

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION**  
**GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807**  
**Cook County, Illinois**  
**September 9, 2021**

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A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, September 9, 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 67 Dr. Guy Hollingsworth, Delegate  
District 68 Ms. Meghan Espinoza, Delegate  
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate  
District 70 Ms. Pamela Alper, Delegate  
District 71 Mr. Kenny Krueger, Alternate  
District 72 Ms. Nora Downing, Delegate  
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate  
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

**Governing Board Members Absent:**

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

**Welcome New Staff**

Mrs. Chris Perry introduced new teachers at the Molloy Education Center. Mrs. Hartranft introduced new teachers and ancillary staff assigned in the satellite classrooms and Mrs. Arad introduced new NTDSE ancillary staff.

**Open Public Hearing**

At 7:09 P.M., Member Chao stated that the public meeting is open for the community to comment on the FY 22 NTDSE Budget. Hearing no comments from the audience, the Public Hearing closed at 7:10 P.M. and the regular meeting continued.

**CFC Presentation**

Mrs. Kendrick introduced Ms. Christine Gonzales, Executive Director of K-12 Stem and Literacy from District 219; Mrs. Candice Hartranft, NTDSE Director of Special Education; and Ms. Nicole Christie, Instructional Coach in Project ABLE at Molloy. They gave a presentation on CFC (Collaborative for Curriculum).

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Minutes from:**

Open Session from August 12, 2021

**Personnel**

**Employment**

Alaa Abdulkareem, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021  
Al-Shareefi, Sarah, Paraprofessional, effective September 13, 2021  
Jennifer Filin, Coach, .6 FTE, effective August 25, 2021  
Rahil Kabani, Paraprofessional, effective August 26, 2021  
Morgan Leno, Paraprofessional, effective August 16, 2021  
Kelly O’Grady, Paraprofessional, effective September 13, 2021  
Sarah Madden, Paraprofessional, effective August 30, 2021  
Sharon Millon, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021  
Maricela Miranda, Paraprofessional, effective August 19, 2021  
Jenna Soper, Paraprofessional, Part-time, effective September 8, 2021  
Brittany Wilson, Paraprofessional, effective September 7, 2021

**Resignation**

Tyler Hanson, Paraprofessional, effective August 16, 2021  
Ana Kleidorfer, Paraprofessional, effective August 27, 2021  
Michael Kleidorfer, Paraprofessional, effective August 27, 2021

**Accounts Payable**

Effective August 31, 2021 - \$238,609.57

Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

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

**Executive Director’s Report**

Mrs. Kendrick spoke about orientation for new certified staff and paraprofessionals that was held on August 16th and 17th. Opening Day was held outside at Edison School. Most activities were held outside and included a live art presentation for the new building, games with prizes, and a book club discussion. The NTDSE SEED Foundation provided Stan’s Donuts and coffee to staff. Lunch was held in the cafeteria of the school. Mrs. Kendrick gave a COVID update. NTDSE has 5 unvaccinated staff. COVID tests must be performed twice per week for unvaccinated staff. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about vaccinations for students under the age of 11. New district Special Education Directors from Districts 73 and 73.5 attended a Boot Camp on August 11, 2021. Mrs. Kendrick stated that ESY summary of activities were included in the Board packet.

**Principal’s Report:**

Mrs. Perry reported that Molloy has 4 new teachers and 8 new paraprofessionals. She also stated that a part-time child psychiatrist is working with Molloy students. NTDSE will participate in the Knights of Columbus candy fundraiser October 8th and 9th.

**Supervisor’s Report:**

Mrs. Arad stated that on September 23rd, NTDSE hosted their first SEED training cohort via Zoom.

Technology Report:

Mr. Mayhall reported that he met with the architect to start technology planning for the new space. He also spoke about a voice-over IP phone system.

**Finance/Facilities Report**

Ms. Gavin reported that the bid opening for the Molloy renovation was held on August 27th. Members Chao and Vranas attended. Included in the packet were motions regarding bid awards for the construction and asbestos abatement. Ms. Gavin and Mrs. Kendrick met with North Short Transit to discuss the bus driver shortage. North Shore Transit also shared the vaccination status of their drivers and aides. Ms. Gavin reported that the NTDSE audit is ongoing. She noted that the DECO grant of 2 MIL for the renovation reached the application process. The second reading of the FY 22 budget is included in the Board packet. Ms. Gavin is working on the IDEA grants for member districts.

**Policy Report**

None

**CFC Report**

None

**New Business**

Member Vranas moved to approve the Intergovernmental for Library Services with the Board of Library Trustees of the Village of Skokie, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Espinoza seconded the motion.

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

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

Member Vranas moved to approve the Strategic Planning Process Proposal presented by Educational Leadership Solutions, as presented and 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), Alper (D70), Krueger (D71), Downing (D72), Santoro (D73), Vranas (D74)
- No: None
- Abstain: None
- Absent: Arias (D73.5)

Member Chao discussed the proposed policies from PRESS, Issue 107. He asked for an amendment to policy 6:100.

**Old Business**

Member Vranas moved to approve the NTDSE budgets of revenues and expenditures for the 2021-2022 school year, 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), Alper (D70), Krueger (D71),  
Downing (D72), Santoro (D73), Vranas (D74)  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Arias (D73.5)

Member Vranas moved to award the publicly bid 2022 and 2023 summer asbestos abatement projects at the Julia S. Molloy Education Center to NES Environmental 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), Alper (D70), Krueger (D71),  
Downing (D72), Santoro (D73), Vranas (D74)  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Arias (D73.5)

Member Vranas moved to award the construction contracts to the lowest, responsive, responsible bidder as identified in Exhibit 2 as per the NTDSE Governing Board's existing contract with Nicholas and Associates and as outlined in the bid documents. The contracts are assigned to Nicholas and Associates to act as construction manager at risk (i.e. general contractor) upon Board approval and 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), Alper (D70), Krueger (D71),  
Downing (D72), Santoro (D73), Vranas (D74)  
No: None  
Abstain: None  
Absent: Arias (D73.5)

### **Communications**

Mrs. Kendrick spoke about student enrollment data. She added that NTDSE has 47 out of district students. She also shared staff responses to their *Bright Spot*.

### **Closed Session**

At 8:11 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 Santor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

At 8:17 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas and seconded by Member Chao to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

  
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President

  
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