

Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 11, 2024

1. The regular meeting of the Board of Education of District 84.5 was called to order by President Roeder at 6:01 p.m. March 11, 2024. Roll call showed the following:

Present: Members Roeder, White, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Pisano

Absent: Member DiPaola

Also Present: Jim Prather, Arthur Chmiel, Brian McConnell, Nicole Newsome, Emily Lahti, Julie Johnson, Andy Johnson, Brian Gillmann, Lisa Kaplan, Christie McVicker, Shells Fiddick, and Tim Simpson

2. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024 and Closed Session of February 12, 2024 had been previously distributed and read by the members of the Board. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 12, 2024 as submitted. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

Member Boyte made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of February 12, 2024 as submitted. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

3. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to appoint Nina White as Secretary Pro Tem. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

4. The fund balances for February 29, 2024 as reported by the District Treasurer are as follows:

Education Fund	\$14,893,389.25
Operation Fund	\$ 715,754.36
Bond/Interest Fund	\$ 34,506.39
Transportation Fund	\$ 1,885,540.64
I.M.R.F.	\$ 893,312.28
Site & Construction	\$ 85,203.48
Working Cash	\$ 353,972.39
Tort	\$ 57,488.74
Fire Prevention	<u>\$ 81,168.16</u>
TOTAL	\$ 19,000,335.69

Member Boyte made a motion, seconded by Member Danek to acknowledge receipt of the District Treasurer's Report for the month ending February 29, 2024. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, White, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Pisano.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

5. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve Vouchers 1835 through 1840 in the total amount of \$962,491.17 and authorize President and Secretary to sign same. Roll call showed the following:

Ayes: Members Roeder, White, Danek, Polen, Boyte, and Pisano.

Nays: None. Motion carried.

6. Mr. Gillmann gave a presentation on 7th and 8th grade Social Studies. Several students talked about their projects this year.
7. Mr. Johnson discussed the STEM program this year and the projects 5th through 8th grades are doing. Several students showed the Board their STEM projects.
8. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to approve the grant-related District Plan for 2024/25. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
9. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve a consultant agreement with Robert Boyte. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Roeder, White, Danek, Polen, and Pisano
Nays: None
Abstain: Member Boyte
10. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member White to approve FMLA leaves per the Rhodes procedures for Angela Rago and Abby Pirc. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
11. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to adjourn to closed session at 6:58 to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, volunteers, or contractor personnel, and to discuss collective bargaining matters. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
12. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to adjourn closed session at 7:23 p.m. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
13. The closed session was returned to regular session at 7:26 p.m.
14. Action after closed:
 1. Accept Tara Urbanski's Letter of Intent to Retire at the conclusion of the 2027-28 school year and approve the related teacher contract's Article X Retirement eligibility (6 ayes)
 2. Approve the resignation of Dayana Malpica at the end of the current school term (6 ayes)
 3. Approve the resignation of Katelyn Luckey at the end of the current school term (6 ayes)
 4. Approve the dismissal for cause of Gaetano Obaya as of March 8, 2024 (6 ayes)
 5. Approve the hiring of Elizabeth Flores Patino as a part-time bus aide at the starting aide rate (6 ayes)
 6. Approve the continuation of following current and future IDPH school guidance for communicable diseases, including COVID-19, for infected individuals, and continue the expectation of employees utilizing previously accumulated sick

days for their related absences, if any (6 ayes)

15. Member Danek made a motion, seconded by Member Boyte to adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

President

Secretary

*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:
Members Roeder, White, Danek, Boyte, Polen, and Pisano