

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION
GOVERNING BOARD OF NILES TOWNSHIP DISTRICT FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION #807
Cook County, Illinois
November 9, 2023**

A Regular Meeting of the Governing Board of Niles Township District for Special Education #807 was held on Thursday, November 9, 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 6:02 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 73.5 Dr. LaTasha Nelson, Delegate
District 74 Mr. John Vranas, Delegate

Governing Board Members Absent:

District 67 Mr. Noel Lorenzana
District 71 Mr. Matt Holbrook, Delegate
District 73 Mr. Frank Santoro, Delegate

Others Present:

C. Perry, C. Hartranft, J. Singh, T. Kendrick, K. Gavin, and C. Dimas

Pledge of Allegiance

The Governing Board recited the Pledge.

Audience to Visitor

None

Presentation

Ms. Julie Cruz, NTDSE Behavior Support Specialist, spoke about the parent support group and events held regularly for NTDSE families.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Member Vranas moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Open Session Minutes of November 9, 2023, the Personnel Report, and Accounts Payable reports for November 30, 2023, and December 31, 2023, as presented and recommended by the Executive Director. Member Nelson seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Holbrook (D71), Santoro (D73)

Administrative Reports

Executive Director's Report

Mrs. Kendrick spoke about ED-RED. She was asked to be on the Equalized Funding Committee for Special Education. She stated that superintendents need to advocate for equalized funding. Mrs. Kendrick and Township Superintendents will hold a legislative breakfast with Illinois legislators to discuss equalized funding and using schools as polling places. Mrs. Kendrick stated that student enrollment has decreased in Early Childhood as many districts host their programs. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about staffing as nine maternity leaves will need coverage for the upcoming year. Also, three paraprofessionals are still needed. Mrs. Kendrick spoke about the following committees: Equity, Wellness, Sunshine, and Social Media. The Equity and Wellness newsletters were included in the Board packet.

Director's Report

Mrs. Hartranft gave an update on District Institute Day, which was held on November 3rd. They reviewed the EL Audit and updates for the EL Committee. They shared resources on engaging families and expanding courses through the use of the home language. Staff chose between different PEAK tracks, such as initial assessment and expanding the practice in the classrooms. The CFC team joined Project ABLE and Transition teachers for curriculum training, language arts, and math. The Raptors players and cheerleaders will have their first game on November 27th.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Perry reported that Project ABLE students are participating in a program to boost their basketball skills. Molloy students participated in a pumpkin decorating contest. NTDSE will hold the Fall Family Fun Festival on November 16th. Rainbow Dog Therapy has returned to Molloy.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Kendrick reported on Mrs. Arad's behalf. Mrs. Arad attended a career fair at Niles North High School to speak to students about a career in special education. She gave an update on upcoming Professional Learning, which includes a presentation on Artificial Intelligence.

Technology Report

Mr. Singh reported that he included proposals for a contract with Sentinel Technologies and Arctic Wolf Networks for Board discussion and approval.

Finance/Facilities Report

Ms. Gavin reported that the Committee reviewed Accounts Payable. Construction meetings are held bi-weekly. The south roof is 23 years old and needs restoration. Ms. Gavin issued an RFQ for architectural services on November 7th. The transportation contract extension is included for Board discussion and approval. The Finance Committee will meet with the auditor in December.

Policy Report

The second reading of PRES Policies Issue 112 is included for Board approval.

CFC Report

The next meeting will be held on Monday, November 6th.

Information / Discussion

Mrs. Kendrick distributed her current employment contract. Discussion will continue in January.

Information / Discussion / Action

Mr. Singh gave a presentation on the security services for NTDSE's technology.

Member Vranas moved to approve a one-year contract for Network Management services with Sentinel Technologies Inc. from November 2023 through October 2024, as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee and the Executive Director. Member Sullivan seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Holbrook (D71), Santoro (D73)

Member Vranas moved to approve a one-year contract for cyber security services with Arctic Wolf Networks from November 2023 through October 2024, as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee and the Executive Director. Member Nelson seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Holbrook (D71), Santoro (D73)

Member Chao moved to approve the new and amended NTDSE Board policies from PRESS Issue 112, June 2023, as recommended by the Policy Committee and the Executive Director. Member Nelson seconded the motion.

2:80 Board Member Oath and Conduct; 2:170 Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services; 4:45 Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery; 4:100 Insurance Management; 5:230 Maintaining Student Discipline; 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives; 6:190 Extracurricular and Co-curricular Activities; 6:240 Field Trips; 7:275 Orders to Forgo Life-Sustaining Treatment; 7:305 Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries; 7:330 Student Use of Buildings - Equal Access; 8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities; 8:95 Parental Involvement

The following vote was recorded:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Holbrook (D71), Santoro (D73)

Member Vranas moved to approve the Special Education Transportation Contract Extension with North Shore Transit, Inc. from August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2026. Year 1 2024-2025: 9% increase for First Division vehicles and a 6% increase on all other vehicles, including the cost of the bus aides. Year 2 2025-2026: 6% increase for First Division vehicles and a 5.5% increase on all other vehicles, including the cost of the bus aides, as presented and recommended by the Finance Committee and the Executive Director. Member Sullivan seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Holbrook (D71), Santoro (D73)

Member Vranas moved to approve the Extended School Year (ESY) program to begin June 12 through July 3, 2024, Monday through Friday at the Molloy Education Center and June 13 through July 3, 2024, Monday through Friday at Todd Hall for Early Childhood and Satellite students. Member Nelson seconded the motion.

The following vote was recorded:

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

No: None

Abstain: None

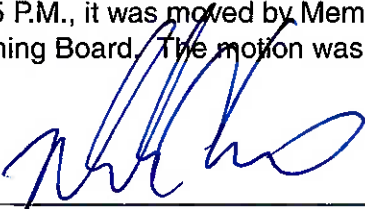
Absent: Lorenzana (D67), Holbrook (D71), Santoro (D73)

Communications

Mrs. Kendrick provided student enrollment data. She shared staff recognition responses and the nominations for Friends of NTDSE.

Adjournment

At 6:55 P.M., it was moved by Member Alper and seconded by Member Nelson to adjourn the meeting of the Governing Board. The motion was approved unanimously.



President



Secretary

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