

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
August 12, 2021**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, August 12, 2021, in the Multi-Purpose Room 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 68 Ms. Meghan Espinoza, Delegate
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate
District 70 Ms. Pamela Alper, Delegate
District 71 Mr. Joe Kuffel, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 67 Dr. Guy Hollingsworth, Delegate
District 72 Ms. Nora Downing, Delegate
District 73.5 Ms. Carla Arias, 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

A revised Consent Agenda was included in Board members' folders.

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 from June 10, 2021
Closed Session from June 10, 2021

Personnel

Employment

Febe Arzet, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021
Amanda Gorell, DHH Itinerant, effective August 19, 2021
Tyler Hanson, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021
Brittany Jurasz, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021
Michael Kleidorfer, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021
Megan Occhino, School Psychologist, effective August 19, 2021
Olivia Pasko, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021

Michelle Ruderman, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021
Johanna Woodward, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021

Resignation

Monica Herrera, Paraprofessional, effective August 2, 2021
Sean O’Connell, Paraprofessional, effective July 15, 2021
Jacob Pridgeon, Paraprofessional, effective July 22, 2021
Fran Sasenick, Paraprofessional, effective August 6, 2021
Amondo Taylor, Custodian, effective August 20, 2021
Kelly Wilbor, DHH Teacher, effective July 16, 2021

Accounts Payable

Effective June 30, 2021 - \$352,683.71
Effective July 31, 2021 - \$197,916.92

Member Kuffel seconded the motion.

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

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

Executive Director’s Report

Mrs. Kendrick reported that she held a Town Hall meeting for staff and parents to discuss the Return to Learn Plan. She spoke about partnering with a member district for SHIELD testing for unvaccinated staff. She will discuss her options with legal counsel. Mrs. Kendrick stated that NTDSE has several openings for paraprofessionals. She discussed the staffing projections for the 2021-22 school year and reviewed historical student enrollment. NTDSE currently has 22 satellite classrooms and 18 classrooms at Molloy. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about the National SEED Project. Fifteen staff members are trained, four of whom are trainers. NTDSE and the ECA are starting a cohort and will begin SEED training at Molloy throughout the school year. Mrs. Kendrick stated that new staff onboarding was held on August 16th and 17th. Opening Day was held outside on August 19th at Edison School. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about two legislative updates regarding FMLA leave and special education students who turn 22 years old during the school year.

Director’s Report:

Mrs. Hartranft stated that ESY wrapped up on July 22nd at the satellite locations. She also spoke about new certified staff who are training with support of their mentors. She also shared that NTDSE has an additional classroom in District 73, an additional classroom in District 70, and a new Early Childhood classroom in District 68.

Principal’s Report:

Mrs. Perry reported on the building preparations for the start of the new school year. She also reported that the D219 Bridges Program offered Molloy a classroom at no cost for the High School LIFE Skills program.

Supervisor’s Report:

Mrs. Arad reported that the Legal Series training began for administrators on August 4th at the Skokie Public Library. Mrs. Kendrick added that NTDSE hosted a new administrators’ Boot Camp and CHAMPS training.

Technology Report:

Mr. Mayhall reported that fiber-optics have been upgraded to support the new construction at Molloy. He also gave an update on the SOPPA data privacy agreements. He stated that NTDSE applied for Emergency Connectivity Funds, which are for school districts that expended funds for electronic devices during the pandemic.

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin reported that the Committee reviewed Accounts Payable. She shared a facility update that included information on construction cost estimates and the bid opening timeline. She also discussed staffing concerns with North Shore Transit company. Ms. Gavin reported on the attorney firm interviews that took place in July. A motion is included in the Board packet for the appointment of the attorney firm recommended. She stated that the auditors will be at Molloy during the weeks of August 23rd and August 30th.

Policy Report

None

CFC Report

None

New Business

Member Vranas moved to approve the transfer of \$4,633,753 from Fund 20 into Fund 60 for the purpose of expenditures related to the Molloy renovation project as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee and the Executive Director. Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

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

Ms. Gavin presented the FY 22 draft budget. Included in the Board packet was the facility renovation timeline.

Old Business

Member Vranas moved that NTDSE purchase the said data collection system for use by District 807 and all participating NTDSE member districts through FastBridge Learning for the 2021-2022 school year, 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: Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73),
Vranas (D74)
- No: None
- Abstain: None
- Absent: Hollingsworth (D67), Downing (D72), Arias (D73.5)

Member Vranas moved to approve the appointment of Robbins Schwartz as legal counsel for the Niles Township District for Special Education 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: Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73),
Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

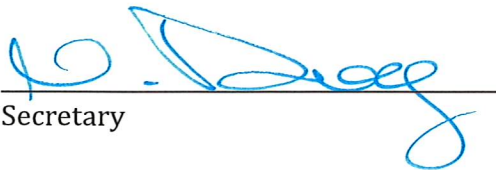
Absent: Hollingsworth (D67), Downing (D72), Arias (D73.5)

Adjournment

At 7:50 P.M., it was moved by Member Santoro and seconded by Member Alper to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.



President



Secretary

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