

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
September 12, 2019

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, September 12, 2019, at the Julia S. Molloy Education Center, 8701 Menard Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053.

The meeting began with an Open Public Hearing regarding the FY 20 NTDSE Budget. Hearing no comments from the audience, the Governing Board meeting was called to order.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Governing Board President Chao called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate
District 70 Mr. George Karagozian, Delegate
District 71 Mr. Joe Kuffel, Delegate
District 72 Ms. Vicki Goldberg, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate
District 73.5 Ms. Carla Arias, Alternate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 68 Ms. Meghan Espinoza, Delegate

Others Present:

C. Perry, S. Arad, C. Hartranft, K. Smith, F. Pilati, B. Sabourin, R. Mayhall, J. Radcliffe, M. Rychener-Hobson, T. Kendrick, K. Gavin, and C. Dimas

Pledge of Allegiance

The Governing Board recited the Pledge.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

A presentation of the Mentor / Mentee Program was given. Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Hartranft, Ms. Radcliffe and Ms. Rychener-Hobson spoke about the 2-year long program.

Audience to Visitor

None

Welcome New Staff

Mrs. Perry introduced Amy Grmusich, Teacher, BriannaLasaponara, Teacher; Ellie Britton, Teacher, and Megan Hasbrouck, Teacher.

Mrs. Arad introduced Liza Michalowicz, Occupational Therapist; Shayna Heichman, Speech Pathologist; Matthew Ibrahim, Speech Pathologist; Krista Lafferty, Speech Pathologist, and Samantha Medland, Speech Pathologist.

Mrs. Hartanft introduced Sanita Saengvilay, School Psychologist and Lori Eslick, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Itinerant.

Mrs. Kristin Smith introduced Gabriella Wec, Teacher.

Ms. Francesca Pilati introduced Gabrielle Weinketz, Teacher; Tanya Younan, Teacher; Jaclyn Jaime, Social Worker, and Kristy Bryant, Paraprofessional.

Mr. Besset Sabourin introduced Kelly Combs, Teacher.

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

- Minutes of the Open Session of August 8, 2019

Personnel

Employment

- Demitra Baxevanakis, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
- Natalie Blain, Paraprofessional, effective September 9, 2019
- Leah Hummel, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
- Christine Kenning, Paraprofessional (.6 FTE), effective August 22, 2019
- Nathaniel Mills, Paraprofessional, effective September 9, 2019
- Elizabeth Petitt, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
- Terrell Railey, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
- Noura Sayage, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019
- Ann Schuhriemen, Sign Language Interpreter, effective August 22, 2019
- Laura Serikaku, Paraprofessional, effective August 28, 2019
- Claire Valenziano, Paraprofessional, effective August 22, 2019

Accounts Payable

As of August 31, 2019.....\$159,824.81

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

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

Executive Director’s Report

Mrs. Kendrick spoke about Professional Learning Meetings for district administrators. The training includes the topics of Student Safety Assessment and Management; Supporting and Evaluating Special Ed Personnel; Legal Updates for School Administrators, Truancy; Student Discipline; Hot Topics in Special Education. NTDSE’s after school program has 6 students currently enrolled. The staff consists of 3 NTDSE staff and 1 M-NASR staff. Molloy’s 50th Anniversary Celebration will be held on September 28, 2019, from 1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Community members will be honored. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about the AIMSWeb data breach. She consulted with legal counsel and Superintendents regarding reporting the breach. Mrs. Kendrick announced that NTDSE has 1 paraprofessional opening. Mrs. Kendrick gave a legislative update. The NTSA will host a legislative breakfast on November 7th. Senator Villavalam, Senator Fine, Senator Kalish, and Representative Gong-Gershowitz have been invited. She also spoke about HB 3586 which includes a shortened time frame for mailing IEP materials prior to meetings; logs that related service staff complete after servicing a student, and notifying families of this new legislation by posting on the district website. Mrs. Kendrick included her professional goals for the 2019-20 school year. NTDSE’s first publication of *NTDSE Empowers* will be distributed on September 20th. Mrs. Kendrick reported that the Substitute Cooperative increased their pay rates for substitutes. Mrs. Kendrick added that she and other administrators will take part in the SEED Equity Training with others in the township.

Director’s Report:

Mrs. Hartranft spoke about the Classrooms First Collaboration (CFC) instructional materials. Included is Eureka Mathematics; Mystery Science and all grade level Language Arts. The Infinite Campus Online Registration Program and the D219 staff have been fantastic.

Principal’s Report:

Mrs. Perry spoke about the new staff at Molloy. She mentioned that many new paraprofessionals hired have experience. There will be 2 more students enrolled in NTDSE’s After School Program.

Supervisor’s Report:

Mrs. Arad spoke about the presentations on Opening Day which included team building, a presentation on Equity and Culture Awareness and Educator Self-Care.

Technology Report:

Mr. Ryan Mayhall showcased NTDSE's new website. He demonstrated how to navigate the new site and highlighted the improved areas of the site. He also reported that he partnered with the company, Amplified IT to perform an audit on our Google system which will include information related to how our system is managed, security and compliance.

Finance/Facilities Report:

Ms. Gavin reported that the Committee reviewed Accounts Payable. Molloy's kitchen is at the punch list phase. There was a meeting held on August 28th to discuss debt allocation for Molloy's construction. Ms. Gavin reported that transportation got off to a good start. The second reading of the NTDSE FY 20 budget is included for the Board's consideration. NTDSE's audit fieldwork has been completed. There will be a meeting in November to review the audit. A grant application was submitted to The Skokie Foundation Committee to help offset costs for the after school program at Molloy. There will be a facility renovation meeting in October to discuss funds needed. Mrs. Kendrick and Ms. Gavin are available to attend member district board meetings to discuss the proposed project.

Policy Report

Policies were discussed under New Business.

New Business

An Extended School Year (ESY) summary of events for Molloy School, Elizabeth Meyer and Culver school was included in the Board packet. The first reading of the proposed new and amended policies from PRESS Issue 101 (June 2019) was discussed. Minor changes were made to the proposed policies.

Old Business

Member Chao moved to approve the NTDSE budgets of revenues and expenditures for the 2019-2020 school year, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Vranas seconded the motion.

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

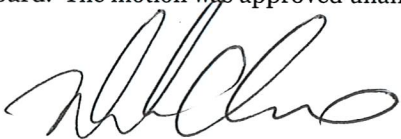
- Yes: Toth (D67), Chao (D69), Kuffel (D71), Goldberg (D72), Santoro (D73), Arias (D73.5), Vranas (D74)
- No: None
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Communications

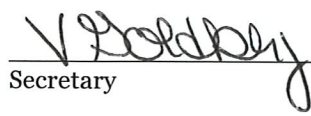
Mrs. Kendrick discussed the enrollment data included in the Board packet. She also announced that the SEED Foundation Family Fun Night will be held on October 24, 2019, for all NTDSE families.

Adjournment

At 8:17 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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