

## **Board of Education Meeting Briefs**

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**(Official meeting minutes will be posted upon approval by the Board)**

June 24, 2021 – Regular Meeting (Zoom Meeting)

District Office – Conference Room B

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting began at 6:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Board President Mounce.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **A. Best of Berwyn**

Berwyn North School District 98 proudly acknowledged James Z. Richmond for winning 2nd place at the Best of Berwyn. Superintendent, Dr. Michelle Smith and the District 98 Board of Education presented James with a certificate and an Amazon gift card at the June board meeting. The Board and Superintendent wished James much success in his future educational endeavors.

#### **B. District Consolidation Plan**

Dr. Michelle Smith gave the Board and community the summation of the District Consolidation Plan. Dr. Robert Hubbard broke down the parts of the Consolidation Plan. Board Members felt they needed more time to review the information. This item was tabled to the July Board Meeting.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. Ms. Lori Volin, teacher at Lincoln Middle school communicated to the Board that it would be much appreciated if Board Meetings were still available remotely. Volin also voiced her thoughts on the school uniforms and can see both the pros and the cons for having them. However, wanted to mention that during the pandemic students came to school with hoodies and there were no problems. Wearing hoodies did not affect their learning. Lori ask the Board if they would reconsider removing the ban on hoodies from the student handbook. Ms. Volin was also worried that parents did not receive the link or were unable to complete to the survey. Stated that Lincoln Middle School parents did not receive the link.

B. Ms. Holly Striska, teacher at Lincoln Middle School agreed with Ms. Volin in regards to removing the ban on hoodies.

### **BOARD COMMENTS**

A. None stated.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### **A. Approved Minutes**

1. Regular Meeting Minutes - 5/27/2021
2. Executive Meeting Minutes - 5/27/2021
3. Special Meeting Minutes 6/17/2021
4. Executive Meeting Minutes 6/17/2021

B. Approved Personnel

1. New Hires:

- a. Jessica Garcia, Dual Language Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- b. Lauren Knox, General Education Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- c. Alice Cosajay, Dual Language Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- d. Dana Palermo, Counselor at Lincoln Middle School for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- e. Mary Beth Arenella, Home School Community Liaison at District Office for the 2021-2022 School Year.

2. Leaves:

3. Reassignments:

- a. Rachel Cline, ELA 6th Grade Teacher at Lincoln Middle School to Curriculum Specialist at District Office for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- b. Emily Szymczak, ESL Teacher at Lincoln Middle School to EL Instructional Specialist at District Office for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- c. Sara Tlusty, Special Education Teacher at Lincoln Middle School to Special Education Specialist for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- d. Teresa Kochan-Castro, Instructional Specialist at Prairie Oak Elementary School to PBI Specialist for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- e. Shannon Stevlic, 4th Grade Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School to Reading Interventionist for the 2021-2022 School Year.

4. Resignations:

- a. William Jacklin, Physical Education/Health Teacher at Lincoln Middle School has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective June 15, 2021.
- b. Alyssa Fralich, 6th Grade Science Teacher at Lincoln Middle School has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective June 8, 2021.
- c. Cynthia Saavedra, 1st Grade Dual Language Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School has submitted a Letter of Resignation effective June 28, 2021.

5. Terminations:

C. Approved Authorization of next month's payroll:

1. Approval of Invoices – \$ 1,680,952.01.
2. Approval of Monthly Payroll – \$ 4,548,941.31.
3. Approval of Authorization of next month's payroll - July

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approved – Timeclock Proposal
- B. Tabled – Approval of the District Consolidation Plan
- C. Approved – Annual Review of Closed Meeting Minutes

## INFORMATION AND REPORTS

- A. Financial Auditor's Request for Annual Submission:  
Regina Johnson, Chief School Business Official, communicates to the Board that annually our auditing firm follows a standard process that involves board members participation. Within a few weeks, you will receive mail from Gassensmith & Michalesko, Ltd., Certified Public Accountants, please complete the requested documents, and return them in the self-addressed envelope. This is required of all board members.
- B. Monthly Fund Report  
Regina Johnson, Chief School Business Official will presented the Monthly Fund Report to the Board and community.
- C. FOIA:  
A FOIA request was submitted on June 10, 2021, from the Product Analyst Team (info@publiccontractors.com) requesting a Public Records Request for the Berwyn North School District 98 staff information. This request asked for specific information including name, title, position, department, phone #, extension, email, and location. The request was fulfilled on June 14, 2021.
- D. Policies First Read:  
The Board reviewed the following Board Policies:
1. 1:10 School District Legal Status
  2. 1:20 District Organization, Operation, and Cooperative Agreements
  3. 1:30 School District Philosophy
  4. 2:10 School District Governance
  5. 2:30 School District Elections
  6. 2:130 Board-Superintendent Relationship
  7. 2:240 Board Policy Development
  8. 2:120-E1 Exhibit-Guidelines for Serving as Mentor to a New Board of Education Member
  9. 2:120-E2 Exhibit-Website Listing of Development and Training Completed by Board Members
  10. 2:220-E4 Exhibit-Open Meeting Minutes
  11. 2:220-E7 Exhibit-Access to Close Meeting Minutes and Verbatim Recordings
  12. 3:30 Chain of Command
  13. 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment
  14. 6:100 Using Animals in the Educational Program
  15. 6:170 Title I Programs
  16. 7:220 Bus Conduct
  17. 7:230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- A. Upcoming Events

**July 29**

BOE Meeting - Prairie Oak Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

**August 7**

Back to School Event – Jefferson Soccer Field – more information to come.

**August 18**

Meet & Greet at Each School – more information to come.

**August 26**

BOE Meeting - Prairie Oak Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

**September 30**

BOE Meeting - Prairie Oak Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. None stated.

BOARD COMMENT

A. None stated.

NEW BUSINESS

A. None stated.

OLD BUSINESS

A. None stated.

Adjourned meeting at 9:29 p.m.