

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH
11900 South Kostner
Alsip, IL 60803
May 12, 2016**

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 Zaker called the roll.

Present: Marigrace Sinnott-Snooks, President
Joe LaChica, Vice President
Therese Zaker, Secretary
Brian McLaughlin
Bryan McLawhorn
Lori Ann Pierce

Absent: Kimberley Powers

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations
Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

STAFF/STUDENT/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Elizabeth McLaughlin gave a presentation on the progress of the Two-way Immersion classes at Stony Creek. Dan and Amy Smith and Maria Sievers, parents of students currently in the TWI program, gave their opinions on the program, which were very favorable.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Lori Connolly reported that there was a good turnout for the two informational sessions on the TWI Program. 32 families completed interest forms. She also mentioned that the 5th and 8th grade students are currently taking the Illinois Science Assessment. We will also be upgrading to a new Read 180 Universe for the 2016-2017 school year.

Craig Gwaltney gave a report on the District 126 Discipline Committee meeting that was held earlier in the day. There are many updates that are being made to the Student Handbook this year.

Craig Gwaltney also reported that the enrollment in the District 126 continues to be consistent with previous years.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To direct the superintendent to prepare the 2016-2017 Budget". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, McLaughlin. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To amend the 2015-2016 School Calendar to abate five Emergency Days". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Gwaltney stated that we will need a special meeting sometime after June 9 regarding the playground at Hazelgreen School. He also stated that the bids for the maintenance garage will be available for the June 9th meeting.

PURCHASING

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To purchase Lane Media Center furniture in an amount not to exceed \$60,977.60". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Bryan McLawhorn 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". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Zaker, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0 at 7:46 p.m.

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To come out of Closed Session". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

ACTIONS TAKEN AS A RESULT OF CLOSED SESSION

Brian McLaughlin moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To approve the Administrator and Classified salaries as discussed in Closed Session". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Brian McLaughlin moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica. Nay: None. The motion carried 6-0 at 8:30 p.m.

President

Secretary