

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION**  
**GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807**  
**Cook County, Illinois**  
**November 6, 2019**

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A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Wednesday, November 6, 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 7:00 P.M. in the Multipurpose Room of the Julia S. Molloy Education Center.

**The following Governing Board Members were in attendance:**

District 68 Ms. Meghan Espinoza, 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. Duke Gavrilovic, Alternate  
District 73.5 Ms. Carla Arias, Delegate  
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

**Governing Board Members Absent:**

District 67 Mr. Richard Toth, Delegate

**Others Present:**

C. Perry, S. Arad, C. Hartranft, K. Smith, F. Pilati, B. Sabourin, R. Mayhall, C. Shafer, H. Lane, R. Pikula, T. Kendrick, K. Gavin, and C. Dimas

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Governing Board recited the Pledge.

**Changes/Additions to the Agenda**

None

**Audience to Visitor**

None

**Presentation**

Mrs. Kendrick recognized the NTDSE staff that have presented at State conferences. Included were Christiana Shafer, Heather Lane, Rebecca Pikula, Sofi Gomez, and Cory Bedtke. Member Chao congratulated Tarin Kendrick on receiving the Larry D. Vuillemot Leadership Award that was presented at the IAASE conference. Christiana Shafer, Heather Lane, and Rebecca Pikula gave a presentation on *Inclusive Practices* in the satellite schools. Ms. Francesca Pilati spoke about the Lifting Up Childhood Series of conferences, specifically *No Small Matter*, which emphasizes the importance of Early Childhood Education.

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

- Minutes of the Open Session of September 12, 2019

**Personnel**

**Employment**

Frances Allocco, Paraprofessional, effective September 30, 2019  
Alison Goosinow, Paraprofessional, effective October 7, 2019  
Teresa Lim, Paraprofessional, effective October 28, 2019  
Paige Orzechowski, Paraprofessional, effective September 3, 2019



Natalie Santillan, Paraprofessional, effective October 7, 2019  
Laura Semenek, Paraprofessional, effective October 28, 2019

**Resignation**

Charles Biggs, Paraprofessional, effective September 27, 2019  
Paige Orzechowski, Paraprofessional, effective October 18, 2019  
Graciela Soto, Paraprofessional, effective November 26, 2019

**Retirement Notification**

Silvia Chiquini, Paraprofessional, effective June 2021  
Khalida Olomi, Paraprofessional, effective June 2021  
Judi Siegel, Paraprofessional, effective June 4, 2020

**Accounts Payable**

As of September 30, 2019.....\$172,611.29  
As of October 31, 2019.....\$135,878.68

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

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

**Executive Director's Report**

Mrs. Kendrick reported that NTDSE's legal counsel will transition to new attorneys from Robbins Schwartz. In response to the recent data breach of an outside vendor, all current contracts that are held on behalf of our 9 districts will be reviewed by legal counsel. Included is FastBridge Learning, Embrace, and Infinitic. A Parent Committee meeting was held on October 9th that discussed safety. Police officers from Morton Grove, Skokie and Lincolnwood attended and spoke about student safety. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about obtaining funding for a Head Start/Early Head Start program through a partnership with Metropolitan Family Services. The law firm Hodges and Loizzi spoke to Niles Township Administrators and other guests on employee evaluations. Several other districts' attorney firms are slated to speak about Student Discipline, Residency, McKinney-Vento, and Special Education. The NTSA will host a legislative breakfast on November 7, 2019 at D219. Senator Laura Fine, Senator Ram Villivalam and Representative Mark Kalish plan to attend. The SEED Foundation held its annual Family Fun Night on October 24th. This is a free event for all NTDSE families. The SEED Foundation will once again offer several \$500 grants to NTDSE educators.

**Director's Report:**

Mrs. Hartranft reported on the CFC curriculum. Teachers received training on Institute Day to develop monthly aligned units to keep students on pace with the general education students. NTDSE continues to develop the Deaf and Hard of Hearing program. A representative from Lurie's Hospital gave a talk about auditory rehabilitation. The Raptors basketball team has 25 players this year. The team also has 8 cheerleaders.

**Principal's Report:**

Mrs. Perry reported on the October Parent Group meeting. A D74 parent presented on student safety and gave suggestions on how to keep your child safe at home. The Morton Grove police shared information on *Smart 911*, which is an app for your phone. Parents can preload their child's information so police can have immediate instructions in case of an emergency. Mrs. Perry spoke about Molloy's Science Fair. Five intermediate classrooms participated in the Science Fair.

**Supervisor's Report:**

Mrs. Arad spoke about Institute Day. The morning sessions included information for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing classrooms and the CFC group from D219. Corrie Wallace presented during the afternoon session and the continued conversation on the Journey of Equity.



### Policy Report

The second reading of Board policies was discussed under New Business.

### Board Committee Reports

The Committee reviewed Accounts Payable.

Ms. Gavin gave an update on the debt allocation meeting with Business Managers and Superintendents for the proposed construction at Molloy. Information was included in the Board packet regarding a contract extension with North Shore Transit. Ms. Gavin will speak to Cook Illinois (parent company) regarding a negotiated renewal. Ms. Gavin will provide the Board an update in January. The Committee discussed purchasing a new truck for NTDSE. Member Vranas met with the Audit Committee to review the audit. Draft documents of the audit were included in the Board packet. NTDSE was notified that they will receive a grant of \$25,000 for capital improvements.

Mrs. Kendrick gave a presentation on the Molloy renovation project.

### New Business

Member Vranas moved that the FY 19 audited financial statements prepared by RSM US, LLP be accepted, as presented and recommended by the Audit Committee and the Executive Director. Member Kuffel seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Karagozian (D70), Kuffel (D71), Goldberg (D72), Gavrilovic (D73),  
Arias (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Toth (D67)

Ms. Gavin discussed a possible contract extension with North Shore Transit and provided a history of rate increases.

### Old Business

Member Chao moved to approve the new and amended NTDSE Board policies from PRESS Plus Issue 101, June 2019, as recommended by the Executive Director. Member Vranas seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Karagozian (D70), Kuffel (D71), Goldberg (D72), Gavrilovic (D73),  
Arias (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

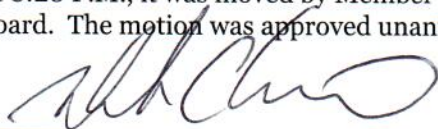
Absent: Toth (D67)

### Communications

Mrs. Kendrick discussed student enrollment data. She reviewed the staff recognition list and Friend of NTDSE and NTDSE Empowers publication. Mrs. Kendrick invited the Board members to Molloy's Thanksgiving Feast which will be held on November 20th.

### Adjournment

At 8:20 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.



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President



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Secretary

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