

MINUTES

**STEGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 194
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
Thursday, October 19, 2023
6:00 P.M.
Steger Primary Center**

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vice President Edwards. Members present Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Hutchison, and Garcia. Members absent: Helsel and Butkus.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

MINUTES

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

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| ACTION | A. | Approval of the minutes of the September 20, 2023, Board Meeting and Closed Session. |
| ACTION | B. | The Superintendent recommends the board review the minutes from the April 7, 2023, Closed Session meeting and they be kept closed. |
| ACTION | C. | The Superintendent recommends the board approve the destruction of the recordings from the April 7, 2022, and April 13, 2022, Closed Session meetings. |

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

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS

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

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| ACTION | E. | Payment of Bills - Approval of October |
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Upon roll call all members voting aye:
Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Hutchison, and Garcia.
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Helsel and Butkus.
Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

Beth Butkus arrived at 6:02 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

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| INFO | A. | Acting Interim Superintendent Report, Dr. Patricia Hahto |
| | a. | SD 194 Cardinal Cavalry |
| | a. | SD 194 welcomes and encourages the help of parents and other family members with school activities and events. We welcome all to join the Cardinal Cavalry to help us manage these student-centered events that allow for all of us to “learn and grow together” |

BOARD MATTERS (Consent Agenda)

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mr. Hutchison to approve the following under Board Matters:

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| INFO | A. | IASB Consultant Dr. Patricia Sullivan-Viniard presented the survey results and draft Announcement of Vacancy. |
| ACTION | B. | The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the proposal from Tieri and Sons Snow Removal Services at all District buildings as presented. |
| ACTION | C. | The Superintendent recommends the Board accept the proposal from House of Light for the 2023-2024 school year as presented. |
| ACTION | D. | The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the agreement with Quinlan Alarm Systems Inc for a new security camera system as presented. |

- ACTION** E. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the October Tuition Reimbursement as presented.
- ACTION** F. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the grant funded Family Liaison job description for the 2023-2026 school years.
- ACTION** G. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contract with LTC for a contracted technology coach for the 2023-2024 school year.
- ACTION** H. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contracts with CareStaff, as presented for the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year.
General Education Teacher Ali Aoun Steger Primary Center
- ACTION** I. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contracts with Pro Care Therapy/Blazer Works, as presented for the following positions for the 2023-2024 school year.
Registered Nurse Treva Phillips-Foster Columbia Central School
- ACTION** J. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the contracts with School Datebooks for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

PERSONNEL (Consent Agenda)

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

- ACTION** A. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resignation of Riley Boudreau, Paraprofessional at Steger Intermediate Center, effective September 28, 2023.
- ACTION** B. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the resignation of Oscar Diaz, School Safety Monitor at Columbia Central School, effective September 20, 2023.
- ACTION** C. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the employment of Aimee Garza, Paraprofessional at Steger Primary Center, \$15.00 an hour, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
- ACTION** D. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the employment of Annette Harris, Paraprofessional at Steger Intermediate Center, \$15.00 an hour, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
- ACTION** E. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the voluntary internal transfer of Madelyn Joyce, Paraprofessional at Steger Primary Center to Paraprofessional at Steger Intermediate Center, effective for the 2023-2024 school year.
- ACTION** F. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the FMLA leave for Rachel Perez, Paraprofessional at Columbia Central School, effective February 23, 2024, through April 5, 2024.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. New Business
 - a. The Board of Education thanked the Principals and Associate Principal for Principal Appreciation Day
- B. Old Business
- C. Correspondence
 - a. Thank you from the Schultz family
- D. PTO
- E. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request
- F. Committees
 - a. The upgraded camera system was approved under Board Matters item #4D
- G. Upcoming dates
 - a. October 31 School Improvement Day (student dismissal 11am)
 - b. November 10 End of 1st Trimester (student dismissal 1 p.m.)
 - c. November 11 Veterans Day
 - d. November 16 Board of Education meeting

CLOSED SESSION

The Open Meeting recessed at 7:39 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hutchison and seconded by Mrs. Turner.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:05 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hutchison and seconded by Mrs. Garcia to go into Closed Session to discuss the following.

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

- ACTION**
- 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.
5. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by Steger School District 194.

- ACTION**
- B.
- Motion to adjourn Closed Session.
The Board adjourned Closed Session at 8:44 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mrs. Garcia.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:
Edwards, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Hutchison, and Garcia.
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 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mrs. Raymond.

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:45 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Hutchison and seconded by Mrs. Turner to adjourn the Meeting.

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

Secretary, Board of Education & Date

President, Board of Education & Date