

MINUTES

STEGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 194 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Columbia Central School – Practice Gym
Enter through the East Entrance Doors

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Vice President Edwards. Members present Edwards, Turner, Raymond, Sarek, and Butkus. Members absent: Helsel.

Also present:

Dr. David Frusher, Eric Diehl, Kim Mahoney, Jan Lenci, Bruce Nieminski, Tom Aguirre, Adam Schoff, Tim Tufts, Janet Inglese, Jeff Nelson, Rachael Diehl, Anthony Graziani and Melissa Cunha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER

Board Member Mr. Sarek moved the adoption of the Resolution, and Member Mrs. Raymond seconded the motion upon a roll call vote being taken.

ACTION A. Vice President Edwards to administer the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member Nick Hutchison.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, and Sarek.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

MINUTES (Consent Agenda)

A motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Mrs. Turner to approve the following items:

ACTION A. Approval of the minutes of the March 10, 2022, Board Meeting and Closed Session.

ACTION B. Approval of the minutes of the March 17, 2022, Board Meeting and Closed Session.

ACTION C. Approval of the minutes of the March 28, 2022, Board Meeting and Closed Session.

ACTION D. Approval of the minutes of the April 7, 2022, Board Meeting and Closed Session.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Butkus to approve the following item under Financial Accounts:

ACTION E. Payment of Bills - Approval of April bills

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

It's springtime in our school district, our buildings and grounds are buzzing with events, such as: clubs, activities, sports, musicals, concerts, and step up visits to schools, to name a few. Also, our students are heading out on field trips (zoo), planning for the 8th grade dance, and planning for 8th grade graduation.

On 3/18/2022, Eric, Melissa, and I met with Ken Carter from the Illinois Association of School Boards. Because with all of new legislation that has occurred in Illinois, with all of the new board policies, administrative procedures need to be developed to align with these laws and policies. So, starting in May/June, we're embarking on a complete Administrative Procedures Manual Project with IASB. Much of this has already been completed in our district.

From 3/31/2022 to 4/5/2022, I, along with others in the district, had the fortunate opportunity to attend the National School Board Association Annual Conference and Exposition. I had the opportunity to attend numerous sessions to be a better leader and manager as your superintendent. Sessions that I attended included: Creating Cultures of Inclusive Innovation in Your District or School, Creating Future-Ready Schools, Crisis Communication: Building Trust When Information Is Changing Rapidly, Fostering Resilience Through Student Service Initiatives in a Post-Pandemic Era, How to Deal with Negative People (and not become negative yourself and managing the stress), Leveraging Federal Resources to Enhance K-12 School Security, and Secret Shopping: What We've Discovered Over 5 Years & What It Means to Your District.

A special recognition goes out to our district team that presented, shared personal life experiences, and answered question for the session entitled: **Opening the Door of Opportunity for McKinney-Vento Families**. It was absolutely amazing! Our district representatives Melissa Cunha, Jill Raymond, Jan Lenci, Megan Van Hootegen, and Diane Peterson did an incredible job. Please join me in recognizing them.

In addition, there were three general sessions: Daymond John presented his S.H.A.R.K. points, Greg Behr and Ryan Rudzynski presented on the lessons from Fred Rogers, and Liz Murray shared her life's journey from being homeless to attending Harvard University. Mrs. Murray's sharing was a very powerful, heartwarming, and incredible life story.

In the early hours of Saturday, April 9, 2022, the Illinois House of Representatives passed the FY23 state budget, including **\$7.929 billion** in the Evidenced-Based Funding formula, which includes the statutory increase of **\$350 million**. An additional **\$87.5 million** is allocated for payments to school districts that would have received additional Evidence-Based Funding amounts in Fiscal Years 2019–2022, had correct enrollment values been used in those calculations. All of this is great news for our school district.

BOARD MATTERS (Consent Agenda)

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Butkus to approve the following item under Board Matters:

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| INFO | A. | Presentation – Technology Department by Tim Tufts, Director of Technology |
| INFO | B. | Presentation – Math pilot update for the 2022-2023 school year by Jan Lenci, Director of Teaching and Learning, Mandy Helsel, Heather Shelton, and Brooke Cahill. |
| INFO | C. | Presentation – After school STEM Program update by Jan Lenci & Brooke Cahill. |
| INFO | D. | Presentation - Steger School District 194 Summer School 2022 Update by Jeff Nelson. |
| ACTION | E. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contract with Omni Therapeutics, INC. (Physical therapy, Occupational, Speech-Language Pathology, Social Work and Psychology services), \$69.00 per hour, effective August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023, as presented. |
| ACTION | F. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contract with Tim Breshock (Physical therapy services), \$72.00 per hour, effective August 22, 2022 through June 6, 2023, as presented. |
| ACTION | G. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contract with Jana King (Speech Language Pathologist), \$75.00 per hour, effective August 22, 2022 through June 2, 2023, as presented. |
| ACTION | H. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contract with Cara Curtis (Occupational Therapy Services), \$82.40 per hour, effective August 22, 2022 through June 6, 2023, as presented. |
| ACTION | I. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2022-2023 Steger School District 194 Consolidated Plan, as presented. |
| ACTION | J. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2022-2023 Title I School-wide Plan for Steger Primary Center. |
| ACTION | K. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2022-2023 Title I School-wide Plan for Steger Intermediate Center. |
| ACTION | L. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2022-2023 Title I School-wide Plan for Columbia Central. |
| ACTION | M. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Vacation Day Exchange for Eric Diehl as stated in his Employment Contract for the 2021-2022 school year. |
| ACTION | N. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Instructional Leadership Professional Development Agreement for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented. |
| ACTION | O. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the Solution Tree, Dr. Tina Boogren Professional Development contract for the 2022-2023 school year, as presented. |
| ACTION | P. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2022-2023 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Grant III (ESSER III), as presented. |
| ACTION | Q. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2022-2023 & 2023-2024 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ESSER III positions, as presented. |
| ACTION | R. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the 2022-2023 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief ESSER III Smart Lab proposal, as presented. |
| ACTION | S. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the milk contract renewal for the 2022-2023 school year with Cloverleaf Farms, as presented. |

Upon roll call all members voting aye:
Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.
Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

PERSONNEL

A motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Ms. Butkus to approve the following action item under Personnel.

ACTION A. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resignation of Patricia Perkins, Lunch and Recess Supervisor at Steger Primary Center, effective March 30, 2022.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:
Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.
Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Mrs. Turner to approve the following action item under Personnel.

ACTION B. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the employment of Lindsey Coffey as Director of Special Education, as presented.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:
Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.
Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Ms. Butkus to approve the following action item under Personnel.

ACTION C. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the administrator contracts as presented.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:
Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.
Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mrs. Raymond to approve the following action item under Personnel.

ACTION D. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the employment of Tyler Hires, Food Service Cook at Steger Intermediate Center at \$15.00 an hour, effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:
Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.
Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Mr. Nieminski mentioned Columbia Central School graduation will be June 2, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. This year there will be 173 graduates in the class of 2022.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. New Business
- B. Old Business
- C. Correspondence
- D. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request
 - a. March 16, 2022, ABC7 Chicago, Jonathan Flagg
 - 1. Data on reconsideration forms or other forms that challenge library books.
- E. Upcoming dates
 - a. April 15 Good Friday – no school
 - b. April 18-22 Spring Break – no school

CLOSED SESSION

The Open Meeting recessed at 7:00 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Mrs. Raymond.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:
Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.
Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:26 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Mr. Hutchison to go into Closed Session to discuss the following.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:
Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.
Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Also, present Dr. David Frusher and Melissa Cunha.

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- A. The Superintendent recommends that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss:
 - 1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body.
 - 2. Student disciplinary matters.
 - 3. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives.
 - 4. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.

ACTION B. Motion to adjourn Closed Session.

The Board adjourned Closed Session at 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Mr. Hutchison.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

ACTION C. Motion to return to Open Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:10 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Mr. Hutchison.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:11 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Ms. Butkus to adjourn the meeting.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Sarek and Hutchison.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education