

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH
11900 South Kostner
Alsip, IL 60803
February 14, 2019**

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

Pro Tem Secretary Zaker called the roll.

Present: Marigrace Sinnott-Snooks, President
Therese Zaker, Secretary pro tem
Harry Tannehill
Donna Waldrom

Absent: Lori Ann Pierce
Kim Powers
Joe LaChica

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent
Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning
Robert Condon, Director of Special Education
Gina Fiske, Student Support Coordinator

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-0.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Steve Gress stated that we received a FOIA request from Tiffany Scott and we responded within the proper length of time.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Lori Connolly discussed ECRA Group strategic dashboard. It is a way for our district to tell its' story. The customizable dashboard will link to our district website providing additional information about our district. The information is intended to quickly highlight information all stakeholders may have an interest in.

Lori also discussed the online assessment is called AAPPL. It measures standards for learning languages and can be done in Spanish to assess Spanish proficiency beginning in 5th grade. This is the same assessment that high school students take to obtain the Seal of Biltieracy for graduation. This year, we will be giving the assessment to our 5th and 6th grade TWI students. The assessment will measure three modes of communication: interpersonal listening and speaking, writing, and reading and listening - through realistic role-play scenarios and tasks. Results of this first assessment will be shared with the school board.

Gina Fiske updated the board on the Early Childhood Program and Center. She stated enrollment in the preschool program has increased over the past two years to help address the needs of our youngest learners. Criteria to qualify for the program have been examined from the past three years. As a result, adjustments will be made to the current criteria in order to qualify more students for the upcoming school year, ensuring more children have an opportunity to attend our preschool program. The 2019-2020 school year will see three different classroom types to accommodate the increase in students and their specific needs.

Craig Gwaltney reported on staffing for the district. He stated that with the extra students enrolling for Preschool the new EC Center will need one teacher, one instructional aide and one 12 month secretary. He also requested that the Student Services Coordinator be a 12 month position. Craig stated the TWI program will be rolling up to Prairie Junior High next year and we will need to add one teacher to accommodate the class load for the current teacher. He also mentioned a future need would be an ESL Coordinator and it will be discussed at a later date.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Harry Tannehill, "To approve the staffing plan for the 2019-2020 School Year". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-0.

Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adopt the 2019-2020 School Calendar as presented by the Board Calendar Committee". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To adopt the Resolution Regarding Transportation Serious Safety Hazards for the 2018-2019 School Year". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Craig Gwaltney reported that construction is going well at Stony Creek and the kindergarten classrooms are on schedule. He mentioned that Lane is finishing up and that only punch list items are left. Craig also stated that the Lane Early Childhood Center is on track to be ready for the start of the 2019-2020.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To go out to bid for lockers for Stony Creek School." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 4-0.

Steve Gress discussed the 2019 Performance Contract and it was tabled for the March Board Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker, Waldrom. Nay: None. The motion carried 4-0 at 8:20p.m.


President


Secretary