

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
April 14, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, April 14, 2022, 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 70 Mr. George Karagozian, Alternate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 71 Mr. Joe Kuffel, 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

Presentation

Mrs. Kendrick shared a celebration video of two students that transitioned back to their home district.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Minutes from:

Open Session from March 10, 2022
Closed Session from March 10, 2022

Employment

Andrea Christoforou, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective August 18, 2022
Brianna Contreras, Paraprofessional, effective April 4, 2022
Andrew Forlow, Paraprofessional, effective April 4, 2022
Laila Oda, Paraprofessional, effective April 4, 2022
Dana Phelan, Educational Sign Language Interpreter, effective April 21, 2022
Svetlana Sokolovic, Paraprofessional, effective April 4, 2022

Elyse Szymanski, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective August 18, 2022

Claire Tracy, Speech/Language Pathologist, effective August 18, 2022

Devon Wright, Paraprofessional, effective April 11, 2022

Resignation

Sofi Gomez, Social Worker, effective June 3, 2022

Alison Goosinow, Paraprofessional, effective March 30, 2022

Noura Sayage, Paraprofessional, effective January 21, 2022

Accounts Payable

Effective March 31, 2022 - \$528,510.68

Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Santoro (D73), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: Karagozian (D70)

Absent: Kuffel (D71), Downing (D72), Arias (D73.5)

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick spoke about an increase in staff projections for the 2022-2023 school year. She shared a spreadsheet which also included historical data. She reported that NTDSE's End of the Year Party will be held at Zia's Social on May 18, 2022. Two retirees will be honored.

Director's Report:

Mrs. Hartranft reported that *The Coming Together in Niles Township* event wrapped up in April. Multiple NTDSE team members offered a wide range of programming showing the impact of disability experiences. The programs were well attended by community members. Thank you to the Linconwood Library for supporting the programs.

Principal's Report:

Ms. Perry reported on the ESYsession that will be held at Edison School. She reported that staff will start packing the Molloy offices beginning April 23, 2022.

Supervisor's Report:

Mrs. Arad reported on professional development which included a 6-week Sign Language course via Zoom, hosted by DHH teacher, Lori Eslik. NTDSE Coach, Jen Sobacki hosted a Crisis De-Escalation Training for D70. D73 requested training in Step Up to Writing Curriculum. NTDSE hosted this training after school via Zoom. Lurie's Children's Hospital provided a presentation on Gender 101. Upcoming trainings includes Kagan Cooperative Learning and Paraprofessional Microcredentialing.

Technology Report:

Mr. Mayhall stated he has been finalizing technology infrastructure for the new building. Projects include access control for door entry, security cameras, data cabling, and setups for gym and conference rooms in the new space.

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin reported that the Committee reviewed accounts payable. She gave an update on the construction at Molloy. Ms. Gavin stated that there will be an increase from EBC on health and dental rates. She will have the rate proposal in May. She informed the Board that RSM will no longer serve as NTDSE's auditor. She is researching firms to provide auditing services for FY 22. She will provide more information for the Board at the May meeting.

Policy Report

None

CFC Report

NTDSE will host the June meeting.

Closed Session

At 7:22 P.M., it was moved by Member Chao that the Governing Board enter into a closed session for the purpose of the discussion of personnel. Member Hollingsworth seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

New Business

Mrs. Kendrick reviewed the ESY proposals for Edison School and Meyer School. Mrs. Kendrick referred to the staffing proposal included in the Board packet. She discussed the new position, Behavior Support Specialist, and its responsibilities. NTDSE will hire an additional staff member for a buildings and grounds/custodian. NTDSE is also in need of sign language paraprofessionals.

Member Vranas moved to approve the NTDSE staffing projections for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Espinosa seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Espinoza (D68), Chao (D69), Karagozian (D70), Santoro (D73), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Kuffel (D71), Downing (D72), Arias (D73.5)

Old Business

Motions included under Old Business will be tabled until the May meeting.

Communications

Mrs. Kendrick provided standard student enrollment data. She also shared the staff recognition submissions and a letter from the Skokie Public Library. Thank you letters to the Executive Director and Governing Board were shared.

Adjournment

At 7:57 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.



President

Secretary

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