

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
May 11, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, May 11, 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 6:07 P.M.

The following Governing Board Members were in attendance:

District 67 Ms. Katie Leslie, Alternate
District 68 Dr. Noelle Sullivan, Delegate
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate
District 70 Ms. Pamela Alper, Delegate
District 71 Mr. Joe Kuffel, Alternate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 72 Ms. Jacqueline Bujdei, Delegate
District 73.5 Dr. LaTasha Nelson, Delegate

Others Present:

C. Perry, C. Hartranft, S. Arad, R. Mayhall, J. Cruz, H. Lane, C. Shafer, T. Kendrick, K. Gavin, and C. Dimas

Pledge of Allegiance

The Governing Board recited the Pledge.

Audience to Visitor

None

Adjournment Sine Die

Mrs. Kendrick was appointed to serve as President Pro Tem for the purpose of conducting the meeting prior to the reorganization of the Governing Board. Governing Board members recited the oath.

Reorganization of Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education

Member Santoro moved that Member Chao be nominated to serve as President of the NTDSE Governing Board through the May 2025 meeting of the Governing Board. Member Chao accepted the nomination.

Member Chao moved that Member Vranas be nominated to serve as Vice President of the NTDSE Governing Board through the May 2025 meeting of the Governing Board. Member Vranas accepted the nomination.

Member Vranas moved that Member Alper be nominated to serve as Secretary of the NTDSE Governing Board through the May 2025 meeting of the Governing Board. Member Alper accepted the nomination.

All nominations were approved unanimously.

Member Vranas moved to appoint Christina Dimas as the Secretary to the Governing Board through the May 2025 meeting of the Governing Board. Ms. Dimas accepted the appointment.

The following Board members agreed to the following Committees:

Finance/Facilities: Member Santoro, Member Vranas, and Member Chao

Policy: Member Chao

CFC: Member Sullivan and Member Vranas. Member Chao will serve as an alternate.

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

A revised Consent Agenda was included in Board Members' folders.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Minutes from:

Open Session from April 13, 2023

Closed Session from April 13, 2023

Personnel

Employment

Joy Chang, Vision and O & M Itinerant, effective August 17, 2023

Kristy Getty, Occupational Therapist, effective August 17, 2023

Grace Hay, High School Project CLASS Teacher, effective August 17, 2023

Megan Meredith, School Psychologist, effective August 17, 2023

Anne Nanninga, Instructional Coach, effective August 17, 2023

Bosung Park, School Nurse, effective August 17, 2023

Sydney Ratliff, Project CLASS Teacher, effective August 17, 2023

Kelly Sheehy, Project CLASS Teacher, effective August 17, 2023

Jonathan Torres, Evening Custodian, effective April 26, 2023

Nicole Wyack, High School LIFE Skills Teacher, effective August 17, 2023

Resignation

James Cox, Paraprofessional, effective June 8, 2023

Patrick Soper, Paraprofessional, effective May 26, 2023 (Revised date)

Accounts Payable

Effective April 30, 2023: \$165,615.48

Member Alper seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Leslie (D67), Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73),
Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bujdei (72), Nelson (D73.5)

Presentation

Mrs. Hartranft introduced NTDSE Coaches Julie Cruz, Heather Lane, and Christiana Shafer. They gave a presentation on coaching practices in the district.

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick reported on the open positions needed for the 2023-24 school year. Mrs. Kendrick contacted the township Superintendents regarding the need for one additional satellite classroom. Mrs. Kendrick gave an update on Professional Learning, including RTO Writing Day, June 15th (AM), and Discipline 101 for

Administrators (PM). Caroline Roselli will present both. The amended Articles of Agreement were approved. NTDSE is waiting for one district's resolution. Mrs. Kendrick stated that the EL Audit is in process. She hopes to have an update in June. Mrs. Kendrick stated that she is working with NTDSE's attorney to draft an agreement for partnership with Lurie's Children's Hospital for audiology services. She reported that Phase 3 of the Molloy construction will begin on June 9th. The estimated completion is August 28th. Mrs. Kendrick stated that NTDSE is turning over its fiscal duties for the ECA. New Board Orientation will be held in July. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about Teacher Appreciation Week and the End of the Year celebration.

Director's Report

Mrs. Hartranft spoke about the Raptor's basketball team. A celebration banquet is planned for the players.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Perry stated that many families contributed food and treats to the Molloy staff for Teacher Appreciation Week. She also received a significant contribution of Legos for the students.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Arad spoke about Summer Professional Learning. NTDSE Vision Itinerants attended a workshop given by the Illinois Service Resource Center on how to support the social-emotional needs of individuals diagnosed with vision loss. NTDSE hosted the PREPaRE Training. The training helps schools with the ability to strengthen their school safety and crisis management plans. District 69 and the Morton Grove Police Department were also in attendance.

Technology Report

Mr. Mayhall is currently evaluating several parent and emergency communication platforms. He is working with member districts' tech departments in planning for next year's classroom moves.

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin stated that the Committee reviewed accounts payable. She spoke about summer construction and the timely ordering of furniture and doors. Ms. Gavin stated that the Committee reviewed the inspection paperwork from the ROE. The Committee discussed the EBC renewal rate. A motion is included for approval under Old Business. She stated that the Amended FY 23 Budget will be discussed under New Business. The Collective Bargaining Agreement is included for Board approval. The Committee discussed the CLIC insurance renewals.

Policy Report

The second reading of PRESS Policies, Issue 111, will be discussed under Old Business.

CFC Report

None

New Business

Member Vranas moved to approve the calendar dates for the Niles Township District for Special Education Governing Board meetings for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Santoro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Member Vranas moved to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Niles Township District for Special Education #807 Governing Board and the Niles Township Federation of Special Education Educators and Support Staff effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, as recommended by the Executive Director. Member Chao seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Leslie (D67), Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73),
Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bujdei (72), Nelson (D73.5)

Ms. Gavin explained the changes included in the amended FY 23 budget.

Closed Session

At 7:26 P.M., it was moved by Member Chao that the Governing Board enter into a closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Member Santoro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Return to Open Session

At 7:45 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas and seconded by Member Chao for the Governing Board to return to open session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business

Member Vranas moved to approve the budgets for the Extended School Year program for students with disabilities beginning June 21 through July 14, 2023, Monday through Thursday (and/or Friday), to be held at Edison School, District 69, and Meyer School, District 73.5, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Leslie (D67), Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73),
Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bujdei (72), Nelson (D73.5)

Member Chao moved to approve the following new and amended NTDSE Board policies from PRESS Issue 111, March 2023, as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Executive Director:

- 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers
- 3:40 Superintendent
- 4:40 Incurring Debt
- 4:60 Purchases and Contracts
- 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria
- 5:90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting
- 5:125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct
- 5:150 Personnel Records
- 5:260 Student Teachers
- 6:210 Instructional Materials
- 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities
- 8:70 Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities

Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Leslie (D67), Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73),
Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bujdei (72), Nelson (D73.5)

Member Vranas moved to renew the District's participation in the healthcare plan (medical and dental) offered through membership in the Educational Benefit Cooperative (EBC) from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Kuffel seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Leslie (D67), Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Kuffel (D71), Santoro (D73),
Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Bujdei (72), Nelson (D73.5)

Communications

Mrs. Kendrick spoke about the increase in student enrollment. She stated that NTDSE needs an additional satellite classroom and two additional Molloy classrooms. She shared "Choose Happy" responses.

Adjournment

At 7:50 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas and seconded by Member Alper to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.



President



Secretary

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