

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126  
Virtual Zoom Meeting  
November 12, 2020**

**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  
Harry Tannehill  
Donna Waldrom  
Therese Zaker

Absent: Kim Powers

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To approve the minutes of the October 1, 2020 Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker. Abstain: LaChica, Nay: none. The motion carried 5-1-0.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Steve Gress reported we received a FOIA from Weissberg and Associates, LTD, SmartProcure, ADAC and LocalLabs and we responded within the proper time frame.

**FINANCIAL**

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Donna Waldrom, "To ratify the October bills for the period of September 4, 2020 through October 7, 2020". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Tannehill, Zaker, LaChica, Pierce. Nay: None. The motion carried 6-0.

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "As there is no regular December meeting, to authorize the Superintendent to pay bills for the period of November 4, 2020 through December 11, 2020, said payment to be ratified at the January 14, 2021 Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Waldrom, Zaker, Pierce, LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "That after a review of all of the Closed Session Minutes and audiotapes, the Closed Session Minute audiotapes from May 9, 2019 will be destroyed. All Closed Session minutes previously reviewed by the Board and designated to be closed will remain closed to the public". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Zaker, Waldrom. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Craig Gwaltney and the Board spoke about COVID 19 and the high positivity rates in our district and all over the state of Illinois. After conversing, the School Board decided put the safety of our students and staff first and decided to continue remote learning until after Winter Break with a possibility of hybrid learning after January 15<sup>th</sup>. Craig and the Board Members will discuss the positivity rates and remote/hybrid learning over the next few months. The subject will be revisited at the January 14<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Waldrom, Tannehill, Zaker, LaChica, Pierce. Nay: None. The motion carried 6-0 at 7:31p.m.

  
President

  
Secretary