

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

1200 S. Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

School Board Meeting Minutes April 6, 2017

David Page, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order on April 6, 2017 to accept a motion to adjourn into closed session at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was held at Dryden Elementary, 722 S. Dryden Place, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

The meeting was noticed for closed session to discuss Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the District, **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)**; Possible Litigation, **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)**; Collective Negotiation Matters, **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2)**; Student disciplinary cases, **5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)**; and review closed session minutes, **5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21)**.



Regular Meeting

David Page, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order on April 6, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Dryden Elementary, 722 S. Dryden Place, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Roll call was noted and the Pledge of Allegiance said.

Board members present: David Page, Brian Cerniglia, Rich Olejniczak, Erin Johannesen, and Chuck Williams.

Board Members excused: Denise Glasgow and Diana Chrissis

Others Present: Dr. Lori Bein, Superintendent; Dr. Eric Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Stacey Mallek, Assistant Superintendent for Business/Chief School Business Official; Jake Chung, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Planning; Aimée LeBlanc, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Ryan Schulz, Director of Facilities Management; Chris Fahnoe, Director of Technology and Assessment; Adam Harris, Communications Coordinator; Debbie Williams, recording secretary; press, staff and community.

Recognitions and Presentations

Mr. Page, on behalf of the Board, extended congratulations to Michael Kosinski, Eagle Scout candidate, for building the seating and reading space for the family welcome center at Dryden Elementary. He was thanked for his leadership, initiative, design plan, and involvement in community.

Community Input

Madeline McCarren (E. Lincoln Street) and Anisha Patel (E. Lincoln Street) spoke regarding school board election results and residency.

Consent Agenda

Motion: C. Williams moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve those items on the Consent Agenda as follows: (A) Personnel Report and Addendum to Personnel Report; (C) Invoices; (D) Public Hearing meeting minutes of March 16, 2017; (E) Regular and Closed Session Meeting minutes of March 16, 2017. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; C. Williams, yes; and R. Olejniczak, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Communications:

The following reports were given:

- NSSEO – Ms. Johannesen noted that March is Autism Awareness month. At the NSSEO meeting, members did exercises that were mindful of someone on the spectrum. The NSSEO garage sale would be held April 21st-22nd. And the NSSEO budget was approved.

The following reports were received:

- PTA – The PTA elementary convention was held. A vendor fair would take place April 19 for local PTA units. May 8-12 is Teacher Appreciate week, and May 16th will be the PTA Scholarship Breakfast.

There were no reports from the following:

- IASB
- ED-RED
- ABC/25 Foundation
- ATA

Committee of the Whole Reports

Student Learning

Elementary Math Curriculum Adoption

Dr. Eric Olson shared an overview of the math presentation from the March 16th meeting. Kristin Williams stated the review committee, made up of teachers from each elementary building representing all grade levels. The committee recommended *Math in Focus*. It is a mastery-based program aligned with the Illinois Learning Standards for Mathematics and Common Core. It supports academic success for all students, includes online tools, provides applications for real world hands-on experiences, and has a bilingual and home component. Nashwa Mekky, providing a teacher perspective, said students enjoyed the curriculum. They liked the learning process and found it rewarding. It made the students mathematical thinkers. Ms. Mekky said there were resources to meet the needs of all students. Fifth grade advanced math was not piloted, but a fifth grade advanced math teacher was on the committee.

Dr. Olson said that, as with any new curriculum implementation, there could be a dip in test scores. This is a usual part of the learning process as students adjust to change. However, we did not see a dip when the reading curriculum changed.

Ms. Williams said staff training would begin in May, followed by the Institute Day in August. A training model will be implemented and will go through the upcoming two years. Principals will also receive training.

Board members extended the timeframe to continue discussion. Ms. Williams stated the *Math in Focus* curriculum concepts are taught with a *concrete-pictorial-abstract* learning progression through real-world, hands-on experiences. Students can print materials and have access at home and school. Teachers overwhelmingly agreed on the selection of this curriculum. Throughout the process, teachers provided assessment and feedback.

There is a one-time cost to the district for manipulative kits and student resources, which includes a set of textbooks, student workbooks and digital access for six years. Also included in the budget is a one-time cost for two years of professional development for all staff. Ms. Mallek also said the district budget has included a line item for math books.

Motion: B. Cerniglia moved and C. Williams seconded the motion to approve the adoption of *Math in Focus* as the new curriculum resource for all kindergarten through fifth grade classrooms as presented. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; C. Williams, yes; and R. Olejniczak, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Business and Finance

2017-2018 NSSEO Budget

Ms. Mallek said the NSSEO budget is developed with input from its member districts. We project the number of students requiring their services. Last year we budgeted for 33 students and had 30. Planning for 2017-18, we have budgeted for 32 plus four contingencies. The total tuition budget increase is \$68,134, but IDEA revenue increases to \$71,953. Asked if the increase in IDEA revenue was typical, Ms. Mallek said it is fairly stable. Most of the revenue goes to NSSEO. This item will be brought to the next board meeting for action.

Building and Grounds

Greenbrier Space Study Update

Dr. Bein shared the timeline of the Greenbrier space study. K-5 and Early Childhood enrollments since 2014 have been increasing. It was identified that the Board and administration would need to continue reviewing enrollments as part of the Phase 2-B space study.

The board was provided an updated enrollment report in 2015. Enrollment trends continued upward. In 2016, a recommendation for Phase 2 to address needs was brought to the Board.

Dr. Bein provided an enrollment projection chart for Greenbrier K-5 students and Early Childhood. The chart began with present enrollments and continues with numbers projected for 2021-22. A steady growth is projected. The tuition-based preschool is at Greenbrier. It also continues to have a waiting list. This program is beneficial and also an important part of services for early childhood students.

Currently there are modular classrooms for two fifth grade classrooms. Office space has been converted for use as two special services classrooms and a sensory/motor room. There is a lack of therapy space for speech language pathologists. We are thankful to the Assistant Principal/Early Childhood Coordinator for use of her office. The music room is also used to provide necessary services for students.

When looking to address the growing space needs for students, several options were studied. We looked at Dunton and relocating Early Childhood. It is not the best option financially for the district. We are proposing an addition at Greenbrier to include four classrooms and several therapy delivery and group spaces.

Mr. Schulz said Greenbrier has limited space for expansion. We have looked at several options, keeping the boundary lines and storm water detention space in mind. The proposed option is a two-story classroom addition with small group and office locations, renovation of some existing classroom spaces, and relocation of the Early Childhood playground. Traffic flow for student drop-off and pick-up are also being considered.

Next steps include further study and creation of detail design drawings. A cost estimate would then be provided to the Board followed by a request to the Board to direct the bid process. Administration would determine a timeline for construction. It is hoped to be ready to break ground in the fall of 2017.

The Board, extending the time limit for this topic, continued to discuss the growing enrollments and specifications related to Early Childhood classroom needs. They talked about location and relocation options, converting space, and boundary changes.

Award Rand Roofing, Masonry, and Mechanical Improvements

Mr. Schulz highlighted some of the improvement projects. They are: Rand roof, masonry repairs, chimney repair, boiler exhaust flu, removing the air handling unit for the library, and modification to mechanical louvers and window elevations. Mr. Schulz said the air handlers are at a serious risk for failure. He said the contractors have been scoped out.

Motion: C. Williams moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion to award Rand School Roofing Improvements, Roofing Base Bid #1, to A-1 Roofing in the amount of \$1,721,450, and award Rand School Mechanical Improvements, Mechanical Base Bid #2, and reject Mechanical Alternate #1 to Mechanical Concepts of Illinois in the amount of \$306,000. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; C. Williams, yes; and R. Olejniczak, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Award District Masonry and Building Envelope Restoration

Mr. Schulz said most projects are at South Middle School. We are starting to see minor failures. There are leaks from failed flashing above the roofline. We need to address the masonry and envelope repairs. Smaller improvements will take place at Ivy Hill regarding their dumpster screen wall and masonry planters. Our consultant has worked with this contractor. When asked about the life expectancy of the roof, Mr. Schulz said we are looking at 30, 40, or 50 years.

Motion: C. Williams moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion to award District Masonry and Building Envelope Restoration, Base Bid #1 and Reject Alternate ADD #1 to Grove Masonry Maintenance in the amount of \$215,976. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; C. Williams, yes; and R. Olejniczak, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Award District Site Improvements

Mr. Schulz highlighted some of the site improvement projects. Some of these include asphalt, asphalt seal coating and concrete projects, sewer restoration and sidewalk replacement at Miner, the Patton water main and parking lot apron replacement, and the south parking lot replacement at Westgate. Many of these projects are typical yearly maintenance items. The proposed contractor has a long history of providing services in the area.

Motion: C. Williams moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion to award District Site Improvements, including Base Bid, Alternate #1 and Alternate #2 to Chicagoland Paving in the amount of \$231,700. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; C. Williams, yes; and R. Olejniczak, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Award District Electricity Contract

Mr. Schulz said electricity rates are market based. We have asked that pricing be submitted as of April 7th for analysis. These prices will be available for acceptance by the District for 24 hours. Pricing has been requested for 13-months, 25-months, and 37-months to determine the best option for the district. As district contracts have different terms, we plan to align the contracts for the district.

Motion: C. Williams moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion to direct Administration to award the contract for district electricity to the lowest responsive

bidder. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; C. Williams, yes; and R. Olejniczak, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Personnel and Planning - none

Superintendent Report - none

Mr. Page said the Board would not return to closed session.

Motion: C. Williams moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion that the Board of Education adjourn. Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; D. Page, yes; C. Williams, yes; and R. Olejniczak, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Submitted,

Debbie Williams
Recording Secretary

Approved: April 27, 2017

President
Board of Education

Secretary
Board of Education

Date minutes were available for public inspection: April 28, 2017

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