

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

Call to Order

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

Roll Call

Members present: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, McSweeney, and Patrick

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 20-001 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, McSweeney, and Patrick

Audience Participation

Lori Smuda, Principal; Attorney Greg Smith from Klein, Thorp & Jenkins; Community Members: Clarence Zima(110 Kazwell);

No one addressed the Board

Minutes

A copy of the June 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes and were included in the packets.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for June 25, 2019.

Motion 20-002 by McSweeney, seconded by Ciota as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on June 25, 2019

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, McSweeney, and Patrick

Abstain:

Financial Report

The auditor's report for the month of June was handed out at the Board Meeting.

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 20-003 by Ciota, seconded by Ristić 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 \$122,040.10 (8A-1-2), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$154 (8B) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$46,556.79 (8C) for the month of July 2019.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the financial report of the auditor for the month of June 2019. Fund balances: Educational: \$3,046,779; Operations & Maintenance: \$444,565; Debt Service: \$600,098; Transportation: \$457,094; IMRF: \$268,722; Capital Projects: 600.000; Working Cash: \$532,464; Tort: \$102,450; and Fire Prevention & Life Safety \$4

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, McSweeney, and Patrick

Notices and Communications

The superintendent presented the following news articles:

A-a. 1 journal articles related to National and Illinois Education issues.

An article from the Atlantic explaining how educational progress is really dependent upon social reforms outside of school.

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

1. From the Des Plaines Valley News about the TIF2 approval at the Village Board meeting.
2. The Prevailing Wage publication in the Des Plaines Valley News.

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

Item 9B Legislative/SCOPE report: 0 Items.

Item 9C State Board of Education Correspondence: 0 Items.

Item 9D Illinois Association of School Boards Correspondence: 0 Items.

Item 9E AERO Correspondence items: 0 Items.

Item 9F EBC Health Insurance Co-op Correspondence items: 0 Items.

Item 9G Village of Willow Springs Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 9H County Clerk Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 9I Intermediate Service Center Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 9J Township Treasurer Correspondence: 0 items.

Item 9K

Superintendent Correspondence Received: 0 items.

Superintendent Correspondence Sent: 0 items.

Item 9K-A Freedom of Information Act Requests and Notices 0 items.

Special Education

The superintendent included a short summary of the Governing Board's July 15 meeting. Of highlight are the adoption of the FY20 budget, approval of a debt allocation formula for any new building, and a presentation of a pilot therapeutic emotional/mental health program at PRIDE.

Principal's Report

Principal Smuda reported:

Step-Up Summer School is in full swing! There are 54 students attending! Most of the students are very happy to be back at school and claimed they “missed” their teachers!

In summer school, the students participate in 90 minutes of English/Language Arts instruction and 60 minutes of math. Additionally, there's a half hour break of snack and recess.

Ms. Bromberger is holding a Step-Up to Band summer school! She has recruited incoming 4th graders and they have started instrument instruction. The students are so excited to bring their new instruments home each day and practice!

Valerie, Carina, Nurse Lisa and Ann Musto worked tirelessly during the July registration. Twenty new students registered in grades 1st – 8th. After registration, the families were able to pick up school supplies and clothing items donated from Enchanted Backpack!

Late registration is scheduled for August 1st. There are 75 students who remain unregistered. In total, registration looks typical as in past years.

The principal has been busy finalizing student schedules, bus routes, recess supervision, booking school tours for new students, and all of the details needed for the start of a new school year. She feels relieved having almost 100% of the instructional staff in place!

The Kick-Off to a New School Year is scheduled for Tuesday evening, August 13th. This is the day BEFORE the first day of school. The event is for families to meet the teachers, tour the classrooms, drop off supplies, etc. The principal will be watching for a higher percentage of participation compared to the Curriculum Nights of the past.

After 32 years in education, the principal still loves the beginning of a new school year! It's a fresh start with new faces, a time to set new short and long term goals, and an affirmation of children's lives!

11A Class Size Information

The superintendent included a preliminary report, by grade level not homeroom, for the upcoming school year based upon confirmed July registrations and who we know about that haven't registered.

It looks like a strong possibility for 3 kindergartens this coming year, but only 2 second grade sections. We would move one of the 3 second grade teachers to kindergarten. All decisions will be made on August 2 after the late registration.

Item 12A Approve New Custodial Position

In June, the superintendent asked for permission to test the waters to see if we would have better luck finding a full time custodian rather than 2 part-time custodians. We've been down 2 part-timers since early May and have been unable to fill the positions.

We advertised for a second shift, full-time custodian at \$14.50/hr. with benefits. Total cost of the position would be about \$40k. This would be a union position. We had over 180 applicants – and several ones with extensive custodial experience.

The superintendent recommends hiring a second full-time second shift custodian at \$14.50/hr.

Motion 20-004 by McSweeney, seconded by Patrick as recommended by the superintendent the approval to hire a second full-time second shift custodian at \$14.50/hr. Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, McSweeney, and Patrick

Item 12B School Resource Officer

The superintendent found the following information in the past month:

Who trains the School Resource Officer?

The Illinois State Police have a training program for that designation. Officers in Willow Springs would have this designation.

Who does the hiring?

That varies from location to location. In Willow Springs, we would enter an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Village for these services. They would assign a School Resource Officer (SRO) to us full-time. We would have to build into the IGA if things didn't work out. Currently, the superintendent understands that the WSPD has 2 officers with the SRO designation. There's a cost for the training, so the superintendent is guessing that options would be very limited.

Cost?

So, our neighbors in 109 told the superintendent that they estimated in \$60k range for an officer. However, that is actually around \$100k per officer. 2 officers for 109 shared between its 6 buildings.

In an exploratory discussion with Jim Ritz, WSPD Chief, told the superintendent that the cost would be in the \$120k range. The superintendent was taken aback by that as well. If we move forward, we'd be looking for the WSPD to provide specifics for that number.

Sharing with Pleasantdale?

Like us, Pleasantdale has begun exploring an SRO. While they'd be interested in sharing with us, the middle school is in Burr Ridge, a different jurisdiction. And, they were stunned by the cost as well. 109 also covers 2 jurisdictions, Justice and Bridgeview. 109 is entering into separate agreements with each of its police departments.

The superintendent believes this is going to be a long process.

Item 12C Resolution for Revised Articles of Agreement with DuPage/West Cook Regional Special Education Association

Through our membership in AERO, we are also members of the DuPage/West Cook Special Education Association. DuPage/West Cook serves severely vision and hearing impaired students. A summary sheet of the changes were included. The superintendent has also included the Resolution in the packet. Jim Gunnell serves as the representative to the Board for all of the AERO Districts – a representative needs to represent at least 5000 students.

The superintendent recommends the adoption of the Resolution of Board of Education of Willow Springs School District 108 Authorizing and Approving Joint Representation to the DuPage/West Cook Regional Special Education Association.

Motion 20-005 by Ciota, seconded by McSweeney as recommended by the superintendent the adoption of the Resolution of Board of Education of Willow Springs School District 108 Authorizing and Approving Joint Representation to the DuPage/West Cook Regional Special Education Association.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, McSweeney, and Patrick

New Business

Look into getting windows that open for some of the classrooms.

Have all new hires come to a Board Meeting.

Item 14 Closed Session

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

Motion 20-006 by Ristić, seconded by Patrick to go into Closed Session at 7:31 p.m. with the purpose of discussing probable litigation, personnel, discipline issues and school security measures.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, McSweeney, and Patrick

Motion 20-007 by Weeg, seconded by Ciota Board returned to open session at 7:57 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, McSweeney, and Patrick

Item 15 Final Actions

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes of the June 25, 2019 Closed Session and to keep them closed to the public.

Motion 20-008 by McSweeney, seconded by Ristić to approve the minutes of the May 23, 2019 and the June 2, 2019 Closed Session and to keep them closed to the public.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, McSweeney, and Patrick

Motion 20-009 by Weeg, seconded by Ciota to approve the intergovernmental tax increment financing agreement between the Village of Willow Springs and Willow Springs School District 108 with amended suggestion.

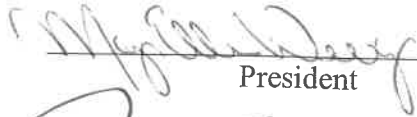
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ciota, Ristić, McSweeney, and Patrick

Item 16 Adjournment

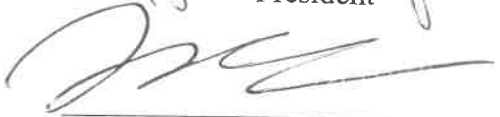
Motion 20-010: Adjournment at 7:58 pm

Motion made by Ciota, Seconded by McSweeney

Hearing no objections so moved.



President



Secretary