

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
September 8, 2022**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in the Administrative Offices at the Molloy Education Center.

Call to Order and Roll Call

Governing Board President Chao called the meeting to order at 6:02 P.M.

The following Governing Board Members were in attendance:

District 67 Dr. Guy Hollingsworth, Delegate
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate
District 70 Ms. Pam Alper, Delegate
District 71 Mr. Joe Kuffel, Delegate
District 72 Ms. Nora Downing, Delegate
District 73.5 Dr. LaTasha Nelson, Delegate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 68 Ms. Meghan Espinoza, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, 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. Perry introduced R. Drase, P. Gillespie, J. Londberg, S. Pakosta, O. Pasko, and S. Sherman.
Mrs. Hartranft introduced J. Cruz, A. Chiu, K. Rossmann, M. Chapman, L. Rieger, and K. Totsch.
Mrs. Arad introduced A. Christoforou, I. French, E. Szymanski, C. Tracy, E. Malliaras, and H. Morris.

Open Public Hearing

Member Chao stated that the public meeting is open for the community to comment on the FY 23 NTDSE Budget. Hearing no comments from the audience, the meeting continued.

Presentation - Infinitec Video

Mrs. Kendrick shared a video of the UPC Infinitec Banquet honoring an NTDSE (D68) student for the use of his assistive technology device.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Minutes from:

Open Session from August 11, 2022
Closed Session from August 11, 2022

Employment

Angela Caldwell, Paraprofessional, effective September 2, 2022
Hailey Fermin, Paraprofessional, effective August 18, 2022
Sophia LaCoppola, Paraprofessional, effective September 2, 2022
Claire Magoc, Paraprofessional, effective September 2, 2022
Olivia Pasko, Project CLASS Teacher, effective August 18, 2022
Krishnah Rao, Paraprofessional, effective August 18, 2022

Resignation

Nick Edwards, Custodian, effective September 30, 2022
Monica Herrera, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2022
Meesha Jackson, Paraprofessional, effective August 28, 2022
Patrick Reilly, Paraprofessional, effective August 31, 2022
Besset Sabourin, Special Education Coordinator, effective September 30, 2022
Brittany Wilson, Paraprofessional, effective August 16, 2022

Adjustment

Joydeep Singh, Network Manager, effective July 1, 2022

FASTBRIDGE Contract Renewal - \$48,778

Accounts Payable

Effective August 31, 2022 - \$1,571,782.45

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

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Downing (D72),
Nelson (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Espinoza (D68), Santoro (D73)

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick shared historical student enrollment data and spoke about the significant increase in students. NTDSE needs to hire two teachers and eight paraprofessionals. A Project ABLE teacher is needed at Molloy. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about the need for satellite classroom space. She has had discussions with District 72. Mrs. Kendrick said that the Articles of Agreement need to be reviewed. Three committees will be formed. She asked that at least one person from every district choose a committee. Mrs. Kendrick stated that she is happy to attend district Board meetings. Mrs. Kendrick announced that NTDSE's theme for Opening Day was "Choose Happy." Staff read the book "The Happiness Advantage" during the summer. Opening Day at Molloy was held in the new gym. Activities consisted of "Know your Why," team building activities, and lunch sponsored by Nicholas & Associates. Mrs. Kendrick said she would host district visits to tour the new building. Mrs. Kendrick shared the revised Threat Assessment Procedures. The Procedures were submitted to the Regional Office of Education. Mrs. Kendrick stated that a summary of activities from ESY was included in

Board members' folders. She thanked D69 and D73.5 for hosting ESY. Mrs. Kendrick will attend the IAASE state conference in October. Molloy teachers will present at the conference. She also plans to attend the National Special Education Conference in Salt Lake City in November.

Director's Report

Mrs. Hartranft spoke about the increase in students in satellite classrooms. She also spoke about mentor meetings with new staff.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Perry thanked the Governing Board for the renovation at Molloy. The students and staff were happy to be in their newly renovated space.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Arad spoke about Professional Learning. NTDSE is hosting the first of four Legal Series for Special Education Administrators. Attorney firms utilized throughout the township presented. District 73 helped coordinate the presentations. They will present on "Hot Topics" impacting schools.

Technology Report

Mr. Mayhall spoke about the new technology in the building that included security cameras, intercoms, new phones, etc. The professional development room and conference room on the second floor have been completed. Mr. Mayhall also stated that a volunteer group of computer programmers from CSG came in to help program computers, phones, etc.

Mrs. Kendrick informed the Board that NTDSE was chosen to be part of the Build-A-Guitar program through AbbVie. NTDSE received seven electric guitars. Mrs. Kendrick announced that Mrs. Hartranft received her Doctorate degree. Member Vranas thanked Mrs. Perry, Mr. Mayhall, and Mr. O'Malley for their tireless work with the Molloy construction.

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin reported that the Committee reviewed accounts payable. She stated that facility meetings continue with Nicholas Construction and TRIA Architecture. NCISC approved occupancy and elevator use. The facilities team prepared a punch list for the architects. Ms. Gavin continues to track technology and furniture supply issues. The Committee discussed cyber insurance. Ms. Gavin stated that the FY 23 budget is presented for approval under Old Business.

Policy Report

None

CFC Report

None

Old Business

Member Vranas moved to approve the NTDSE budgets of revenues and expenditures for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Nelson seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Downing (D72), Nelson (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Espinoza (D68), Santoro (D73)

Member Vranas moved to approve the Special Education Transportation Contract with North Shore Transit, Inc. from August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2024 at a 5% increase, as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee and the Executive Director. Member Kuffel seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Hollingsworth (D67), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Downing (D72),
Nelson (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Espinoza (D68), Santoro (D73)

Communications

Mrs. Kendrick shared staff "Happy" experiences.

Closed Session

At 6:40 P.M., it was moved by Member Chao that the Governing Board enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and personnel. Member Downing seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

At 6:44 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.



Vice President



Secretary

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