

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
January 14, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, January 14, 2021, in the gym at the Julia Molloy Education Center.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Governing Board President Chao called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

The following Governing Board Members were in attendance:

District 67 Dr. Guy Hollingsworth, Delegate
District 68 Ms. Meghan Espinoza, Delegate
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate
District 71 Mr. Kenny Krueger, Alternate
District 72 Ms. Vicki Goldberg, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Duke Gavrilovic, Alternate, via Zoom
District 73.5 Ms. Carla Arias, Delegate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 70 Mr. George Karagozian, Delegate

Others Present:

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

Pledge of Allegiance

The Governing Board recited the Pledge.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

Member Chao stated that a revised agenda was distributed. The revisions included the cancellation of the presentation and a change under Old Business.

Audience to Visitor

None

Approval of Consent Agenda

Member Vranas moved to approve the following, as recommended by the Executive Director:

Open Session Minutes from:

November 14, 2020

Personnel

Employment

Bilalian Williams-Brown, Paraprofessional, effective January 19, 2021

Resignation

Greer Crenshaw, Paraprofessional, effective January 15, 2021

Termination

Ana Naranjo, Paraprofessional, effective December 18, 2020

Leave of Absence

Amanda Evans, Teacher, effective January 7, 2021

Retirement

Danuta Gatkowska-Kowalik, Paraprofessional, effective June 2022

Accounts Payable

Effective November 30, 2020: \$194,997.65

Effective December 31, 2020: \$65,446.93

Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Krueger (D71), Goldberg (D72),
Gavrilovic (D73), Arias (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Karagozian (D70)

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick reported that she has met with township superintendents via Zoom regarding their purchased services needs for the 2021-2022 school year. Contracts are due February 19, 2021. Mrs. Kendrick was asked about the number of students NTDSE staff have interactions with during the school year. After receiving staff input, the number was calculated to exceed 1,000 students annually. She reported that in-person and hybrid learning will resume on January 20th. She also reported that many staff have been vaccinated. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about the Early Childhood Head Start program through Metropolitan Family Services. They are currently hiring parent/child educators and supervisors for the Early Learning At Home program. The program is in addition to children receiving early intervention services. There is room for 36 families. Support will be provided to families through parent workshops and home visits, when appropriate. Mrs. Kendrick gave a social-emotional update. Training will begin on the topic of isolated time out and physical restraint for the 2021-2022 school year. The 8-hour training is performed annually. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about Extended School Year (ESY). Culver School and Meyer School agreed to be the ESY satellite school location hosts. A survey was sent to families and staff for their input. She is planning to hold ESY in-person. Mrs. Kendrick asked the Board for their input on a possible Employee of the Year program.

Mrs. Hartranft reported that 60% of the Early Childhood students will return to the classroom for in-person instruction and 40% of the Early Childhood students will be remote learners. For the satellite classrooms, 55% will return to the classroom and 45% will be remote. She also spoke about student assessments for the township. The assessments will begin in March and will be held in-person. The Dynamic Learning Maps (DLM) will be given to the students at Molloy and a small percentage of students in the satellite classrooms.

Mrs. Perry reported that 70% of Molloy students will return in-person, 30% will be remote. She spoke about the paraprofessionals and how this group supports remote instruction. She showed examples of binders used, grouping manipulatives, shape matching folders, VB-MAPP kits, teach station boxes, and copies of reading level books.

Mrs. Arad reported on Professional Learning. There is an 8-hour behavior training for all staff that is hands-on with students. Remote Learn Plan Day is January 19th. This day is dedicated to planning with optional activities such as Google training for paraprofessionals and webcam training for certified staff. Representatives from IMRF have been invited to share financial information with our paraprofessionals and other staff participating in IMRF. Also, representatives from Oakton Community College will share information about their programs with the paraprofessionals. Upcoming parent events include Support for Remote Learning, Supporting Your Child's Behavior and Preparing Our Children for Face to Face Life. The February 5, 2021 Administrative Academy is titled Understanding and Supporting Students with Mental Health Issues.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin reported that the Committee met with Tria Architecture to review the revised floor plans for the Molloy renovation. Approval is needed for the revised construction plan from the Village of Morton Grove. She also discussed the details of the bond sale. A revised calendar for the bond sale was included in the Board packet. They discussed the bus contract extension offer. Ms. Gavin will counter the offer and will report in March. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about NTDSE's COVID expenditures, which were included in the Board packet. She explained how successful they were in keeping finances under control while providing additional technology to the students and keeping the building clean and safe following the most up-to-date protocols.

Policy Report

Member Chao stated that the first reading of policies, Issue 106, had been reviewed by the Committee. Included in the packet were policies from PRESS Issue 105 for Board consideration under Old Business.

New Business

The Committee reviewed policies from PRESS Issue 106. There were no substantial changes. The second reading will be presented at the March 2021 Board meeting.

Old Business

Member Chao moved to approve the following new and amended NTDSE Board policies from PRESS Issue 105, August 2020, as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Executive Director: 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment; 5:100 Professional Learning Program; 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:220 Substitute Teachers; 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; 7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited.

Member Goldberg seconded the motion.

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

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

Member Vranas moved that the Niles Township District for Special Education Governing Board adopt the following resolution titled: RESOLUTION providing for the issue of not to exceed \$3,650,000 Special Education Bonds, Series 2021, of the Niles Township District for Special Education Number 807, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of renovating, repairing, equipping and building an addition to the Molloy Education Center, providing the terms of and security for the repayment of said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Member Chao seconded the motion.

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

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

Member Vranas moved to approve Stifel Nicolaus as the underwriter for its Series 2021 bonds described in the attached letter of recommendation from PMA Securities and as recommended by the Executive Director. Member Chao seconded the motion.

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

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

Communications

Mrs. Kendrick provided student enrollment data broken down by in-person learning and remote learning. She also shared staff responses to the *180 Days of Awesome*.

Closed Session

At 7:46 P.M., it was moved by Member Chao that the Governing Board enter into closed session for the purpose of the discussion of personnel. Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment of Closed Session

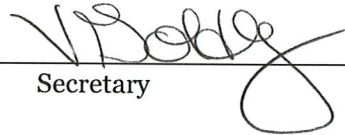
At 8:37 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas and seconded by Member Hollingsworth to adjourn the closed session meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

At 8:38 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas and seconded by Member Goldberg to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.



President



Secretary

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