

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
PRAIRIE JUNIOR HIGH
11900 South Kostner
Alsip, IL 60803
January 12, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 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
Kim Powers
Brian McLaughlin
Bryan McLawhorn
Lori Ann Pierce

Also Present: Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent
Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent
Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning
Nicole Leggett-Gallus, Principal, Stony Creek School
Samia Hasan, ELL Teacher at Prairie Junior High
Audience Members (see attached sign-in sheet)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "To approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

CONSENT AGENDA

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Steve Gress stated that we received a FOIA request from Illinois Retired Teachers Association and Smart Procure and we responded within the proper length of time.

FINANCIAL

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To ratify the December bills paid by the District and approved by the Superintendent for the dates of November 14, 2016 through December 15, 2016". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, McLaughlin. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

Lori Connolly reported that the Early Childhood Compliance Visit was held and we will have a report in about 6-8 weeks. She also mentioned that mid-year assessments are taking place.

PURCHASING

Steve Gress reported on the purchase of Raptor Security Software at an initial cost of \$6,400 and \$2,400 annually. This system will scan school visitors' ids and run them through a sexual predator database and provide individualized visitor badges.

NEW BUSINESS

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To appoint a Board Committee of Brian McLaughlin and Kim Powers to meet with the administrators and union officers to review the 2017-2018 School Calendar". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Craig Gwaltney updated the Board on District 128's withdrawal from Eisenhower Co-op.

CLOSED SESSION

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To go into Closed Session to consider 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: Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0 at 7:35 p.m.

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To come out of Closed Session". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Powers, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0 at 8:31 p.m.

Bryan McLawhorn moved, seconded by Kim Powers, "To not renew the 2017-2018 contract of the current Director of Special Education". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers. Nay: none. The motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Lori Pierce moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To adjourn the meeting". Upon roll call, the vote as follows: Aye: McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, McLawhorn, Pierce, Zaker, Powers, LaChica. Nay: None. The motion carried 7-0 at 8:32 p.m.

President

Secretary