

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Tuesday, August 16, 2021
Willow Springs School Gym**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Weeg, Ristić(6:39), Bohac, Anderson, Mierop, and Nunez
Administration: Superintendent Bahn & Principal Oreluk

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 22-019 by Bohac, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the superintendent's Agenda.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Bohac, Anderson, Mierop, and Nunez

Public Comment

Tiffany Carlisle spoke telling the Board her thoughts on Blended Learning. She also wanted to thank the Teachers for going above & beyond.

Community members are invited to share their questions, comments or concerns with the school Board. When speaking, citizens should state their name and address for the record and limit their presentation to three minutes. All comments are a matter of public record and as such will be documented and recorded. Where possible, the Board will answer factual questions immediately. A written response may be provided when information is not available. If a response would involve discussion of board policy or decisions which might be of interest to citizens not present at the meeting, the Board may place the item on a future meeting agenda.

Additionally, board policy 2:230 permits the Board President to shorten a person's opportunity to speak. "The President may also deny the opportunity to speak to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject." (2:230)

Willow Staff: Juan Garcia; Michelle VonBank; Ann Musto; Kim Cahill and Dean Brockob

Community members: Tiffaney Carlisle(1047 Testa Dr., Justice); Doug Ciota(1364 W 87th St.); Ryan Darrah(201 Forest); Michelle Zethmayr(1067 Testa Dr.) and Cindy Pena(114 Willow Blvd). Nick Cavaliere from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause; Attorney Mallory Milluzzi from Klein Thorp & Jenkens, Patricia Viniard IASB and Valerie Wacker took the minutes.

President, Mary Ellen Weeg stated that the Board is restricting Public Comments to public comments only.

Ryan Darrah was looking for information regarding before and after care for his students. They go to St. Judes in Oak Lawn right now and would like them to be able to come to Willow Springs School since they live in the district. Superintendent Bahn was in the process of finalizing the before and after care program.

Doug Ciota wanted to apologize to Ms. Benitez for suggesting in the past that we should cut Spanish. He then stated he is donating \$100 to Ms. Benitez classroom in memory of Omarion Rieves who graduated from Willow Springs School and was lost in a tragic car accident. He is also donating \$100 to Mr. Nobles Sports Budget in memory of Jemerrio Rieves who also was lost in the tragic car crash, as he had the honor of coaching him while he was at Willow Springs School. He said they were both really good kids. Doug stated that most students that came to Willow have never played on a team sport before and would like to see some extra money in that budget to start the children off at a younger age so they can become more experienced.

Doug also asked that we do not renew the lunch contract and that we should seek out a better lunch vendor.

Minutes

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for July 27, 2021.

Motion 22-020 by Ristić, seconded by Bohac as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting for July 27, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Bohac, Anderson, Mierop, and Nunez

Abstain: Ristić

Financial Report

The auditor's report for the month of June was not in the packet as with the meeting being earlier in the month, there weren't any TTO bills that came in so the financial report will be at the September meeting then we will have two reports. Nick Cavalier from Baker Tilly answered all questions.

Presentation and Acceptance of the Tentative FY2022 Budget

Nick Cavalier from Baker Tilly presented the tentative budget to the Board. It will be kept on file for the next 30 days for inspection as we continue to refine it till we have a budget hearing next month to approve the final budget. A copy of the tentative budget was separate from the Board packet.

A tentative budget is a rough draft and starting point for the budgeting process. Minor revisions are expected to be made over the next 30 days and prior to the next Board meeting in September. The superintendent will meet with Nick during this period to complete this process. A conservative approach will be used in the budgeting process related to both revenues and expenditures.

Budget process and timelines:

- 1) August – BOE approve a tentative budget and calls for a budget hearing within 30-40 days.
- 2) Window between August and September BOE meetings is the time when the budget is reviewed, refined, and finalized.
- 3) September – BOE approves the fiscal year budget during a public hearing as part of the regular September BOE meeting.

The superintendent recommends the acceptance of the FY 2022 tentative budget and the display of the tentative budget for a minimum of 30 days.

Motion 22-021 by Weeg, seconded by Ristić as recommended by the superintendent for the acceptance of the FY 2022 tentative budget and the display of the tentative budget for a minimum of 30 days.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ristić, Bohac, Anderson, Mierop, and Nunez

The superintendent recommends that the mandatory budget hearing to officially approve the budget take place at 6:30 pm on September 28, 2021 and that the date and time of the meeting be publicized as set by school code.

Motion 22-022 by Bohac, seconded by Mierop as recommended by the superintendent that the mandatory budget hearing to officially approve the budget take place at 6:30 pm on September 28, 2021 and that the date and time of the meeting be publicized as set by school code.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ristić, Bohac, Anderson, Mierop, and Nunez

Item 8 Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 22-023 by Weeg, seconded by Bohac 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 \$174,841.28 (8A-1-2), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$0.00 (8B) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$48,440.97 (8C) for the month of August 2021.

Consent #2

The superintendent recommends the acceptance of Megan Henderson's resignation effective August 24, 2021.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ristić, Bohac, Anderson, Mierop, and Nunez

Financial Report

With the August meeting being so early in the month there wasn't a Financial Report. The July Financial Report will be included in the September Board packet along with the August Financial Report.

9A Notices and Communications

The superintendent presented the following news articles:

9A Newspaper and Journal Articles: 0 Items.

Item 9B Legislative/SCOPE Report: 0 Items.

Item 9C State Board of Education Correspondence: 1 Item.

Updated Guidance from ISBE and IDPH (CDC) as of 8/9/21.

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.

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

Item 10 Special Education

Micki Bohac reported that the AERO Governing Board has not met since the July meeting.

Item 11 Principal's Report

Principal Oreluk reported:

The Kick Off Events for 1st through 8th grades took place on August 17th. There were two sections which were 30 minutes long that families could sign up to attend. It was a Social Distanced event. The Kindergarten meetings took place on August 16th. The principal and superintendent gave tours of the building to the kindergarten students while the teachers talked to the parents. The sessions were an hour long.

The principal shared the Communication Survey Results. The overwhelming result was that the parents rely on getting school information from the Willow Weekly. She is also looking into being able to text the parents with reminders and emergency information. She said 98% of the parents would like texting so she is investigating further. Weeg suggested to check with ARGO as they are texting parents.

All Students now have Wolverine Time for 30 minutes each day. This is for enrichment and intervention opportunities. Teachers have collaborative planning time to differentiate the Wolverine Time to meet students demonstrated needs.

Teachers had the opportunity for Professional Development for Differentiation, Engagement and a Google Refresher. There will also be a book study as well.

11A Class Size Information

The report was in the packet and in the principal's report. Anticipated registration went down but Actual Registration has gone up.

Item 12A First Day Report

The superintendent updated the board on the first day with staff and any new information regarding the upcoming first day with students. The superintendent stated that it was a great experience meeting everyone. Today was wonderful. Staff was energetic and excited to come back. One more day with the staff then the students return.

Item 12B Before/After School Care

The superintendent communicated with the YMCA and IVY League Kids regarding the service of before and after-care for Willow students during the 2021-2022 school year. Both after-school programming costs for families are similar. The two most significant differences between the two programs (beyond activities) are expected enrollment and the before-school option. YMCA wanted 20+ students to start the year. He presented a 1 year contract from Ivy League for the Boards review.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the Before/After-School Child Care contract with Ivy League Kids for the 2021-22 school year with the addition of a 60 day notice to cancel if the program is not working out to be added into the contract.

Motion 22-024 by Ristić, seconded by Weeg as recommended by the Superintendent the approval of the Before/After-School Child Care contract with Ivy League Kids for the 2021-22 school year with the addition of a 60 day notice to cancel if the program is not working out to be added into the contract.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ristić, Bohac, Anderson, Mierop, and Nunez

Item 12C IASB Executive Search Update

Patricia Sullivan-Viniard updated the Board on the process for the search for the permanent superintendent. She presented the survey results and is preparing the announcement of the vacancy.

Item 12E Back to School Plans for 2021-2022

The superintendent shared all updates regarding any guidance changes. As of tonight, no new guidance was given. He had communication from parents asking if it is safe enough for students to come back to school.

The Nurse may contact families to recommend they be tested if another student or staff member they were in contact with tested positive. Parents are being asked to monitor students at home and to keep them home if they are sick. Parents and staff were given a list of signs to watch for. If a child needs to quarantine, they can get tested and with a negative result and a doctor's note stating they are ok to come back to school then it will cut down the quarantine time. If they won't get tested then they will have to quarantine for the full time. If a student exhibits any symptoms, then they will be sent home along with all of their siblings.

Item 14 Closed Session

The superintendent recommends going into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing and the appointment, employment, and/or dismissal of an employee(s) or board members, litigation and/or other matters governed by the above-stated Statutes therein as per motion to adjourn.

Motion 22-025 by Ristić, seconded by Weeg to go into Closed Session at 8:12 p.m. with the purpose of discussing and the appointment, employment, and/or dismissal of an employee(s) or board members, litigation and/or other matters governed by the above-stated Statutes therein as per motion to adjourn.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ristić, Bohac, Anderson, Mierop, and Nunez

Motion 22-026 by Bohac, seconded by Weeg Board returned to open session at 8:48 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Weeg, Ristić, Bohac, Anderson, Mierop, and Nunez

Item 15 Closing Actions

Item 16 Adjournment


Motion 22-027: Adjournment at 8:50 pm

Motion made by, Ristić Seconded by Weeg

Hearing no objections so moved.



President



Secretary

