

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH
11900 South Kostner
Alsip, IL 60803
August 8, 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

Secretary Pierce called the roll.

Present: Joe LaChica, Pro-Tem President
Lori Pierce, Secretary
Donna Waldrom
Harry Tannehill
Therese Zaker

Absent: Marigrace Sinnott-Snooks, Kim Powers

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, LaChica, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

FOIA REQUESTS

Steve Gress reported from the Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Services, Open the Books USA, Deltek, Empower Illinois and WEBZ. We have responded in the required timeframe.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Nicole Leggett presented Using Animals in the Educational Program – Therapy Dogs.

FINANCIAL

Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To ratify the July bills paid by the District and approved by the Superintendent for the dates of June 5 through July 19, 2019". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Craig Gwaltney reported that the enrollment numbers remain the same as previous year. To date District 126 has approximately 214 families still needing to register.

OLD BUSINESS

Craig Gwaltney reported on the progress of the summer construction projects which includes the Early Childhood Center at Lane School, the Stony Creek kindergarten classrooms and the renovations at the Hazelgreen gym. The EC Center is pushing forward and should be completed by the first day of school. The final walk through is scheduled for Monday. Stony Creek kindergarten classrooms are completed, furnished and ready to go. Hazelgreen gym will also be completed by the start of school.

CLOSED SESSION

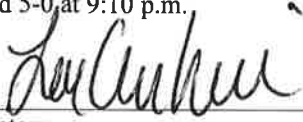
Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To go into Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees in the district or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Tannehill, Pierce, Waldrom, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0 at 8:10 p.m.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To come out of Closed Session". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Powers, McLaughlin, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0 at 9:05p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, Waldrom. Nay: None. The motion carried 5-0, at 9:10 p.m.


President


Secretary