

Minutes from the Regular Board of Education Meeting of November 9, 2020

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. November 9, 2020. Roll call showed the following:

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Jim Prather, John Barry, Brian McConnell, Nicole Newsome, John Mertes, Andrew Johnson, Alyssa Tarpey, and Doreen Gussie

2. The minutes of the Public Budget Hearing of September 14, 2020, Regular Meeting of September 14, 2020, Regular Meeting of September 21, 2020, Closed Session of September 21, 2020, Regular Meeting of October 12, 2020, and Closed Session of October 12, 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 Public Budget Hearing of September 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 September 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 Regular Meeting of September 21, 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 Ramirez to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of September 21, 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 Regular Meeting of October 12, 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 October 12, 2020 as submitted. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

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

Education Fund	\$19,084,657.82
Operation Fund	\$ 39,088.01
Bond/Interest Fund	\$ 272,939.71
Transportation Fund	\$ 33,258.41
I.M.R.F.	\$ 581,117.89

Site & Construction	\$ 85,203.48
Working Cash	\$ 227,208.68
Tort	\$ 464,243.24
Fire Prevention	<u>\$ 81,168.16</u>
TOTAL	\$ 20,868,885.40

Member Hernandez made a motion, seconded by Member Diaz to acknowledge receipt of the District Treasurer's Report for the month ending October 31, 2020. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

4. Member Ashbeck made a motion, seconded by Member Diaz to ratify action of Superintendent in paying October vouchers. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Diaz, Ramirez, and Thomas.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
5. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve Vouchers 1590 through 1601 in the total amount of 1,705,367.59 and authorize President and Secretary to sign same. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members: Ashbeck, Roeder, Hernandez, Diaz, Ramirez, Thomas, and White.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
6. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve an Estimated Property Tax Levy for 2020. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members: Roeder, Hernandez, Ashbeck, White, Thomas, Ramirez, and Diaz.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
7. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Ashbeck to approve the setting of a Public Hearing on December 14 at 6:00 pm for the projected Tax Levy 2020 and direct the Superintendent to publish legal notice of the public hearing per the Truth in Taxation Law. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
8. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to accept the Audit for Fiscal Year 2020. Roll call showed the following:
Ayes: Members: Roeder, Ashbeck, Hernandez, White, Thomas, Ramirez, and Diaz.
Nays: None. Motion carried.
9. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve requiring licensed staff and teacher aides to return to the expectation of being on-site at Rhodes during the contractual workday starting on January 4, 2021 with the exception of the remote-dedicated grade-level teachers during the Hybrid Plan working off-site and Superintendent-approved temporary off-site work because of quarantines per the IDPH's COVID-19 Interim Exclusion Guidance's "Decision Tree" and allowing administrative discretion for unique circumstances. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
10. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Diaz to approve the updated board policies. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

11. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to accept Colin Brewer's November 2, 2020 request to retire at the conclusion of the day on November 30, 2020, approve the waiving of his 90-day notice requirement for the medical insurance option as stated in Board Policy 5:292, and approve his eligibility and participation in the medical insurance option under that policy's guidelines. Roll call showed the following: Ayes: Members: Ashbeck, Hernandez, Roeder, Thomas, White, Diaz, and Ramirez. Nays: None. Motion carried.
12. Member White made a motion, seconded by Member Thomas to approve moving the May board meeting to May 3rd. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.
13. Member Diaz made a motion, seconded by Member White to adjourn. There being no further business, and no closed session, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm. *Upon a roll being taken, all members present were in favor and the motion was carried.

President

Secretary

*Roll call showed the following members voting Aye:

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