

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126  
PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH  
11900 South Kostner  
Alsip, IL 60803  
April 12, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary Pierce called the roll.

Present: Marigrace Sinnott-Snooks, President  
Joe LaChica, Vice President  
Lori Pierce, Secretary  
Kimberley Powers, 7:05 p.m.  
Brian McLaughlin  
Harry Tannehill  
Therese Zaker

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent  
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Robert Condon, Director of Special Education  
John Chapman, Network Administrator

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To approve the minutes of the March 8, 2018 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. Abstain: LaChica. The motion carried 6-0-1.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Steve Gress reported we received FOIA's from STEP Trainee, Shriver Center, SEIU Local 73 and NBC-5 and we responded to them within the proper timeframe.

**STAFF/STUDENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

Stony Creek students and staff presented to the board "Celebrating the 4 C's of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning at Stony Creek." Students shared videos and gave a verbal presentation showing the different ways they learn every day.

**EDUCATIONAL REPORT**

Lori Connolly reported that PARCC Testing is underway and going smoothly. Lori Connolly also stated that Kindergarten round up went well and that the numbers were up slightly from last year but will continue to grow as the start of the 2018/2019 School Year approaches.

### **EDUCATIONAL REPORT (continued)**

In Technology, John Chapman reviewed the list of equipment that was presented to the Board for purchase for Summer 2018.

### **PURCHASING**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "To approve the Summer 2018 District hardware/software upgrades at an estimated cost of \$545,000". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Powers, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To approve the purchase of StudySync from McGraw Hill Education in the amount of \$72,957.83". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the purchase of Everyday Math 4 from McGraw Hill Education in the amount of \$69,669.70". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Harry Tannehill, "To approve the Amendments to the Articles of Agreement for the Eisenhower Special Education Cooperative". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To establish the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (except for the months of July and December) at the Prairie Junior High Cafeteria or District Schools as the date, time and place for the District's regular Board Meetings". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Powers, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

Lori Pierce moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "To approve the hiring of a second Social Worker at Prairie Junior High". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To go into Closed Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity".

"Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonable potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public or public property. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: none. the motion carried 7-0 at 8:05 p.m.

### **ACTIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION**

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the issuance of a Notice to Remedy letter to the employee as discussed in closed session and to authorize the President and Secretary of the Board to issue that warning letter to the employee." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: none. the motion carried 7-0.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: None. The motion carried 7-0 at 9:15 p.m.

  
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President

  
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Secretary