

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Tuesday, May 21, 2018
Willow Springs School Library**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 5:35 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Mary Ellen Weeg.

Acceptance of the Superintendent's Agenda

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

Motion 18-107 by Ciota, seconded by Timmons as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the superintendent's Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

Audience Participation

Lori Smuda, Principal; Teachers: Sarah Bromberger, Gail Burkdoll and Erika Jokubauskas; Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause; Community Members: Virginia Kriho, lives at 210 S. Nolton Avenue & Nicole Pokyzywa lives at 113 Mound Street.

Financial Report

The auditor's report for the month of April is in the packet. Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly was at the meeting and answered all questions.

Minutes

A copy of the April 24, 2018 regular meeting minutes were included in the packets.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for April 24, 2018.

Motion 18-108 by L. McSweeney, seconded by Ristić as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on April 24, 2018.

**Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons
Abstain:**

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 18-109 by Weeg, seconded by L. McSweeney 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 \$248,201.96 (7A-1-2), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$669.50 (7B) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$51,926.66 (7C) for the month of May 2018.

Consent #2

The superintendent recommends the approval of the financial report of the auditor for the month of April 2018. Fund balances: Educational: \$3,482,876; Operations & Maintenance: \$433,158; Debt Service: \$597,925; Transportation: \$933,669; IMRF: \$291,537; Capital Projects: 0; Working Cash: \$523,767; Tort: \$808,819; and Fire Prevention & Life Safety \$484

Consent #3

The superintendent recommends the destruction of the audio recordings from the October 25, 2016 and October 27, 2015 closed session meetings as accurate written minutes exist.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

Notices and Communications

The superintendent presented the following news articles:

A-a. 2 journal articles related to National and Illinois Education Issues at this time.

1. "Outwitting Anxiety" from the May 2018 issue of District Administration highlighting the anxiety that many students are subject to in school and at home. It also discusses ways schools can combat the anxiety.
2. "Why Testing Has Failed Our Schools" also from the May 2018 issue of District Administration. It talks about the misuse of testing in the United States.

A-b. 2 articles related article related to Willow Springs School District 108.

Both are announcements in the Des Plaines Valley News for the annual required Special Education Funding Timely and Meaningful meeting.

Item 8B Legislative/SCOPE report: 5 Items.

1. Included are the last 4 Alliance Legislative Reports. The General Assembly has until 5/31 to pass a budget with a simple majority. On June 1, a 2/3 majority is required. No details are yet being shared about what is and what is not in the budget plan. Other legislation is also included in the readings. The next 2 weeks promise to be very busy.
2. Included is the SCOPE report. It focuses on much less legislation. Of particular note are the changes to allow for more substitute teachers.

Item 8C State Board of Education Correspondence: 1 Item.

Our annual designation of Meets Requirements (the highest available) for Special Education services.

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

Item 8E AERO Correspondence items: 1 Item.

A copy of the memo designating Cindy McSweeney as 108's representative on the AERO Governing Board.

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

Item 8G Village of Willow Springs Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8H County Clerk Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8I Intermediate Service Center Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 8J Township Treasurer Correspondence: 1 item.

We received our annual invoice for our share of the TTO's services – this is a year in arrears. It's \$29.1k. As a point of information, the superintendent also included the shares of all the districts the TTO serves. The invoice will appear on the June bill list.

Also, the LaGrange Area League of Women Voters is gathering data to determine if they wish to support a referendum to abolish the TTO office in Lyons Township. They've asked to meet with the superintendent. The superintendent put them on a back burner for the time being trying to determine if it would be beneficial for us or not.

Item 8K

Superintendent Correspondence Received: 0 items.

Superintendent Correspondence Sent: 0 items.

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

Special Education

Cindy reported:

The Governing Board meets right after our Board meeting on Monday evening so nothing to report at this time.

Audience Participation

Ms. Kriho & Ms. Pokrzywa asked several questions about Willow Springs School which the Board, superintendent, principal and teachers answered for them.

Principal's Report

Principal Smuda reported:

The Volunteer and Senior Club luncheon was a well-attended event. We served lunch to approximately 40 people! The students entertained afterward with both bands, Glee Club, and the kindergarten singers. Our community is strengthened by everyone's involvement!

The 5th grade classes graduated from the DARE program at the beginning of May. In attendance were Mayor Carpino and Police Chief Pulia of Willow Springs. They both addressed the crowd and helped hand out certificates! The highlight was three students who read aloud letters addressed to themselves. When they reach the age of 18, their parents are supposed to give them their letters and reflect on their learning.

The kindergarten classes are practicing for the Kindergarten Step-Up Program. The theme this year is "When I Grow Up". Students are memorizing a poem describing their intended profession. The program is Wednesday afternoon.

Emily Moses planned an all-day Field Day! The event was held last Thursday and the weather was gorgeous! The fifth graders were assigned leadership roles and ran each station. Teams were grouped into multi-grade groups and encouraged to work together. The PFC sponsored the giant slide, obstacle course, and sno-cone station. The principal was proud of everyone's collaboration.

Summer school is in the planning stages. Teachers analyzed MAP scores and met as teams to determine which students would benefit. We are opening school for several hours each day over the summer so students can access the internet and work on the Lexia program. Approximately 55 students will be invited.

12A Policy Updates, Second Reading and Adoption

From last month's packet:

There are few policy updates. Most of them around sexual harassment in the workplace. Springfield legislators had issues last year, so we must all make changes. Next month, with approval, we will need to approve a Sexual Harassment resolution. The other changes are minor.

The superintendent recommends the adoption of revised policies: 2:260, 4:40, 5:20 and 5:170.

Motion 18-110 by L. McSweeney, seconded by Timmons as recommended by the superintendent we adopt the revised policies as listed.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

The superintendent recommends the adoption of the Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment.

Motion 18-111 by Ristić, seconded by L. McSweeney as recommended by the superintendent we adopt the Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

12B Transportation Contract

It is time to renew our agreement with First Student for bus transportation for our regular education students. It is a one year agreement with a 4% increase. First Student management is continuing to try to attract better drivers with higher wages.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the Amendment to Student Transportation Services Agreement with First Student for the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 18-112 by McSweeney, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent we approve the Amendment to Student Transportation Services Agreement with First Student for the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

Item 12C Summer School Teachers Employment

The Summer School program was approved at the March Board meeting. We will also run a summer band program during the same time period.

Motion 18-113 by Ristić, seconded by L. McSweeney as recommended by the superintendent we employ Alicia Lehmann, Ann Musto, Kristine Bretl, Ray Weissenstein, Jaclyn Dondlinger, Megan Henderson and Sarah Bromberger as summer school teachers for Summer 2018 at \$1,584 per teacher.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

Item 12D English Language Arts Adoption Recommendation

After nearly 2 years of study, the K-5 staff is recommending the Wonders (2017) reading program for implementation for English Language Arts instruction beginning in the 2018-2019 school year

Here are reasons it was recommended:

- Strong literature incorporated throughout the program
- A wealth of non-fiction selections at each level, often related to a fiction selection
- One of the highest ratings when compared to the New Illinois Learning Standards (Common Core)
- A strong and realistic writing instruction program
- Recommended differentiation techniques and strategies with every lesson
- Technology is integral to the program, not an after thought
- Technology for student use as well as teacher use
- A RTI program that can meet a wide variety of delivery styles
- Regular online professional development for the staff
- Flexible assessment design

The superintendent recommends the adoption of the Wonders (2017) English Language Arts program for implementation beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

Motion 18-114 by Ristić, seconded by Timmons as recommended by the superintendent we adopt the Wonders (2017) English Language Arts program for implementation beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

Item 13 Calendar Information

Item 14 Closed Session

Item 15 Final Actions

The superintendent recommends the employment of Elise Esposito as a special education teacher for the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$38,995 (Lane A, Step1).

Motion 18-115 by L. McSweeney, seconded by Weeg As recommended by the superintendent we employ Elise Esposito as a special education teacher for the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$38,995 (Lane A, Step1).

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

The superintendent recommends the re-employment of Stephanie Van Wagner as a special education paraprofessional (1.0 FTE) for the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$18,996 (Lane HQ, Step 2).

Motion 18-116 by Ristić, seconded by McSweeney to re-employment of Stephanie Van Wagner as a special education paraprofessional (1.0 FTE) for the 2018-2019 school year at a salary of \$18,996 (Lane HQ, Step 2).

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

The superintendent recommends approving the professional service contract with Lois Popish to serve as Library Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate of \$30,500 for the year.

Motion 18-117 by Ristić, seconded by Ciota to approve the professional services contract with Lois Popish to serve as Library Coordinator for the 2018-2019 school year at a rate of \$30,500 for the year.

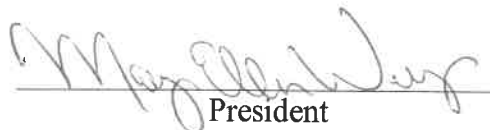
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Timmons

Item 16 Adjournment

Motion 18-118: Adjournment at 6:37 pm

Motion made by L. McSweeney, Seconded by Weeg

Hearing no objections so moved.


President


Secretary