

**Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting of January 19, 2021**

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:08 p.m. January 19, 2021. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, and Ramirez

Absent: Member Diaz

Also Present: Jim Prather, John Barry, and Brian McConnell

2. The minutes of the Tax Levy Hearing of December 14, 2020, Regular Meeting of December 14, 2020, and Closed Session of December 14, 2020 had been previously distributed and read by the members of the Board. Member Ashbeck made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve the minutes of the Tax Levy Hearing of December 14, 2020 as submitted. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Member Ashbeck made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2020 as submitted. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Member Ashbeck made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of December 14, 2020. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

3. The fund balances for December 31, 2020 as reported by the District Treasurer are as follows:

Education Fund	\$18,803,720.74
Operation Fund	\$ (337,025.71)
Bond/Interest Fund	\$ (67,565.42)
Transportation Fund	\$ (18,932.34)
I.M.R.F.	\$ 357,738.78
Site & Construction	\$ 85,203.48
Working Cash	\$ 182,831.81
Tort	\$ 453,709.24
Fire Prevention	<u>\$ 81,168.16</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 19,540,848.74</b>

Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Member Ashbeck to acknowledge receipt of the District Treasurer's Report for the month ending December 31, 2020. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, and Ramirez.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

4. Member Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve Vouchers 1608 through 1615 in the total amount of \$1,154,576.97 and authorize President and Secretary to sign same. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Roeder, Ashbeck, White, Hernandez, Ramirez, and Thomas.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve reimbursement of \$6.60 to Jan Roeder for postage to mail evaluation forms to Board Members. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Roeder, Ashbeck, White, Hernandez, Ramirez, and Thomas.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.
6. Member Diaz arrived at 7:10 pm.
7. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve the updated board policies. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
8. Member Diaz made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve continuing Remote Learning through at least Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> with a review at the February board meeting on whether to extend Remote Learning or switch to the Hybrid Instruction Plan. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, Ramirez, and Diaz.  
Nays: Member Roeder
9. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to allow teachers and aides, except those SPED teachers/aides who currently have kids on-site, to have the option to be off-site during remote instruction. Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Roeder, Hernandez, White, Thomas, and Ramirez.  
Nays: Members Ashbeck and Diaz. Motion carried.
10. Member Ramirez made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve a FMLA leave per the Rhodes procedures for Robert Boyte. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
11. Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Member Ramirez to approve a FMLA leave per the Rhodes procedures for Rebecca Rupnick with administrative-discretion should an intermediate FMLA request arise during the approved FMLA leave.  
Roll call showed the following:  
Ayes: Members Diaz, Ramirez, Ashbeck, Roeder, Hernandez, Thomas, and White.  
Nays: None. Motion carried.
12. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Ramirez to approve maintaining the confidentiality of approved closed session minutes from January 2020 through December 2020. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
13. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve the destruction of the closed session tapes from January 2019 through June 2019 with approved minutes. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

14. Member Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Member Ramirez to adjourn to closed session at 9:06 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, volunteers, or contractor personnel and discuss collective negotiations matters. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
15. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to adjourn closed session at 10:50 p.m. \*Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
16. The closed session was returned to regular session at 10:57 p.m.
17. Action after closed:
  1. Approve the internal transfer of Brandon Niedziela to a Maintenance/Custodial Position at the rate of \$20.00 per hour when we start the Hybrid Instruction Plan for students, with the hiring condition of him having his bus driver license by January 1, 2022 (7 ayes)
  2. Approve utilizing a classroom aide when needed during Hybrid Instruction for Rebecca Rupnick's room to allow her to teach remotely (6 ayes)
18. Member Thomas made a motion, seconded by Member White to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:07 p.m.

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President

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Secretary

\*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:

Members Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, Ramirez, and Diaz