

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
June 8, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, June 8, 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 6:03 P.M.

The following Governing Board Members were in attendance:

District 68 Dr. Noelle Sullivan, Delegate
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate
District 70 Ms. Pamela Alper, Delegate
District 72 Ms. Jacqueline Bujdei, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate
District 74 Mr. Kevin Daly, Alternate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 67 Mr. Noel Lorenzana, Delegate
District 71 Mr. Matt Holbrook, Delegate
District 73.5 Dr. LaTasha Nelson, Delegate

Others Present:

C. Perry, C. Hartranft, S. Arad, T. Kendrick, K. Gavin, and C. Dimas

Pledge of Allegiance

The Governing Board recited the Pledge.

Audience to Visitor

None

Changes/Additions to the Agenda

None

Presentation

Mrs. Perry spoke about the NTDSE ABLE students that raised money for the C.A.R.E.S. Animal Shelter. She also shared that the High School Transition team worked at the Skokie Food Pantry. "Hersey Days" was held on May 19th. Mrs. Perry shared pictures from the three events. Also shared was the Infinitec Awards and Banquet video honoring NTDSE student M. Malik (D219).

Closed Session

At 6:22 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 6:29 P.M., it was moved by Member Chao and seconded by Member Alper for the Governing Board to return to open session. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Minutes from:

Open Session from May 11, 2023

Closed Session from May 11, 2023

Personnel

Employment

Olga Alfaro, Teacher of Record, effective August 17, 2023

Brooke Dahm, Teacher of Record, effective August 17, 2023

Giselle Diaz, School Psychologist Intern, effective August 17, 2023

Christine Kenning, Social Worker, effective August 17, 2023

Jessie Nimz-Johns, 1:1 Nurse, effective August 17, 2023

Aileen Reed, Occupational Therapist, effective August 17, 2023

Patrick Russell, Teacher of Record, effective August 17, 2023

Amy Rzeszutko, Social Worker, effective August 17, 2023

Sophie Scanlon, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective August 17, 2023

Marie Sheedy, Coordinator for Special Education, effective August 1, 2023

Thomas Swanson, Music Therapist, effective August 17, 2023

ESY Personnel

As presented

Resignation

Jennifer Miller, Teacher, effective June 12, 2023

Savannah Pakosta, Teacher, effective July 14, 2023

Kris Roa, Paraprofessional, effective June 8, 2023

Sarah Ryan-Jetha, Paraprofessional, effective July 14, 2023

Leave of Absence

Alexandra Frank, Speech-Language Pathologist, effective 2023-24 school year.

Accounts Payable

Effective April 30, 2023: \$218,970.37

Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73), Daly (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

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

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick stated that she will share the EL Audit report in August. Molloy students celebrated prom which was held on May 19th and graduation which was held on June 6th. NTDSE needs to hire teachers, speech pathologists, physical therapists, and paraprofessionals. Mrs. Kendrick provided a list of purchased services offerings. Mrs. Kendrick stated that NTDSE will no longer be the fiscal agent for the Early Childhood Alliance, effective June 30th. The leadership team will hold four retreat days during the summer. New Board orientation will be held on July 12th. Mrs. Kendrick stated that the new CBA includes a program for department leads for OT/PT, DHH, and Vision. Mrs. Kendrick attended ISBE's "Those Who Excel" reception which was held in

Bloomington-Normal, IL. An NTDSE coach was honored at the reception. NTDSE purchased the BoardBook program to be used to prepare the Board packet.

Director's Report

Mrs. Hartranft spoke about the enrollment for the ESY program. A total of 395 students enrolled in ESY. She spoke about the two new satellite classrooms at District 72 and an additional classroom at East Prairie District 73 for the 23-24 school year.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Arad shared the summer professional learning flyer. The events were developed to tailor to the needs of the district. The June session is geared toward veteran teachers and administrators. August sessions are geared toward veteran and new educators.

Technology Report

Mrs. Kendrick stated that NTDSE hired two technology assistants this summer to assist our technology department.

Member Leslie entered the meeting at 6:20 P.M.

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin reported that the committee reviewed Accounts Payable. She gave the committee an update on the Molloy construction. The Molloy pool passed inspection by the Cook County Board of Health. The insurances provided by CLIC, and the Fund Balance Committee recommendations will be discussed under New Business. The second reading of the amended budget will be discussed under Old Business.

Policy Report

None

CFC Report

The next CFC meeting is scheduled for June 12, 2023, at District 69.

New Business

Member Chao moved to approve the workers' compensation, property/casualty, and cyber insurance coverages through Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) from July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024, 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: Leslie (D67), (Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73), Daly (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Holbrook (D71), Nelson (D73.5)

Member Chao moved to approve that the 1.5 MIL of FY 23 excess fund balance be moved to Fund 60, as presented by the Fund Balance Committee and the Executive Director. Member Leslie seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Leslie (D67), Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73), Daly (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Holbrook (D71), Nelson (D73.5)

Member Chao moved to approve the salary recommendations for the following 12-Month Support Staff: C. Dimas, D. Haiges, A. Hastings, M. Hughes-Smith, J. Hummel, M. Kinnare, K. O'Malley, L. Pusateri, T. Richardson, J. Torres, T. Villegas, and A. Vukosavljevic, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Leslie (D67), Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73), Daly (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Holbrook (D71), Nelson (D73.5)

Member Chao moved to approve the compensation packages for the following Administrators: S. Arad, H. Lane, K. Smith, F. Whitney, and Joydeep Singh, as amended and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Alper seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Leslie (D67), Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73), Daly (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Holbrook (D71), Nelson (D73.5)

Old Business

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

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

Yes: Leslie (D67), Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73), Daly (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Holbrook (D71), Nelson (D73.5)

Communications

Mrs. Kendrick spoke about the increase in student enrollment. Mrs. Kendrick shared "Choose Happy" responses. Mrs. Kendrick shared an email from the Illinois State Board of Education thanking our district for allowing the WIDA staff to observe the field test for Alternate ACCESS. She thanked Mrs. Hartranft for her collaboration with the observation.

Adjournment

At 6:57 P.M., it was moved by Member Santoro and seconded by Member Alper to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.

President

Secretary

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