

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Tuesday, January 24, 2017
Willow Springs School Library**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Kent, Ristić, Weeg (in at 7:10), Estrada, and McSweeney, Ciota

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, David Kent.

Acceptance of the Superintendent's Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the Superintendent's Agenda.

Motion 17-58 by Ciota, seconded by Kent as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the superintendent's Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota

Audience Participation

Lori Smuda, Principal, Teachers: Michelle VonBank, Kristine Bretl, Terri Baricovich and her Student Teacher Christina Rossborough. Along with Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause.

Financial Report

Auditor's report for December was given out at the meeting.

Acceptance of the FY2016 Audit Report

Nick presented the FY2016 audit. The reports were in the packets. There are no big findings to report. All is good.

The superintendent recommends the acceptance of the FY2016 Audit Report as prepared by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause.

Motion 17-59 by McSweeney, seconded by Ciota as recommended by the superintendent that we accept the FY2016 Audit Report prepared by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota

Nays:

Minutes

A copy of the December 20, 2016 regular meeting minutes were included in the packets.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for December 20, 2016.

Motion 17-60 by Ciota, seconded by Estrada as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on December 20, 2016.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota
Abstain:**

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 17-61 by McSweeney, seconded by Kent as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the consent agenda.

Consent #1

The superintendent recommends the approval of the payroll and the approval of the bills in the amount of \$207,793.00 (7A-1-2), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$331.75 (7B) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$57,565.33(7C) for the month of January 2017.

Consent #2

The superintendent recommends the approval of the financial report of the auditor for the month of December 2016. Fund balances: Educational: \$3,451,446; Operations & Maintenance: \$512,435; Debt Service: \$340,877; Transportation: \$440,784; IMRF: \$240,870; Capital Projects: \$(111,391); Working Cash: \$477,630; Tort: \$694,421; and Fire Prevention & Life Safety \$475

Consent #3

The superintendent recommends the adoption of the Seniority List as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota

Notices and Communications

The superintendent presented the following news articles:

A-a. 1 journal articles related to National and Illinois Education Issues at this time.

1. From the DesPlaines Valley News an article introducing Argo's new superintendent, Dr. Jill Kingsfiled.

A-b. 0 Newspaper and related articles related to Willow Springs School.

A-c. 0 Newspaper and related article related to early childhood education.

Item 8B Legislative/SCOPE report: 1 Item.

An Alliance Legislative Report for the end of the 99th General Assembly and the very beginning of the 100th General Assembly. There were no major accomplishments to report.

Item 8C State Board of Education Correspondence: 0 Items.

Item 8D Illinois Association of School Boards Correspondence: 0 Items.

Item 8E AERO Correspondence items: 0 Item.

Item 8F EBC Health Insurance Co-op Correspondence items: 0 Items.

Item 8G Village of Willow Springs Correspondence: 1 item.

We received notification that we would not be receiving all of the TIF tuition money owed to the District. The Village is spreading it over 2 fiscal years.

Item 8H County Clerk Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8I Intermediate Service Center Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8J Township Treasurer Correspondence: 2 items.

1. At the last meeting there was a question about the structure of the Treasurer's office. The superintendent researched and found information which was included in the packet.
2. The superintendent also sent a letter to Susan Birkenmaier, the Treasurer, asking for assurances that the TTO will be able to comply with audit deadlines next year. Also, in reviewing their office's annual audit, the superintendent had a question regarding the negative fund balance being carried for West 40. As of Thursday, January 19, 2017, the superintendent has not received a response.

Item 8K

Superintendent Correspondence Received: 0 items.

Superintendent Correspondence Sent: 1 item.

1. The congratulatory letter sent to Argo's new superintendent.

Item 8K-A Freedom of Information Act Requests and Notices 0 items

Special Education

Cindy reported:

Working on getting info from districts about enrollment & classrooms for next year.
Draft of budget in April with final in May.

New AERO Curriculum & Instruction / Professional Development Coordinator.

ISBE ESSA – Every Student Succeeds Act draft 2 ends today – draft 3 on 4/3.

State Funding – IL Evidence Based Adequacy Model – State needs to decide by 2/1.

Field Trips – Students went to the Kris Kringle Market, on a scavenger hunt at Bass Pro Shop & to Disney on Ice.

Post High School – Mapping Skills – they are learning to map out how to get around the city.

Strategic Plan – They are going to meet with the architects Thursday. They finished site visits & surveys from staff. Will sketch what transition would like. Figuring out size, space & 1 or 2 buildings from architect. Then will take it to the Finance & Facility Committee.

Audience Participation

Principal's Report

Principal Smuda reported:

The junior high students participated in the 2nd annual Geography Bee. Conducted by Adam Lee, the students competed against each other within their homerooms to make the “play-offs”. On January 20th, the groups gathered together in the library for the final tournament.

Roller skating is in full swing! Students are skating or blading during their PE classes. Emily Moses and Jason Noble play the music and the students zoom around the gym for a great workout! One long term goal is to make the students into lifelong participants of physical activities! Thank you to all of the volunteers that have come in to help tie laces.

Winter MAP testing will be concluding this week. The results will be analyzed to find the percentage of students that met their growth goals. This data is also used to calculate the final teacher evaluation ratings.

ACCESS testing has started for students that are English Language Learners. Students are assessed in the areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening and must hit a minimal competency score.

Second quarter has ended. The principal is planning on celebratory honor roll assemblies for grades 4-8th, and also recognizing primary students with exceptional grades and perfect attendance.

There are over 300 people following our Facebook page!

Item 11A Class Size Information

Enrollment remains fairly steady, but still many ins and outs. In preparation for next year, the superintendent tallied each grade level as well.

Item 12A Graduation Date, 2017

Argo is set for graduation on Tuesday, May 23. Stagg's is set for May 22nd but the superintendent doesn't believe we have any 8th graders with senior siblings at Stagg. The superintendent recommends Monday, May 22nd at 7pm – with the Board meeting preceding the ceremony.

The superintendent recommends that Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7pm be established as the 8th grade graduation ceremony.

Motion 17-62 by Ciota, seconded by Ristić as recommended by the superintendent that we establish Monday, May 22, 2017 at 7pm for our 8th grade graduation ceremony.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota
Nays:**

Item 12B Board Meeting Calendar Adoption

The Calendar has been revised to have the May 2017 meeting prior to Graduation.

The superintendent recommends the revision of Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2017 and 2018.

Motion 17-63 by Kent, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent we revise the Board of Education Meeting Calendar for 2017 and 2018 as presented.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota
Abstain:**

Item 12C Board Secretary Payment

Every January, we pay the people who keep the minutes.

The superintendent recommends the payment to Valerie Wacker \$825 and Cindy McSweeney \$140 for taking and preparing Board minutes for 2016.

Motion 17-64 by Kent, seconded by Estrada as recommended by the superintendent that we pay Valerie Wacker \$825 and Cindy McSweeney \$140 for taking and preparing Board minutes for 2016.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota

Item 13 Calendar Information

Item 14 Closed Session

The superintendent needs to go into closed session for personnel issues.

Motion 17-65 by Weeg, seconded by Kent to go into Closed Session at 8:40 p.m. with the purpose of discussing personnel items.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota

Motion 17-66 by Ciota, seconded by Weeg Board returned to open session at 9:00 p.m.

Members present Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota

Item 15 Final Actions

The superintendent recommends keeping all or part of the following closed session minutes closed as confidentiality still exists.

Motion 17-67 by Estrada, seconded by McSweeney as recommended by the superintendent to approve the Board's findings that the need for confidentiality still exists as to all or part of the following closed session minutes closed.

Members present Kent, Ristić, Weeg, Estrada, McSweeney, and Ciota

November 30, 1982	January 25, 2011
May, 22, 1984	February 22, 2011
January 22, 1985	March 22, 2011
May 19, 1986	April 26, 2011
December 3, 1991	May 23, 2011
February 25, 1992	June 28, 2011
October 27, 1998	August 16, 2011
October 26, 1999	January 24, 2012
May 23, 2000	February 28, 2012
July 25, 2000	March 27, 2012
September 26, 2000	May 21, 2012
March 14, 2001	June 26, 2012
March 27, 2001	August 14, 2012
January 10, 2002	November 27, 2012
April 23, 2002	December 18, 2012
May 15, 2007	January 22, 2013
June 26, 2007	February 26, 2013
February 26, 2008	March 26, 2013
May 7, 2008	April 30, 2013
June 24, 2008	June 25, 2013
December 16, 2008	August 13, 2013
January 26, 2009	September 24, 2013
February 24, 2009	October 22, 2013
September 22, 2009	December 17, 2013
December 15, 2009	February 25, 2014
January 26, 2010	March 24, 2014
February 23, 2010	April 22, 2014
March 23, 2010	May 21, 2014
April 27, 2010	February 24, 2015
June 29, 2010	March 24, 2015
August 17, 2010	April 28, 2015
September 28, 2010	May 18, 2015
November 23, 2010	June 30, 2015
December 14, 2010	February 23, 2016
September 22, 2009	September 27, 2016
December 15, 2009	October 25, 2016

Item 16 Adjournment

Motion 17-68: Adjournment

**Motion made by Weeg, Seconded by Kent
Hearing no objections so moved.**


President


Secretary