

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
January 12, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, January 12, 2023, 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 6:05 P.M.

The following Governing Board Members were in attendance:

District 68 Mr. Jeffrey Sterbenc, Alternate
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate
District 70 Ms. Pam Alper, Delegate
District 72 Ms. Nora Downing, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 67 Mr. Noel Lorenzana, Delegate
District 71 Mr. Joe Kuffel, Delegate
District 73.5 Dr. LaTasha Nelson, Delegate

Others Present:

C. Hartranft, C. Perry, S. Arad, R. Mayhall, T. Kendrick, K. Gavin, S. Bellinder, M. Thomas, B. Kulaga, K. Safely, and C. Dimas.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Governing Board recited the Pledge.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

A revised Agenda and Consent Agenda were included in Board members' folders.

Audience to Visitor

None

Presentations

Micro-Credentialling

Ms. Arad spoke about the micro-credentialing certificate that can be obtained through Infinitec. The training consists of 10 training videos. Several paraprofessionals from District 67 and District 68 participated in the training.

Vision Department

Ms. Arad introduced the Vision Department: Ms. Bellinder, Ms. Thomas, Mr. Kulaga, and Ms. Safely. They gave a presentation on the department's service models and how they work with students on orientation and mobility. They provided several slides and pictures of their students' progress.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Minutes from:

Open Session from November 3, 2022

Closed Session from November 3, 2022

Personnel

Employment

Pierre Lewis, Evening Custodian, effective December 19, 2022

Adriana Markese, Paraprofessional, effective November 7, 2022

Sean O'Callaghan, Paraprofessional, effective January 17, 2023

Talia Prilutsky, Paraprofessional, effective September 20, 2022

Amber Rowley, Paraprofessional, effective December 5, 2022

Tiffany Rowley, Paraprofessional, effective November 7, 2022

Resignation

Gary Covington, Evening Custodian, effective September 19, 2022

Kaitlyn Miller, Project CLASS teacher, effective December 16, 2022

Cagni Orear, Paraprofessional, effective October 24, 2022

Accounts Payable

Effective November 30, 2022 - \$252,281.67

Effective December 31, 2022 - \$285,780.02

Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sterbenc (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Downing (D72), Santoro (D73), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Kuffel (D71), Nelson (D73.5)

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick stated that she is working with North Cook Intermediate Services to complete an audit for the EL programming. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about participating in both virtual and in-person job fairs and working with local universities to recruit potential candidates for ESY and the 2023-2024 school year. NTDSE has scheduled meetings in January with the districts regarding purchased services needs and students for the 2023-2024 school year. Mrs. Kendrick and Ms. Gavin will attend the ED-RED legislative dinner on January 23, 2023. Mrs. Kendrick thanked the districts that completed the NTDSE Satisfaction Survey. She also gave an update on contract negotiations. Discussion continues regarding finances.

Director's Report

Mrs. Hartranft spoke about ESY. The session will run from June 21 - July 14, 2023. Molloy and Satellite programs will be held at Edison, and Early Childhood will be held at Meyer. NTDSE hired a K-2 satellite teacher for the classroom at Madison. ACCESS testing will begin in January. All EL will be accessed by NTDSE speech-language pathologists and school psychologists. She also stated that she completed Cognitive Coaching training with Mrs. Arad and Mrs. Smith. The Raptors basketball team will play at Forest View school on January 14, 2023.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Perry stated that the remainder of the furniture and artwork had been delivered and installed at Molloy. She stated that she had filled the Project ABLE Teacher position at Molloy. The NTDSE Parent Group, which consisted of 33 parents, met to discuss various topics. This group is led and run by the parents.

Member Santoro left the meeting at 6:45 P.M.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Arad spoke about the Satisfaction Survey that was sent to member districts in December. Information is gathered at the midpoint of the year so the staff can follow up on any concerns from the districts. Spring Institute Day will be held on March 3, 2023, with the following districts participating: 67, 68, 69, 72, 73, 73.5, and 74. The event will be held at Niles North High School. The participants will be together in the morning and the districts will break off on their own in the afternoon.

Technology Update

Mr. Mayhall reported that he began working on ADA compliance in the district website with the guidance of AAATraq. Staff training will start in January for the electronic archiving solution. The new sound system in the gymnasium is complete.

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin stated that the committee reviewed accounts payable. The facilities team met for a Page Turn meeting regarding Phase 3 of the Molloy renovation. The Life Safety inspection will take place in January. Ms. Gavin reported that she will attend an EBC meeting to gather information regarding preliminary rates for health care. The Audit Committee will meet with NTDSE's new auditor. She will present the audit report in March for approval.

Policy Report

The first reading of proposed new and amended policies, Issue 110 was emailed to Board members.

CFC Report

None

New Business

Member Vranas moved that the Governing Board authorize the destruction of audio recordings of its closed meetings, as listed on the attachment, and to which closed meetings' official minutes have been approved and no litigation under the Open Meetings Act is pending, as recommended by the Executive Director. Member Downing seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sterbenc (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Downing (D72), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73), Nelson (D73.5)

Member Vranas moved that the closed meeting minutes, as reflected in the attachment, be found to continue to require confidentiality and not be released at this time, as recommended by the Executive Director. Member Alper seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sterbenc (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Downing (D72), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73), Nelson (D73.5)

Member Vranas moved to approve the following amended NTDSE Board policy from PRESS Issue 110, October 2022, as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Executive Director: *7:70 Attendance and Truancy*. Member Alper seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sterbenc (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Downing (D72), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73), Nelson (D73.5)

Mrs. Kendrick spoke about the revised Articles of Agreement that were included in the Board packet. She specifically spoke about the new formula recommendations regarding the number of NTDSE classrooms in the districts. She also informed the Board that they will receive a link to SuperEval so they may complete her annual evaluation. Also included for the Board's review was the proposed academic calendar for 2023-2024.

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.

Return to Open Session

Member Chao motioned for the Governing Board to return to open session at 7:05 P.M. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Member Vranas moved to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding 2022-2023 Base Hourly Salary Rate for Support Staff between the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education and the Niles Township Federation of Special Education Educators and Support Staff, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Alper seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sterbenc (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Downing (D72), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73), Nelson (D73.5)

Member Vranas moved to approve the Settlement Agreement Related to Architectural Services, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Alper seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sterbenc (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Downing (D72), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73), Nelson (D73.5)

Communications

Mrs. Kendrick spoke about student enrollment data. She included information on a FOIA she received. She also included staff's "Happy" experiences and recognition to NTDSE's social workers.

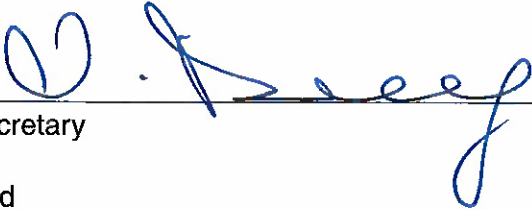
Adjournment

At 7:10 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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