

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE WORKSHOP/MEETING
BOARD OF EDUCATION, ZION-BENTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT 126, LAKE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2019 – 7:15 P.M.
ZION-BENTON TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
SUPERINTENDENT’S CONFERENCE ROOM**

The Board of Education of Zion-Benton Township High School District 126, Lake County, Illinois, met as a Committee of the Whole in the Superintendent’s Conference Room, One Z-B Way, 3901 W. 21st Street, Zion, Illinois, commencing at 7:15 p.m.

President White presided.
Dr. Clark took the minutes.

ROLL CALL

Members present: President White, Vice President Nordstrom, Secretary Leech, Member Nieto, and Member Roberts. Absent: Member Richards and Member Karner.

Other workshop participants included: Dr. Clark, CSBO Liddle, Director of Student Services Richter, Director of Special Education Dr. Barker, Director of Teaching and Learning Dr. DiGangi, ZBTHS Principal Dr. Pawelczyk and NT@ZB Principal Dr. Frusher.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

COMMUNICATION FROM STAFF, GUESTS, AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS

There were none.

DISCUSSIONS REGARDING PROGRESS OF DISTRICT’S STRATEGIC PLAN AND RELATED TOPICS

The District 126 administrative team provided updates to the Board of Education regarding specific components of the District’s Strategic Plan for Improvement and related topics, including:

- progress of 2019-20 registration process and selection of expanded course offerings;
- the District exceeding its goal of increasing enrollment in Tech Campus vocational programs by 50-percent and there currently being a waiting list of 29 students for 2019-20;
- the Board’s interest in potentially expanding Tech Campus enrollment further;
- progress update regarding the number of students identified for Advanced Placement coursework via the District’s Equal Opportunity Schools partnership and coordinated efforts to encourage increased enrollment and diverse representation in the District’s expanded AP offerings;

- significant success of the District's new interventionists in building multi-tiered systems of support for students who struggle with academic and/or social-emotional needs;
- academic readiness and placement data for the incoming Class of 2023;
- ZBTHS school improvement goal to improve its course completion rates (As, Bs, Cs) by seeking to improve grading practices, offering opportunities that address non-cognitive and executive function skills, and soliciting student feedback in an effort to strengthen student-adult relationships;
- Deepening professional development opportunities in the area of cultural competence and cultural responsiveness utilizing Pacific Education Group and RJ Harris and Associates utilizing Evidence Based Funding;
- development of a student supply room that provides clothing and other personal items for students in need;
- options for the delivery of driver education;
- residency verification efforts through National Investigations;
- plans for a multi-jurisdiction coordinated crisis response drill in January 2020;
- pending legislation related to financial penalties and teacher earnings;
- shared transportation services with Zion Elementary and an upcoming bid;
- RFQ process for architectural services for the pool renovation;
- status of securing a long-awaited Lake County permit for a new 21st Street exit;
- evidence based funding update and potential additional uses;
- Long Range Planning Committee recommended classroom/office modifications using evidence based funding;
- District 126 financial history and current financial status; (administrators, with the exception of Dr. Clark and CSBO Liddle, left the meeting at 9:35 p.m.) and
- community feedback regarding property taxes and District efforts to provide relief while fulfilling its responsibility to educate and prepare students for opportunities to be successful in and beyond high school.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Member Roberts, seconded by Secretary Leech to adjourn at 9:52 p.m. Motion was approved by a voice vote of members present voting 5-0.

SHAWN WHITE, President

ATTEST:

KIM LEECH, Secretary