

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126  
LANE SCHOOL  
4600 W. 123<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Alsip, IL 60803  
October 13, 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  
Therese Zaker, Secretary  
Kim Powers  
Bryan McLawhorn  
Lori Ann Pierce

Absent: Brian McLaughlin, Joe LaChica

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

**TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING**

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "That the Public Truth in Taxation Hearing on the 2016 Tax Levy (payable in 2017) be opened." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Powers, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

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

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "That the Public Hearing be closed." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

**FINANCIAL**

Kim Powers moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adopt the Resolution Providing for the 2016 Tax Levy (payable in 2017). Said copy to appear at the end of the Minutes." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To adopt the Resolution Providing for the 2016 Levy for Working Cash Fund. Said copy to appear at the end of the Minutes." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, Sinnott-Snooks. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "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: Pierce, Zaker, Powers, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To adopt the Certificate Regarding Inapplicability of the Truth in Taxation Law." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Zaker, Powers, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To approve the minutes of the September 1, 2016 Special Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. Abstain: Powers. The motion carried 4-0-1.

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 Board Meeting." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. Abstain: Powers. The motion carried 4-0-1.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

Steve Gress stated that we received five FOIA requests this month and we responded to them within the proper length of time.

### **EDUCATIONAL REPORT**

Lori Connolly reported on the Fall MAP testing results. She also mentioned that students are now using Clever to log on to various learning programs. She also mentioned that we are looking to expand students' access to reading materials by using OPEN eBooks.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To approve the 2016-2017 Applications for Recognition of Schools." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. Abstain: Powers. The motion carried 4-0-1.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To approve the additional IMRF Employer Contribution." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Tom Szurgot from Tria gave a presentation to the Board on the proposed building renovations.

Kim Powers moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To table the motion to approve going out to bid for Summer, 2017 facilities projects. Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0.

The Board agreed to hold a Special Meeting to discuss the timetable for building renovations.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "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: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0 at 8:42 p.m.

Kim Powers moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To come out of Closed Session". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, Sinnott-Snooks. Nay: none. The motion carried 5-0 at 9:07 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Lori Pierce moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: Pierce, Zaker, Powers, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn. Nay: None. The motion carried 5-0 at 9:08 p.m.

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President

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Secretary