

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
March 11, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, March 11, 2021, in the gymnasium 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. Joe Kuffel, Delegate
District 72 Ms. Vicki Goldberg, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate
District 73.5 Mr. John Wash, Alternate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 70 Mr. George Karagozian, Delegate

Others Present:

C. Hartranft, C. Perry, R. Mayhall, 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

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Minutes from:

Open Session of January 14, 2021
Closed Session of January 14, 2021

Personnel

Employment

Alison Goosinow, Paraprofessional, effective February 9, 2021
Julienne Kenning, Paraprofessional, effective January 19, 2021
Andjela Vukosavljevic, Transportation Coordinator, effective February 1, 2021

Resignation

Rosemary Dougal, Paraprofessional, effective January 28, 2021
Kelly Scullans, DHH Itinerant, effective June 11, 2021
Betsy Stankevitz, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective June 11, 2021

Accounts Payable

Effective January 31, 2021 - \$277,074.21
Effective February 28, 2021 - \$219,313.77

Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Kuffel (D71), Goldberg (D72), Santoro (D73), Wash (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Karagozian (D70)

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick reported that the Niles Township Superintendents' Association held a Meet and Greet with Niles Township legislators on March 4th. Mrs. Kendrick discussed the following with the legislators: She shared information received from area cooperatives regarding their COVID expenses and lack of funding from the CARES Act during the pandemic. Also discussed was the financial burden on districts with the mandate of HB0040, allowing students whose 22nd birthday occurs during the school year to continue educational services through the end of the school year. She spoke about state assessments, Evidence Based Funding, and new ISBE/IDPH guidance for the 2021-2022 school year. She also discussed SBO517, which addresses state reimbursement for students attending public therapeutic day schools versus private therapeutic day schools.

As we move into the 4th quarter, we will increase our student capacity to approximately 80%. The therapy pool will be open for students, temperature checks will cease, and the office will be open to allow visitors into the building. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about classroom space for the 2021-2022 school year. NTDSE needs 2 satellite classrooms and 2 classrooms at Molloy. She will have a proposal for the Board in April. NTDSE will need to hire a DHH Itinerant and a Speech-Language Pathologist for next school year.

Mrs. Kendrick reported on Professional Learning for 2021-2022. A survey was sent to districts asking for their input. An overwhelming majority have asked for training on mental health and equity.

George Karagozian joined the meeting at 7:22 P.M., via Zoom

Mrs. Hartranft reported that 83% of Early Childhood students and 81% of kindergarten through 7th grade will return to in-person learning beginning the 4th quarter. She also stated that Extended School Year (ESY) will be in-person. Registration has started online.

Mrs. Perry reported that 75% of students at Molloy will return for in-person learning beginning in the 4th quarter.

Mr. Mayhall gave a presentation on SOPPA and the new laws that will go into effect on July 1st.

Board Committee Reports

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin stated that the Committee reviewed Accounts Payable. They spoke about the facility project. The Morton Grove Village Board of Trustees met on March 3rd to review the request to build. The second meeting is scheduled for March 22nd. A construction schedule was included in the Board packet. Ms. Gavin stated that the bond closing was held on March 3rd. She is working with the Treasurer's Office to set up individual accounts by district for the bond sale proceeds. Ms. Gavin will put forth an amended FY 21 budget for Board consideration in April to include the funds from the bond sale. Ms. Gavin spoke about the transportation proposal which was included in the packet for Board consideration. Also included was the renewal contract from RSM US auditing services for FY 21. The Committee also discussed cyber insurance. Ms. Gavin will discuss this topic further at the April meeting.

Policy Report

Policies for Board consideration were included under Old Business.

Closed Session

At 7:52 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas that the Governing Board enter into closed session for the purpose of the discussion of personnel. Member Wash seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Member Chao moved to approve the proposed school calendar of the Niles Township District for Special Education for the regular term of the 2021-2022 school year, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Goldberg seconded the motion.

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

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

Member Chao moved to accept the Resolutions Authorizing Non-Reemployment of Full-Time Occupational Therapist, and Instructional Coaches, as recommended by the Executive Director. Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

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

Member Chao moved to approve the budgets for the Extended School Year program beginning June 22 through July 22, 2021, Tuesday through Thursday, to be held at the Molloy Education Center for students with disabilities; and the township elementary Extended School Year Program will run from June 22 through July 22, 2021, Tuesday through Thursday, for students with disabilities to be held at Culver School, District 71 and Meyer School, District 73.5, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Kuffel seconded the motion.

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

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

Member Vranas moved to approve the contract with the independent auditing firm of RSM US for FY 21, as presented and 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), Karagozian (D70) Kuffel (D71),
Goldberg (D72), Santoro (D73), Wash (D73.5), Vranas (D74)
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Member Vranas moved to approve the compensation package for the Executive Director effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024, as presented. Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

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

Member Vranas moved to approve the retirement contract and compensation package for the Director of Finance and Facilities effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2026, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

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

Member Vranas moved to approve the participation of Niles Township District for Special Education in the Infinitec Assistive Technology Coalition from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, as recommended by the Executive Director. Member Goldberg seconded the motion.

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

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

Old Business

Member Chao moved to approve the following new and amended NTDSE Board policies from PRESS Issue 106, November 2020, as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Executive Director:

3:40 Superintendent
4:80 Accounting and Audits
4:90 Student Activity and Fiduciary Funds
5:270 Employment At-Will, Compensation, and Assignment
6:20 School Year Calendar and Day
6:340 Student Testing and Assessment Program
7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students
7:140 Search and Seizure
7:300 Extracurricular Athletics
7:325 Student Fundraising Activities

Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion.

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

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

Member Chao moved to approve the Special Education Transportation Contract Extension with North Shore Transit, Inc. from August 1, 2021 through July 31, 2022, as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee and 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), Karagozian (D70) Kuffel (D71),
Goldberg (D72), Santoro (D73), Wash (D73.5), Vranas (D74)
No: None
Abstain: None
Absent: None

Mrs. Gavin provided a summary of the Special Education bond sale.

Communications

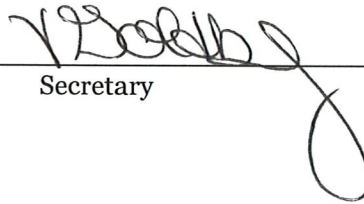
Mrs. Kendrick discussed increased student enrollment data. She reviewed the staff recognition list. Mrs. Kendrick announced the 4 nominees that were recognized as Friends of NTDSE. She spoke about the #NTDSEquity Newsletter and the FOIA request received in January.

Adjournment

At 8:15 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas and seconded by Member Santoro to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.



President



Secretary

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