

# MINUTES

**STEGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 194  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
Thursday, February 29, 2024  
5:00 P.M.  
Administration Center

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by Member Helsel. Members present Helsel, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Hutchison, and Garcia. Members absent: None.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER**

A motion was made by Mrs. Raymond and seconded by Ms. Butkus to approve the following action items under Reorganization:

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| <b>ACTION</b> | A. | President Helsel to administer the Oath of Office to newly appointed Board member Jose Najar. |
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Upon roll call all members voting aye:  
Helsel, Raymond, Turner, Butkus, Hutchison, and Garcia.  
Members voting nay: None. Members absent: None.  
Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Open Meeting recessed 5:11 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Ms. Butkus.

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

The Board went into Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Hutchison and seconded by Mrs. Raymond to go into Closed Session to discuss the following.

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

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| <b>ACTION</b> | A. | The Superintendent recommends that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss:<br><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body.</li><li>2. Student disciplinary matters.</li><li>3. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives.</li><li>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.</li><li>5. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by Steger School District 194.</li></ol> |
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| <b>ACTION</b> | B. | Motion to adjourn Closed Session. |
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The Board adjourned Closed Session at 5:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mr. Hutchison.

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

**ACTION** C. Motion to return to Open Session.

The Board returned to Open Session at 5:50 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Raymond and seconded by Mr. Hutchison.

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

**PERSONNEL (Consent Agenda)**

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

**ACTION** A. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve the termination of support staff employee #1968 effective February 23, 2024.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 5:52 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mr. Hutchison to adjourn the Meeting.

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

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Secretary, Board of Education & Date

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President, Board of Education & Date