, 2019, at the Julia S. Molloy Education Center, 8701 Menard Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Governing Board President Chao called the meeting to order at 7:03 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room of the Julia S. Molloy Education Center.

The following Governing Board Members were in attendance:

District 67 Mr. Richard Toth, Delegate
District 68 Ms. Meghan Espinoza, Delegate
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate
District 71 Mr. Joe Kuffel, Delegate
District 72 Ms. Vicki Goldberg, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate
District 73.5 Mr. Gary Dolinko, Alternate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 70 Mr. Paul Torres, Delegate

Others Present:

C. Hartranft, S. Arad, R. Mayhall, T. Kendrick, K. Gavin, and C. Dimas

Pledge of Allegiance

Governing Board recited the Pledge.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

Member Chao announced that a revised Consent Agenda was placed in Board members' folders.

Audience to Visitor

None

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Member Vranas made a motion, seconded by Member Toth to approve the following, as recommended by the Executive Director:

- Minutes of the Open Session of June 13, 2019
- Minutes of the Closed Session of June 13, 2019

Personnel

Employment

Charles Biggs, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
Kristen Bryant, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
James Cox, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
Mary Chapman, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
Megan Hasbrouck, Project ABLE Teacher, effective August 22, 2019
Shayna Heichman, Speech Pathologist, effective August 22, 2019
Melissa Hughes-Smith, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
Matthew Ibrahim, Speech Pathologist, effective August 22, 2019
Jaclyn Jaime, School Psychologist (.6 FTE), effective August 22, 2019
Natasha Kuffel, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
Samantha Medland, Speech Pathologist, effective August 22, 2019
Elizabeth Michalowicz, Occupational Therapist, effective August 22, 2019

Sean O'Connell, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
Irma Rendon-Gonzalez, Admin Assistant to Business Office, effective August 19, 2019
Mita Saengvilay, School Psychologist, effective August 22, 2019
Michelle San Juan, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
Patrick Soper, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
Graciela Soto, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
Tanya Younan, Early Childhood Teacher, effective August 22, 2019

Resignation of:

Deborah Bilinski, Paraprofessional, effective June 18, 2019
Katie Furrey, School Psychologist, effective July 19, 2019
Tara Holden, Teacher, effective July 18, 2019
Kyle Lewis, Paraprofessional, effective July 26, 2019
Megan Occhino, Paraprofessional, effective July 2, 2019
Laura Serikaku, Paraprofessional, effective June 13, 2019

Termination

Arshiyah Syeda, Paraprofessional, effective June 5, 2019

Accounts Payable

- As of June 30, 2019: \$373,931.03
- As of July 31, 2019: \$ 259,747.37

On a roll call vote, the motion was voted on as follows:

Yes: Toth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Kuffel (D71), Goldberg (D72),
Santoro (D73), Dolinko (D73.5), Vranas (D74)
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Torres (D70)

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick displayed and spoke about NTDSE's new logo. She also added that NTDSE's website will have a new look beginning in September. NTDSE is still hiring paraprofessionals and a sign language interpreter. New Certified Staff Orientation will be held on August 19th and 20th. New Paraprofessionals will receive training on August 20th. Opening Day will be held on August 22nd and will have a "Superheroes" theme. Molloy's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on September 28, 2019 from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the Molloy Education Center. Flyers will be distributed to NTDSE families, Molloy alumni and the community. Mrs. Kendrick, Mrs. Perry, Mrs. Smith and Mr. Sabourin attended the Directors' Conference in Springfield that was held on July 23 - 26, 2019. The Leadership team summer meetings ended with a retreat on August 12, 2019. NTDSE will hold a District Orientation on August 13th for the new directors in the Township. NTDSE's first newsletter will be published in mid September and will include archived articles about special education in the township. Mrs. Kendrick gave an update on Classrooms First Collaborative (CFC). She participated in the interviewing process for the Collaborative. Mrs. Kendrick gave an update on NTDSE's Strategic Plan. Molloy's after-school program will begin September 3rd from 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Hartranft reported that NTDSE's registration process was done through Infinite Campus. NTDSE received a lot of support from the staff at D219 to pull the registration process forward. NTDSE hosted an open registration in the evening for families to come in and register their students. CFC provided professional development for the teachers in Project ABLE with new curriculum. Mrs. Hartranft thanked the districts for their help when three NTDSE classrooms needed to be moved.

Supervisor's Report:

Mrs. Arad reported that on August 1st, Preferred Dentistry Associates offered free dental exams for NTDSE families. The event was held at D69. 47 families attended. Opening Day's theme is "Superheroes." Some of the activities will include team building, a presentation on Equity and Culture Awareness and Educator Self-Care.

Finance/Facilities Report:

Ms. Gavin reported that the Finance Committee discussed the following:

Molloy's kitchen renovation will be completed by August 16th. Sections of Molloy were painted during the summer. Ms. Gavin will meet with township business managers and superintendents to discuss possible debt allocation to get funding for Molloy's building construction. Ms. Gavin met with North Shore Transit to discuss transmitting bus route information from Infinite Campus. The auditors will be at Molloy from August 19th through August 29th. Ms. Gavin gave a presentation on NTDSE's FY20 budget.

Policy Report

None

New Business

NTDSE's FY20 budget documents were included in the Board packet for review.

Old Business

None

Communications

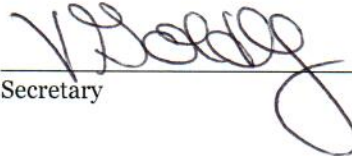
Mrs. Kendrick provided student and staff enrollment data. She also discussed the vast increase in students at NTDSE. Included in Board members' folders was an article published in part by Matt Baud, NTDSE Assistive Technology Coordinator. Mrs. Kendrick stated that she will hold a brief orientation for new Board members on September 12th, one hour before the regularly scheduled Board meeting. Mrs. Kendrick reminded the Board that Molloy's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on September 28th at 1:00 P.M.

Adjournment

At 7:54 P.M., it was moved by Member Chao and seconded by Member Vranas to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.



President



Secretary

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