

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Willow Springs School Library**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, L. McSweeney, Hawkins, 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 19-080 by, Ciota seconded by Hawkins as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the superintendent's Agenda.

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

Audience

Lori Smuda, Principal; Carl Thomas from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause; Attorney Tom Melody from Klein, Thorp & Jenkins

Community Members: Allen Smuda(8234 Independence), Nicole Pokrzywa(113 Mound), Gregory Lauriano(300 Village Circle), Charles & Claudia Toussas(614 Oakwood), Kathy Loran(611 S Oakwood), Kathy Wendell(191 Willow Blvd), Josie Mazzaia(500 S Nolton), Ray Chwasz(500 S Nolton), Dave Kent(102 Forest Ave.), Alan & Nina Nowaczyk(208 S Glenwood Ave), Carole Valdez(107 N. Nolton), Virginia Kriho(210 S Nolton)

Alan Nowaczyk reported to the Board that not a lot happened at the TIF Joint Review Board meeting. He stated that information was not being brought forward including that TIF1 will be extended. He further stated that the Village annexed land past Route 83 for future industrial and business use and warned that it may too fall into TIF2. He said that going along with the TIF2 would be a huge mistake for all stakeholders and hoped the school would vote no as there is nothing in it for the school. He stated that the Village is giving economic development away and the whole thing stinks.

Nina Nowaczyk asked a series of questions that attorney Tom Melody answered on behalf of the Board. She asked how many meetings had been held between the Village and the District and it was reported as 1 meeting. The District is waiting for the Village to provide it's impact fee statement. She further stated that legal proceedings can take place after the process goes through and urged the Board to consider them. She asked the Board to not negotiate with the Village. She said that the District sent a letter home in December discussing the potential, at the time, referenda issues and asked the Board to do the same regarding the TIF.

Carole Valdez asked the Board to consider filing an injunction against the Village to stop the TIF2. She asked for, and received, clarification regarding the Impact fees and ended with asking the Board to send a TIF letter to the community.

Ray Chwasz reported about the TIF2 budget and the transfer of \$2million from TIF2 to TIF1.

Financial Report

The auditor's report for the month of February was in the Board packet. Carl Thomas was present and answered all questions. The financials look unremarkable for February with the start of property taxes being posted. Right on track for both expenditures and revenues.

Minutes

A copy of the February 26, 2019 regular meeting minutes were included in the packets.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for February 26, 2019.

Motion 19-081 by Weeg, seconded by McSweeney as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on January 22, 2019.

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

Abstain: Hawkins

Item 8 Village TIF2 Discussion

The superintendent included the email he sent on March 12th regarding the Village's offer regarding the TIFs. It's a complex matter. Tom Melody, our attorney was present to guide the Board and provide his insight. The Board and Tom Melody answered all questions.

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 19-082 by Hawkins, seconded by Timmons 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 \$228,097.74 (9A-1-2), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$1,331.90 (9B) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$54,943.98 (9C) for the month of March 2019.

Consent #2

The superintendent recommends the approval of the financial report of the auditor for the month of February 2019. Fund balances: Educational: \$3,006,607; Operations & Maintenance: \$456,342; Debt Service: \$422,824; Transportation: \$620,971; IMRF: \$266,116; Capital Projects: 0; Working Cash: \$536,390; Tort: \$672,567; and Fire Prevention & Life Safety \$4

Consent #3

The superintendent recommends the destruction of the Closed Session audio recordings from the June 27, 2017, August 14 2017 and September 26, 2017 meetings as accurate minutes exist.

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

Item 10 Notices and Communications

The superintendent presented the following news articles:

- A-a. 1 newspaper and related articles related to national or state issues.
 - 1. An article from the Chicago Tribune highlighting the 3 year process of change from the PARCC to the IAR(Illinois Assessment of Readiness).

- A-b. 1 Newspaper and related articles related to Willow Springs School District 108.

Our Kindergarten Screening and Preregistration in the Des Plaines Valley News.

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

Item 10B Legislative/SCOPE report: 4 Items.

There are 4 reports, 4 Alliance Legislative Reports and 1 Capitol Watch.

Bills are moving quickly through the legislature. Some faster than others. Some have already dropped out of sight.

Item 10C State Board of Education Correspondence: 0 Items.

Item 10D Illinois Association of School Boards Correspondence: 1 Item.

IASB has announced the new board member workshops for this summer. The superintendent will share these with our new members after the April election.

Item 10E AERO Correspondence items: 0 Items.

Item 10F EBC Health Insurance Co-op Correspondence items: 1 Item.

The 2019-2020 rates are in. It was a good year! The medical PPO is increasing 1/8%, the medical HMO is increasing 5.3%, the dental PPO is increasing 1.2% and the and the dental HMO has a 0% increase.

Item 10G Village of Willow Springs Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 10H County Clerk Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 10I Intermediate Service Center Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 10J Township Treasurer Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 10K

Superintendent Correspondence Received: 1 item.

1. An email exchange with Mr. Dave Patterson regarding property taxes received from Sterling Estates for discussion with Rep Flowers regarding inequitable taxation rates.

Superintendent Correspondence Sent: 1 item.

1. A sample of the letter sent to our 4 Springfield House members asking them to be aware of the District's need for the release of the 2004 Capital Projects Grant funds. The superintendent had a discussion with Kelly Burke and Mike Zalewski as a result of those letters.

Item 11K-A Freedom of Information Act Requests and Notices 1 item.

1. FOIA request from John Laadt (New York University) for information regarding charter schools with the District. The request was complied with via the Google Form as requested.

Special Education

Cindy McSweeney reported:

AERO has joined EBC insurance group which has a potential savings of approximately \$210k per year.

Dr. Gunnell's evaluation scored a 54.52 out of 56 points.

EP Schools Federal Credit Union presented \$1,000 grant award to Katie McClory, AERO Transition Program for a crave cart which includes a Hot Dog Steamer, Popcorn Machine & related accessories.

Asbestos testing is completed, once the report and designs are completed, they will put the bid out for the abatement. Completion is expected in early October.

Meanwhile a topographical survey will be done and demo drawing will go out for bid with substantial completion of building demo by middle of December.

AERO is extending Dr. Gunnell's contract for 15 months to go through June 2022 with 0% increase.

The next Governing Board meeting will be on May 20th at 7:00pm.

Principal's Report

The Principal, Mrs. Lori Smuda reported:

Willow has completed the IAR state tests! The students rigorously tested for six days. Each test was 60-90 minutes in length. The students persevered!! Several teachers instituted motivational activities for the students who demonstrated energy and persistence. The principal presented some examples of the questions on the IAR tests for math and English that the students were asked to answer.

Speaking of assessments, the 5th and 8th graders will take the ISA Science Assessment during the week of April 8th. This test is only one day and last approximately an hour.

Good news from Enchanted Backpack! Willow has been selected as one of their adopted schools! On Thursday, April 4th, two vans will arrive to drop off donations. The principal plans on getting the entire school involved with a celebratory arrival! We don't know exactly what materials we'll receive, but plan on distributing items this month and at July registration.

The students in Concert Band have been preparing for April's Band-O-Rama. The band will join other schools and perform in front of professional judges, who then give compliments and advice to everyone!

Class Size Information

Enrollment continues to fluctuate slightly.

Item 13A Summer School 2019

It's time to start planning for our summer school program. The superintendent proposes Monday, July 15, 2019 – Thursday, August 1, 2019. Summer school will run 9am – noon for the students and will meet Monday – Thursday each week.

Motion 19-083 by McSweeney, seconded by Hawkins as recommended by the superintendent that we hold our summer school program starting Monday, July 15, 2019 through Thursday, August 1, 2019. Which will run from 9am – noon for the students and will meet Monday – Thursday each week.

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

Item 13B AERO Classroom Rental Agreement FY2020

We will have a classroom to rent to AERO for the 2019-2020 school year.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the rental agreement with AERO for 1 classroom for the 2019-2020 school year.

Motion 19-084 by Hawkins, seconded by Timmons as recommended by the superintendent the approval to rent AERO 1 classroom for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Item 13C Registration Fees

Our current registration fees are \$75 per student for the year. If a parent registers during the July registration dates, the fee is reduced to \$55 per student. Compared to our neighbors, this is still a bargain. The superintendent is not recommending an increase in fees for FY2020. The Board Agreed so the fee stays the same as the previous year.

Item 14 Closed Session

The Board needed to go into closed session to discuss personnel, discipline issues and school security measures.

Motion 19-085 by Weeg, seconded by Ciota to go into Closed Session at 8:03 p.m. with the purpose of discussing personnel items.

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

Board returned to open session at 8:40 p.m.

Members present Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, L. McSweeney, Hawkins, and Timmons

Item 14 Final Actions

The superintendent recommends the approval of the closed session minutes from the January 22, 2019 meeting and to keep them closed to the public.

Motion 19-086 by L. McSweeney, seconded by Ciota as recommended by the superintendent to approve the closed session minutes from the February 26, 2019 meeting and to keep them closed to the public.

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

Abstained:

The superintendent recommends the approval of the FMLA request for Meghan Litko.

Motion 19-087 by McSweeney, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent to approve the FMLA request for Meghan Litko.

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

The superintendent recommends the non-renewal of employment of Sharon Ayres, Laura Baricovich and Stephanie Van Wagner.

Motion 19-088 by Timmons, seconded by Hawkins as recommended by the superintendent for the non-renewal of employment of Sharon Ayres, Laura Baricovich and Stephanie Van Wagner.

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

The superintendent recommends the approval of the non-union salary increases as presented.

Motion 19-089 by McSweeney, seconded by Ciota as recommended by the superintendent to approve the non-union salary increases as presented.

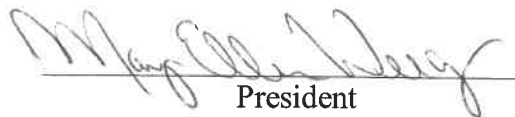
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, McSweeney, L. McSweeney, Hawkins, and Timmons

Item 16 Adjournment

Motion 19-090: Adjournment at 8:55 pm

Motion made by McSweeney, Seconded by Ciota

Hearing no objections so moved.


President


Secretary