

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION  
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807  
Cook County, Illinois  
November 3, 2022**

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A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, November 3, 2022, in the Administrative Offices at the Molloy Education Center.

**Call to Order and Roll Call**

Governing Board Vice President Vranas called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

**The following Governing Board Members were in attendance:**

District 68 Ms. Meghan Espinoza, Delegate  
District 70 Ms. Pam Alper, Delegate  
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate  
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

**Governing Board Members Absent:**

District 67 Dr. Guy Hollingsworth, Delegate  
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate  
District 71 Mr. Joe Kuffel, Delegate  
District 72 Ms. Nora Downing, Delegate  
District 73.5 Dr. LaTasha Nelson, Delegate

**Others Present:**

C. Hartranft, C. Perry, S. Arad, R. Mayhall, T. Kendrick, K. Gavin, C. Wohl, A. Grmusich, Sullivan Family, 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

**Presentations**

**Student Spotlight**

Mrs. Perry introduced NTDSE student M. Sullivan (D68). Mrs. Perry spoke about the student's fundraising activities for Molloy, which included a lemonade stand and a food drive to subsidize the local food pantry.

**Bringing Student Present Levels to Life**

Mrs. Kendrick introduced Mrs. Colleen Ward, Coach, and Ms. Amy Grmusich, Teacher. They gave a presentation on how they share student present levels to parents through video.

*Member Hollingsworth entered the meeting at 6:20 P.M.*

*Member Nelson entered the meeting at 6:33 P.M.*

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

**Minutes from:**

Open Session from September 8, 2022  
Closed Session from September 8, 2022

**Personnel**

**Employment**

Woubit Abdel, Paraprofessional, effective September 28, 2022  
Ariana Greco, Paraprofessional, effective October 3, 2022  
Luis Liapa, Paraprofessional, effective September 19, 2022  
Howard Marubio, Paraprofessional, effective September 13, 2022  
Cagni Orear, Paraprofessional, effective October 24, 2022  
Terrence Richardson, Evening Custodian, effective November 7, 2022

**Resignation**

Keven Hansen, Paraprofessional, effective September 18, 2022  
Sophia LaCoppola, Paraprofessional, effective August 11, 2022  
Petain Navez, Paraprofessional, effective October 28, 2022

**Job Abandonment**

Keith Fredrick, Paraprofessional, effective October 24, 2022

**Accounts Payable**

Effective September 30, 2022 - \$1,550,499.85  
Effective October 31, 2022 - \$831,136.17

Member Alper seconded the motion.

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

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

**Executive Director's Report**

Mrs. Kendrick reported that NTDSE needs 13 paraprofessionals, two teachers, and a part-time physical therapist. She has been in touch with several universities with recruiting efforts. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about the three committees that reviewed the Articles of Agreement. She will have a recommendation for the Governing Board in January. Mrs. Kendrick and Ms. Gavin are available to attend district board meetings to discuss the proposals. Mrs. Kendrick participated in a panel through the Council for Exceptional Children regarding the shortage of school administrators. She will attend the CASE Conference in Salt Lake City from November 8 - 11th. Mrs. Kendrick and Ms. Gavin attended the ED-RED luncheon on October 6th. Mrs. Kendrick gave a tour of Molloy to township business managers and directors on October 17th.

**Director's Report**

Mrs. Hartranft informed the Board that the NTDSE Raptors basketball season has begun. The first game will take place in December. In addition, the cheerleaders will return to support the team. NTDSE continues to receive referrals from the member districts. Mrs. Kendrick has been in communication with superintendents regarding additional classroom space. NTDSE continues to partner with Dr. Mark Dixon in implementing the PEAK approach.

**Principal's Report**

Mrs. Perry reported that NTDSE students are once again participating in community outings. Students attended the library, went shopping, and helped at the food pantry.

**Supervisor's Report**

Mrs. Arad gave an update on professional development. Mr. Habeeb Quadri, Superintendent of the the Muslim Community Center, gave a presentation entitled "Diversity": The Immigrant and Cultural Minority Perspective. NTDSE partnered with Southwest Cook County to offer a 2-Day ADOS-2 training. Two NTDSE DHH teachers began their 5-week sign language session. Institute Day will be held on November 7th. It will include behavior training for paraprofessionals, communication devices, and sessions with Dr. Mark Dixon regarding the PEAK Assessment tool.

**Technology Update**

Mr. Mayhall reported that work started with ProvenIT, an electronic archiving system to digitize file cabinets and archive documents. Digital clocks are installed. Mr. Mayhall is working on an Incident Response Plan as suggested by NTDSE's cyber insurance company.

*Member Santoro left the meeting at 6:45 PM.*

**Finance/Facilities Report**

Ms. Gavin reported that the Committee reviewed Accounts Payable. The construction team meets regularly to review the school punch list. Ms. Gavin reported that the first phase of the audit is complete. She shared paraprofessional salary information with the Committee.

**Policy Report**

None

**CFC Report**

None

**Communications**

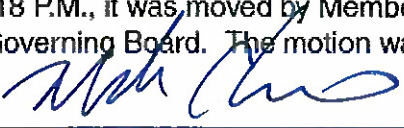
Mrs. Kendrick reviewed enrollment data which showed an increase in students. Mrs. Kendrick read all the nominations for "Friend of NTDSE."

**Closed Session**

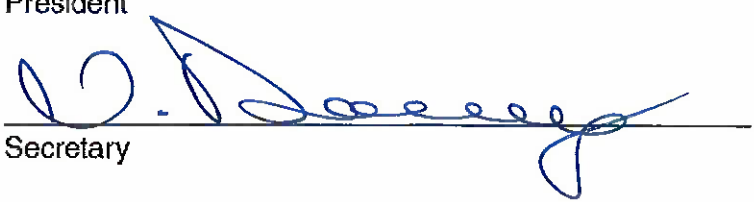
At 6:59 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas that the Governing Board enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation and personnel. Member Alper seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

**Adjournment**

At 7:18 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas and seconded by Member Espinoza to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.



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President



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Secretary

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