

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION, ZION-BENTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 126, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
ZION-BENTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH CAFETERIA**

The Board of Education of Zion-Benton Township High School District 126, Lake County, Illinois, met in Regular Session in the ZBTHS South Cafeteria, One Z-B Way, 3901 W. 21st Street, Zion, Illinois, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Board Vice President Nordstrom presided as President Pro Tempore until the arrival of President White at 7:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Members present: President White (Arrived at 7:01 p.m.), Vice President Nordstrom, Member Nieto, Member Karner, and Member Roberts.

Members excused: Secretary Leech and Member Richards (arrived at 8:15 p.m. during closed sessions).

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY PRO TEMPORE

President Pro Tempore Nordstrom appointed Member Nieto to serve as Secretary Pro Tempore in the absence of Secretary Leech.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President White arrived at 7:01 p.m. and presided over the remainder of meeting.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

President White acknowledged and welcomed the new Board Recording Secretary Rachel White.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

President White asked Dr. Clark if there were any amendments to the agenda. Dr. Clark indicated the following personnel approval items had come in since the agenda packet went out and needed to be added under Personnel Approvals Item 15:

Leaves of Absence: Deborah Gilmore (Bus Driver), Courtney LaStacy (English Teacher), Temika White (Bus Driver).

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF, GUESTS, AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS

There were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

A motion was made by Member Nieto, seconded by Member Roberts to approve the Consent Agenda. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 4-1 (Member Karner voted no). Included in the Consent Agenda are the following:

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2018.
- Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 17, 2018.
- Activity Report – August 2018, **EXHIBIT “A”**.
- Bills Paid Report – August & September 2018, **EXHIBIT “B”**.
- Bills Payable Report – September 2018, **EXHIBIT “C”**.
- School Treasurer’s Report – August 2018, **EXHIBIT “D”**.
- Revenue & Expenditure Report – August 2018, **EXHIBIT “E”**.
- FOIA Requests, **EXHIBIT “F”**.
- Concussion Oversight Team, **EXHIBIT “G”**.
- 2020 Europe Trip, **EXHIBIT “H”**.
- Required Annual State Personnel Reports: Public Act 96-0226 Report – Certified; Public Act 97-0609 Report – Classified; Public Act 96-0434 Report – Administration, **EXHIBIT “I”**.
- Contractor Payout Request, **EXHIBIT “J”**.
- Destruction of closed session recordings – July 28, 2016, September 6, 2016, September 22, 2016.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Clark reported on the following:

- Calendar of Activities (**EXHIBIT “K”**, Calendar of Activities, is included and made a part of these minutes.)
- Homecoming weekend against Warren on Friday night and dance on Saturday.
- Fall Band/Choral Concert is October 2nd at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Community Church.
- Parent Teacher Conferences and Academic Awards will be held on October 4th.
- Financial Aid Night is on October 9th at 6:30 p.m.
- Districtwide Assessment Day is October 10th.
- All Board Members are welcomed to attend the Hispanic Heritage Celebration on Thursday, October 10, 2018, from 5-8 p.m. in the ZBTHS South Cafeteria.
- The fall IASB Lake Division Meeting is on October 10, 2018, which is the same night as the Hispanic Heritage Celebration. Dinner and meeting arrangements have been cancelled for Board Members who have chosen to be at the Hispanic Heritage Celebration.
- Bee Pink for the cure is October 12th. We will notify Board Members as soon as tee shirts are available for ordering.
- Next Committee of the Whole meeting is October 18th at 5:00 p.m. A light dinner will be served.

- Next Regular Board of Education meeting is on Thursday, October 25, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at ZBTHS.
- Blood Drive is on October 26th at 7:30 a.m.
- Member Richards will be representing District 126 as its IASB Delegate at the IASB Conference from November 16-17, 2018. Dr. Clark encouraged Board members to read the proposed resolution packet in preparation to advise Member Richards at the Board's November meeting how she should cast her vote on behalf of the District.
- Dr. Clark met with three former notable female ZBTHS athletes about putting together a wall of achievement and dedication to pre-Title IX ZBTHS female athletes and coaches. The Board advised Dr. Clark that they would be open to this idea proceeding.
- Arthur Fossland, former Mayor of Winthrop Harbor, has passed away and in his wishes he left a \$50,000 trust for a District 126 scholarship fund. It will bear interest each year and from the interest, District 126 will be able to award an Arthur E. Fossland Scholarship to a deserving student.

REPORTS AND DISCUSSIONS

Principals' Report

ZBTHS Updates

Dr. Pawelczyk reported on the following:

- The new school-wide goal is to ensure all students earn A's, B's, or C's. Narrowing school goals to focus on grades will translate to all other metrics moving positively.
- He co-hosted 9th and 10th grade assemblies with the new Student Success Coordinator, Lauren Delahanty, during advisory time to share the new A's, B's, and C's goal with the students. The goal is to be able to identify early on the reason for students not being able to achieve these grades.
- After-school committees have begun. Each of these committees addresses the goals of the district's strategic plan as well as the goal to ensure classroom success.
- The first SIP day of the year was on September 12th and focused on the 4th workshop related to Equity, Culture, and Race at ZBTHS. The goals of the session focused on leading staff to identify the role of race in one's own life and how race affects all people.
- After school tutoring started for Math and English/Writing on Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, and Fridays. Math lab is open all eight periods of the day for student to utilize in lieu of their Study Hall.

(EXHIBIT "L", ZBTHS Board of Education Report, is included and made a part of these minutes.)

NT@ZB Updates

Dr. Frusher reported on the following:

- Teacher Institute Day went exceptionally well, and Dr. Frusher thanks everyone for their support.
- College Admissions Night was on September 12th at ZBTHS. The presentation included information on college admissions, the scholarship process, and using the programs Naviance and Parchment.
- A recent Interact Club blood drive collected 24 pints of blood that will help save up to 72 lives.
- Student Support Team meetings are underway in an effort to ensure all students are successful in the classroom.
- Teacher observations have begun using the District 126 Certified Staff Evaluation Instrument.
- College visits have started. Several more will be added throughout the year.

(EXHIBIT “M”, New Tech Board of Education Report, is included and made a part of these minutes.)

SEDOL Report

Dr. Clark reported the following on behalf of Secretary Leech:

- The State of Illinois has made a decision that Special Education IDEA funds will now go directly to districts rather than through SEDOL. This change will required SEDOL to change its bylaws.

STRANDED Act Legislative Initiative

Dr. Clark reported on the following:

- Efforts continue to be made on proposed legislation that will provide compensation for the nuclear waste that remains housed in Zion.
- As of the end of July, District 126 has used 183 of the Board approved 200 attorney hours for this effort. The attorney reports that as of the end of August total billable hours is at 187, and he estimates staying under 200 hours by the time of the election.
- Dr. Clark assured the board that she is watching this closely and the Board can decide what to do after the election.

RECESS

No recess was taken.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORT

Business/Bid/Finance

- Vice President Nordstrom stated that the Business/Bid/Finance Committee was unable to meet as originally planned. Therefore, there is nothing to report from the Business/Bid/Finance Committee, but CSBO Liddle will present information to the full Board under new business.

NEW BUSINESS

2018-19 Budget Hearing

A motion was made by Member Nieto, seconded by Vice President Nordstrom, to go into a public hearing regarding the 2018-19 Budget. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 5-0. Upon no public comment, a motion was made by Vice President Nordstrom, seconded by Member Roberts to close the public hearing. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 5-0.

Approval of the 2018-19 Budget

CSBO Liddle presented the recommended 2018-19 budget for adoption. The total budget across all funds, exclusive of transfers is \$60,664,651 and includes funding for the final payouts of all current construction projects as well as a large portion of the theater. The budget anticipates receiving 100% of General State Aid funding, including the new funds generated through the EBF model. The budget also includes fund balance transfers in support of future capital projects previously approved by the Board, including the new performing arts center and adjoining lobby space. A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Nieto to adopt the 2018-19 Budget as presented. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 4-1 (Member Karner voted no). (EXHIBIT “N”, 2018-19 Budget, is included and made a part of these minutes.)

Approval of Resolution – Distribution of Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax

CSBO Liddle presented a resolution to distribute \$226,389 of anticipated Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax into the IMRF/Social Security Fund for the 2018-19 school year. The Corporate Personal Property Replacement Taxes that exceed \$226,389 will be deposited in the Education Fund (\$398,791), Debt Service Fund (\$166,638), and Transportation Fund (\$524,040), with any excess monies from the stated allocations placed in the Site & Construction Fund. A motion was made by Vice President Nordstrom, seconded by Member Roberts to adopt the resolution as presented. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 4-1 (Member Karner voted no). (EXHIBIT “O”, A Resolution for the Distribution of the Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax, is included and made a part of these minutes.)

Approval of Certification – Board Secretary and Chief Financial Officer

A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Nieto to approve the 2018-19 budget's Certification of the Board Secretary and Chief Financial Officer, including the projected estimate of revenues for 2019-20, and to have CSBO Liddle file the budget and certifications with the Lake County Clerk's Office. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 5-0. (**EXHIBIT "P"**, Certificate and Estimate of Revenues, is included and made a part of these minutes.)

Approval and Awarding of Performing Arts Center Constructions Bids

CSBO Liddle provided the Board opportunity to review the written carry in information related to the bid opening that occurred two days prior to the meeting as well as the recommendation memos regarding the results of the bid opening. CSBO Liddle recommended that the Board of Education approve trade bid awards to the lowest responsible bidders as listed and submitted on the Performing Arts Center Contractor Report totaling \$8,429,004; that the Board reject and rebid all bids for the acoustical ceilings and wall panels, as well as for fire protection; and that the Board delay acceptance of the bids for aluminum framing and glass and audio/video systems until the October 25, 2018, regularly scheduled Board meeting. A motion was made by Vice President Nordstrom, seconded by President White to approve trade bid awards to the lowest bidders as listed and submitted on the Performing Arts Center Contractor's report, totaling \$8,429,004; and that the Board reject the bids for the acoustical ceilings and wall panels, and for fire protection; and that the Board delay acceptance of the bids for aluminum framing and glass and audio/video systems until the October 25, 2018 regularly scheduled Board meeting. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 4-1. (Member Karner voted no.) (**EXHIBIT "Q"**, Performing Arts Center Bid Awards - Trades, is included and made a part of these minutes.)

Approval of Assignment of Performing Arts Center Construction Bids to Camosy Construction

CSBO Liddle advised that the Board needed to assign the bids awarded for the Performing Arts Center trade work, as listed on the contractor report, to Camosy Construction as the construction manager for the Performing Arts Center project, and that written permission is needed to give Camosy Construction approval to perform the general trades work as the lowest responsible bidder. A motion was made by Vice President Nordstrom, seconded by President White to assign the bids awarded for the Performing Arts Center trade work, as listed on the contractor report, in the amount of \$5,369,004 to Camosy Construction as the District's construction manager for the Performing Arts Center project; and to approve written permission to perform the general trades work as they were the lowest bidder. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 4-1. (Member Karner voted no.) (**EXHIBIT "R"**, Performing Arts Center Bid Award Assignment, is included and made a part of these minutes.)

Approval of New Cell Tower Lease

CSBO Liddle presented a proposed amendment to the District's cell tower lease. The current lease extension will expire in 2023. The proposed amended lease will allow for an additional five extensions at four years each through the year 2048. As part of this extension, the Lessee, SprintCom, is requesting an additional 140 square feet around the tower location for expansion. In exchange, the Lessee is offering an additional \$5,000 signing bonus. A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Member Nieto to approve the New Cell Tower Lease. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 5-0. (EXHIBIT "S", Cell Tower Lease, is included and made a part of these minutes.)

CLARIFICATION

Vice President Nordstrom asked if the assignment of bids for the Performing Arts Center previously approved in August needed to have occurred in the prior motion. It was clarified that action would take place under old business and that the previous motion to assign bids to Camosy Construction also included giving written permission for Camosy Construction to complete the general trades package as the lowest responsible bidder.

OLD BUSINESS

Capital Improvements Update

CSBO Liddle updated the Board on the District's capital improvement projects. Highlights include the following:

- The ZBTHS and NT@ZB campus additions are down to completion of punch list items and finalization of video technology.
- The new fitness equipment approved by the Board is anticipated to arrive by October 15th.
- The majority of Pearce campus is razed with only the southwest corner still standing. The goal is to have the parking lot completed by Thanksgiving before the asphalt plants close, allowing for plowing of the lot throughout the winter, with final finished layers and landscaping occurring in the spring. The maintenance garaged has been framed.
- The ZBTHS security vestibule is progressing very well and just awaiting a few materials. It is expected to be completed in early October. The NT@ZB vestibule is well under construction with an anticipated completion date of early November.
- The north ZBTHS parking lot is making good progress. The drop down gates have been received and will be installed over the Columbus Day holiday.
- Permitting and approval for the additional exit onto 21st Street has been delayed but anticipated soon. Completion of the medians will occur when the exit is constructed.
- The Theater project is behind schedule by approximately six weeks, and its progress will be determined by weather this winter and next spring.

Current projections are that the theater will probably be completed closer to December 1, 2019.

Approval of Assignment of Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Bid Awards to Camosy Construction

CSBO Liddle recommended that the Board assign the previously approved Performing Arts Center bid awards for structural steel and precast concrete to the Board's construction manager—Camosy Construction. A motion was made by Vice President Nordstrom, seconded by President White to assign the bid awarded to McKinney Steel & Sales for the bid amount of \$606,825 for structural steel, and the bid awarded to Stonecast Products in the amount of \$1,303,983 for precast concrete to Camosy Construction as the District's construction manager for the Performing Arts Center project. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 4-1. (Member Karner voted no.) **(EXHIBIT "T", An Approval of Structural Steel and Precast Concrete Bid Awards to Camosy Construction is included and made a part of these minutes.)**

OTHER BUSINESS

CLOSED SESSION

A motion was made by Vice President Nordstrom, seconded by Member Roberts to go into closed session at 7:41 p.m. for consideration of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, collective bargaining, and confidential student issues. (5ILCS 120/2(c)(1,2,10)). Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 5-0.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

A motion was made by Vice President Nordstrom, seconded by Member Richards to return to open session at 8:53 p.m. Motion was approved by a voice vote of members present voting 6-0.

PERSONNEL APPROVALS

A motion was made by Vice President Nordstrom, seconded by Member Nieto to approve the amended personnel approvals as presented, less the approval of a leave of absence request for Ms. Ingoglia. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 6-0. Included in the amended personnel approvals were the following:

-Appointments:

Usher, Nakisha (Sister 2 Sister Sponsor).

-Employments:

Brown, Sunshine (Special Education Job Coach),

Charleston, Angela (Bus Aide),

Cifuentes, Maria (Bus Aide),

Friar-Usher, Deondre (Bus Driver),

Gibson, Ida (Part-Time Parapro),
Imonina, Christian (Part-Time Parapro),
Larson, Randy (Bus Driver),
Limon, Maria (Bus Aide).

-Leaves of Absence:

Gilmore, Deborah (Bus Driver),
Keefer, Dawn (Bus Aide),
Lastacy, Courtney (Literacy Academic Coach),
McFarland, Ervin (Instructional Aide),
White, Temika (Bus Driver).

-Resignations:

Purvis, Ilene (Bus Aide).

EXHIBIT “U”, Amended Monthly Personnel Report, is included and made a part of these minutes.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE APPROVAL

A motion was made by Member Nieto, seconded by Vice President Nordstrom to approve the leave of absence request of Jackie Ingoglia. Motion was approved by a roll call vote of members present voting 5-0-1 (Member Roberts abstained). **EXHIBIT “V”**, Leave of Absence Request, is included and made a part of these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Vice President Nordstrom, seconded by Member Nieto to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m. Motion was approved by a voice vote of members present voting 6-0.

SHAWN WHITE, President

ATTEST:

JORGE NIETO, Secretary Pro Tempore

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