

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
August 10, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, August 10, 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 68 Dr. Noelle Sullivan, Delegate
District 69 Dr. Mark Chao, Delegate
District 70 Ms. Pamela Alper, Delegate
District 71 Mr. Matt Holbrook, Delegate
District 72 Ms. Jacqueline Bujdei, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate
District 73.5 Dr. LaTasha Nelson, Delegate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 67 Mr. Noel Lorenzana, Delegate

Others Present:

C. Perry, C. Hartranft, S. Arad, J. Singh, 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

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 of the:

Open Session of June 8, 2023
Closed Session of June 8, 2023
Special Meeting Open Session of June 20, 2023
Special Meeting Closed Session of June 20, 2023

Personnel

Employment

Amber Chiquini, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Avery Davis, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Laura Fletcher, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Nathaniel Flynn, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Sophia George, CLASS Teacher, effective August 17, 2023

Quintin Goltz, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Arianna Guerrero, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Rozan Haji Abdo, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Deborah Holowicki, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Naila Javed, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Olga Karahalios, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Kiana Knox, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023
Diane Kim, Teacher, effective August 17, 2023
Morgan Leno, Teacher, effective August 17, 2023
Alana Rybak, Orientation & Mobility Specialist, effective August 17, 2023
Amber Sadoski, Instructional Coach, effective August 17, 2023
Basit Zakeria, Paraprofessional, effective August 17, 2023

Resignation

Ban Mohammad, Paraprofessional, effective July 13, 2023
Glaiza Tabornal, Paraprofessional, effective August 2, 2023

Leave of Absence

Sumer Bellinder, Vision Itinerant, effective July 17, 2023

Accounts Payable

Effective June 30, 2023 - \$843,094.26

Effective July 31, 2023 - \$501,505.62

Member Santoro seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Holbrook (D71), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73),
Nelson (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67)

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick thanked the new Board delegates and alternates for attending orientation on July 12th. She spoke about Will's Place in downtown Skokie, a restaurant which employs adults with disabilities. She announced that she will be the celebrity barista on August 24th. Mrs. Kendrick stated that several NTDSE staff participated in the Reunification Plan Drill hosted by the police and fire departments. The drill was held at the Morton Grove Park District on August 3rd. Onboarding for 23 new certified staff will take place August 15th and 16th. Opening Day will be held at Edison School on August 17th. TRIA Architecture provided food trucks for lunch. NTDSE's theme for this school year is *Just Do It*. Mrs. Kendrick attended the ED-RED breakfast, which also included local legislators. Mrs. Kendrick will present the EL audit in September. She discussed the staffing update in the Board packet. Several paraprofessionals were eligible for the alternate licensure program. The program helped to fill staff vacancies. Mrs. Kendrick announced that Mr. Joydeep Singh is the new Director of Technology.

Director's Report

Ms. Hartranft reported on the residency and registration of students. NTDSE has two new classrooms at Fairview. There is an additional classroom at East Prairie and new classrooms at Todd Hall and Highland. The Deaf and Hard of Hearing team will begin a partnership with Lurie's Children's Hospital at their Skokie location. She discussed the Illinois Statewide Literacy Plan.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Perry stated that the administrative assistants are supporting families with registration. Molloy students will start on September 6th. The construction team released areas where staff can set up their spaces. Mrs. Perry thanked the building engineer and his team for the momentous task of moving classrooms. A Meet and Greet, which will be held on September 5th. ParentSquare will replace Seesaw's communication with parents and merge other communication platforms.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Arad spoke about professional learning for new and veteran staff. NTDSE will host a Paraprofessional Bootcamp on August 15th. NTDSE will be taking over the Skokie Public Library/Skokie Cares as the host of the National SEED Project for Niles Township.

Technology Report

Mr. Singh thanked the Board for the opportunity to work as the Director of Technology. Mr. Singh supervised three tech interns during the summer. One intern will stay for the remainder of the school year. He spoke about the benefits of ParentSquare, which will replace Smore, Infinite Campus Messaging, and Seesaw. Molloy will have new interactive smartboards in the classrooms. He is working with various consultants to review NTDSE's infrastructure and security. He is actively looking for a Network Manager.

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin stated that the Committee reviewed Accounts Payable. She discussed the FY 24 budget, which was included in the Board packet. The Committee discussed increasing the Molloy renovation contingency fund. A motion was included under New Business. They discussed several dates for the ribbon-cutting ceremony for Molloy.

Policy Report

There will be new policies presented in September.

CFC Report

None

New Business

Member Vranas moved to approve the amended NTDSE Board policy 5:330 - Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves to state three personal days per year for full-time educational support personnel, as recommended by the Executive Director. Member Nelson seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Holbrook (D71), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73),
Nelson (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67)

Member Vranas moved to approve the use of \$1.25 MIL of funds from Fund 60 to replenish the Molloy Education Center Renovation project's contingency fund 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: Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Holbrook (D71), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73),
Nelson (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67)

Ms. Gavin gave a presentation on the FY 24 budget. Ms. Gavin discussed the transportation contract. Mr. Singh discussed hiring a technology consultant to review the construction plans before completion.

Old Business

Member Vranas moved to approve the Audiological Partnership Agreement with Lurie Children's Hospital, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

Yes: Sullivan (D68), Chao (D69), Alper (D70), Holbrook (D71), Bujdei (72), Santoro (D73),
Nelson (D73.5), Vranas (D74)

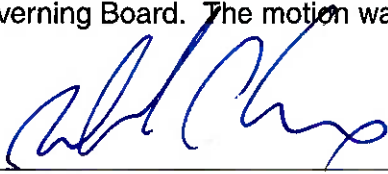
No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67)

Adjournment

At 7:14 P.M., it was moved by Member Vranas and seconded by Member Nelson to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.



President



Secretary

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