

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education  
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108  
Thursday, May 23, 2019  
Willow Springs School Library**

**Call to Order**

Meeting called to order at 5:34 p.m.

**Roll Call**

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

**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 19-117 by Ciota, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the superintendent's Agenda.**

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

**Audience Participation**

Lori Smuda, Principal; Teacher: Jaclyn Dondlinger

**Financial Report**

The auditor's report for the month of April is in the packet. Since this was a short meeting, Carl was not in attendance.

**Minutes**

A copy of the April 30, 2019 regular meeting minutes were included in the packets.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for April 30, 2019.

**Motion 19-118 by Ciota, seconded by Bohac as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on April 30, 2019.**

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

**Abstain:**

**Village TIF2 Discussion**

First is the Board's response to the Village following the April 30 meeting asking for the Village to abandon its plans and that the Board will consider legal recourse.

The superintendent reported that the District received a new offer from the Village to settle the District's disputes to the Village's TIF2 process. The Board will discuss the particulars in Closed Session as it concerns probable legal action.

The superintendent went over the highlights of the TIF2. He also stated that he included a copy of the May 15 letter that he sent to all 8 of our representatives in Springfield alerting them to the possibility of a TIF1 extension and to the Board's opposition to that.

**Consent Agenda**

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 19-119 by L. McSweeney, seconded by Ciota 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 \$238,734.12 (9A-1-2), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$245.65 (9B) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$52,762.60 (9C) for the month of May 2019.

**Consent #2**

The superintendent recommends the approval of the financial report of the auditor for the month of April 2019. Fund balances: Educational: \$3,678,476; Operations & Maintenance: \$505,992; Debt Service: \$639,676; Transportation: \$658,384; IMRF: \$279,519; Capital Projects: 0; Working Cash: \$539,450; Tort: \$696,701; and Fire Prevention & Life Safety \$4

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

**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 Des Plaines Valley News regarding the TIF public hearing.

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

1. The public notice for our annual Special Education Timely and Meaningful consultation meeting.

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

**Item 10B Legislative/SCOPE report: 4 Items.**

There are 4 Alliance Legislative Reports. With the end of the regular legislative session scheduled for May 31, things will be happening fast and furious over the next 2 weeks – including a new state budget, hopefully a school calendar change, and many other bills from consolidation (which appears to be slowing a bit) to PE to salary. It promises to be an exciting week.

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

**Item 10D Illinois Association of School Boards Correspondence: 0 Items.**

**Item 10E AERO Correspondence items: 0 Items.**

**Item 10F EBC Health Insurance Co-op Correspondence items: 0 Items.**

**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: 0 items.

Superintendent Correspondence Sent: 1 item.

1. A copy of the letter sent home on May 20 after the threat at Argo High school and the arrest of the suspect.

## **Item 10K-A Freedom of Information Act Requests and Notices 0 items.**

### **Special Education**

Micki reported:

The budget was approved.

They are starting to contract out for the Asbestos for Queen of Peace.

Jim Ginnell & the local superintendents met all the Legislators that cover our district area, asking for \$50,000. Representative Mike Madigan seemed pretty interested.

### **Principal's Report**

Principal Smuda reported:

Field Day was a great day! Emily put together a plan that ran really smooth & all the students & staff had a Wonderful time!

### **12A Class Size Information**

There has been little change.

## **Item 13A Employment of Staff for 2019-2020**

The principal and superintendent are pleased to recommend 2 hires for next school year:

Laura Baricovich for the part-time Early Childhood position. She's been in our cross-cat program and will move to EC.

Stephanie Van Wagner as a teacher's aide following the resignation of Rachel Kirby. Stephanie has been the aide in the EC program. She has great skills.

**Motion 19-120 by L. McSweeney, seconded by Ristić as recommended by the superintendent the approval of the contracts for teacher Laura Baricovich (23,220 .5FTE Lane B Step 7) and paraprofessional Stephanie Van Wagner (20,174 HQ, Step 3, 1.0 FTE). Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, L. McSweeney, and Bohac**

## **Item 13B Memorandum of Agreement regarding Teacher Resignation**

The superintendent presented the Union approved agreement regarding when a teacher wishes to resign with less than the legally required 30 days' notice.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the Resignation of Teachers.

**Motion 19-121 by Ciota, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent the approval of the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding the Resignation of Teachers.**

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

## **Item 13C Calendar Information**

The legislature still has not passed the bills to put the new calendar rules into effect.

**Item 13D Consolidation Referenda Update**

In the packet is a copy of the letter sent to school districts 107 and 109 asking if they wish to explore the potential of a consolidation. The No reply from 107 is also included. We have not yet had a reply from 109.

The superintendent also included an email that Mr. Patterson included him on. He is inquiring of others what else can be done to force a consolidation study. He reached out to Ken Getty, the Lyons Township School Treasurer, who referred him to the West Cook Regional Superintendent, Mark Klaisner.

**Item 13E Capital Projects Bill, 2004**

There has been a great deal of behind the scenes action with the approved Capital Projects List from 2004 – which the district was approved for and was intended to receive around \$2.75million. That list, while approved by ISBE, was never funded. If all goes well, the list will be partially funded, perhaps 40 – 50%. While not what we were promised in 2004, certainly better than the nothing we've received since. Priority with higher funding is being given to districts that have not yet done the applied for work in 2004.

**Item 14 Closed Session**

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

**Motion 19-122 by Weeg, seconded by Ciota to go into Closed Session at 6:05 p.m. with the purpose of discussing probable litigation, personnel, discipline issues and school security measures.**

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

**Motion 19-123 by Weeg, seconded by Ristić Board returned to open session at 6:50 p.m.**

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

**Item 15 Final Actions**

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Closed Session and to keep them closed to the public.

**Motion 19-124 by Ciota, seconded by Bohac to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2019 Closed Session and to keep them closed to the public.**


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

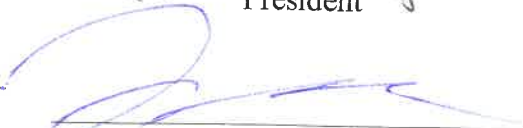
**Item 16 Adjournment**

**Motion 19-125: Adjournment at 6:51 pm**

**Motion made by Weeg, Seconded by Bohac**

**Hearing no objections so moved.**

  
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President

  
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Secretary