

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126  
October 1, 2020  
Prairie Junior High Cafeteria  
11910 S. Kostner Ave.  
Alsip, IL 60803**

**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  
Lori Ann Pierce, Secretary  
Therese Zaker  
Donna Waldrom  
Harry Tannehill  
Kim Powers

Absent: Joe LaChica

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent  
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations  
Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Robert Condon, Director Special Education  
Claudia Peralta, Bilingual Director

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "That the Public Truth in Taxation Hearing on the 2020 Tax Levy (payable in 2021) be opened." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Waldrom, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

There were no questions/statements or positions from the Audience or Board.

Donna Waldrom moved, seconded by Harry Tannehill, "That the Public Hearing be closed." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Powers, Pierce, Tannehill, Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

**FINANCIAL**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adopt the Resolution Providing for the 2020 Tax Levy (payable in 2021). Said copy to appear at the end of the Minutes." Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Powers, Pierce, Tannehill, Waldrom, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To adopt the Resolution Providing for the 2020 Levy for Working Cash Funds." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Zaker, Powers, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adopt the Reduction Resolution Allocating Tax Levy to Individual Funds of the District – Property Tax Extension Limitation Law, as amended." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Zaker, Pierce, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Waldrom. Nay: none Abstain: Powers. The motion carried 5-0-1.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adopt the Resolution Allocating Tax Levy to Individual Funds of the District – Property Tax Extension Limitation Law as amended." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Powers, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Waldrom, Zaker, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "To adopt the Certificate Regarding Inapplicability of the Truth in Taxation Law." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Zaker, Powers, Pierce, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020, Committee of the Whole Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Zaker, Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks. Nay: none. Abstain: Powers. The motion carried 5-0-1.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020, Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, Powers, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, Tannehill, Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Powers, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

#### **FINANICAL**

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To authorize the Superintendent to pay bills for the period of September 4, 2020 through October 7, 2020, said payment to be ratified at the November 12, 2020 Board Meeting."

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

The motion to approve the agreement to pay the transportation companies for cleaning fees in the amount of \$7.35 per route did not pass.

The motion to approve an agreement to pay the transportation companies for not running routes failed. No second motion was made.

Remote and hybrid learning were discussed at length. Craig Gwaltney and Lori Connolly answered questions that were submitted from parents and the School Board. Hybrid learning will begin on October 26<sup>th</sup> for students who wish to come back. Parents will still have the option to be fully remote. Positivity rates will be closely monitored.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Pierce, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, Powers, Tannehill, Waldrom. Nay: None. The motion carried 6-0 at 8:38p.m.

  
President

  
Secretary