

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

1200 S. Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

School Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2017

David Page, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order on December 14, 2017 to accept a motion to adjourn into closed session at 6:46 p.m. The meeting was held at Ivy Hill Elementary School, 2211 N. Burke Drive, 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); Review closed session minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(21); Selection of a person to fill a vacancy in a public office, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).



Regular Meeting

David Page, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order on December 14, 2017 at 7:37 p.m. The meeting was held at Ivy Hill Elementary School, 2211 N. Burke Drive, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Roll call was noted and the Pledge of Allegiance said.

Board members present: Brian Cerniglia, Diana Chrissis, Erin Johannesen, and David Page.

Board members excused: Rich Olejniczak and Anisha Ismail Patel.

Others Present: Dr. Lori Bein, Superintendent; Dr. Eric Olson, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning; Jake Chung, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Planning; Stacey Mallek, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Aimee LeBlanc, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Ryan Schulz, Director of Facilities Management; Chris Fahnoe, Director of Technology and Assessment; Coletta Hines-Newell, Director of Food Services; Adam Harris, Communications Coordinator; Brad Katz, Information Technology Specialist; Lana O'Brien, Recording Secretary; staff, press and community.

Recognitions and Presentations

Dr. Bein and Mr. Page, on behalf of the Board, thanked Mr. Chuck Williams for his 27 years of dedicated service on the Board of Education to the students and the community. A plaque and gift from the Board of Education were presented to Mr. Williams.

Mr. Williams thanked his family for their years of support. He also thanked District 25 administrators, teachers, the Board, Dr. Bein, and the community.

The meeting was adjourned sine die at 7:45 p.m. to celebrate the retirement of Chuck Williams.

The meeting reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

Appointment of member to fill Board vacancy

Mr. Page introduced Chad Conley. He was selected by the Board to fill the seat vacated by Charles Williams.

Motion: D. Chrissis moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion that the Board of Education appoint Chad Conley to fill the current Board vacancy. The appointment will be for a period of time consistent with the requirements of the Illinois School Code.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; D. Chrissis, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; and D. Page, yes. Motion carried 4/0.

Mr. Page administered the Oath Of Office to Chad Conley.

Community Input

None

Consent Agenda

Motion: D. Chrissis 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; (B) Treasurer's Report; (C) Invoices; (D) Board Member Expense Reimbursement; (E) Regular and Closed Session Meeting minutes of November 16, 2017; (F) Special Meeting minutes of November 30, 2017; (G) Special Meeting minutes of December 7, 2017.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; D. Chrissis, yes; C. Conley, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; and D. Page, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Communications:

The following reports were given:

- NSSEO – Ms. Johannesen reported that Cathi Ivack was named as the Principal of Kirk School.
- IASB – Mr. Cerniglia reported that he and several Board members attended the Joint Annual Conference that was held November 17-19, 2017. Board members attended panel discussions on topics such as community engagement, financial engagement and collective bargaining. Board members noted that District 25 has already implemented various programs and is following best practices.

There were no reports from the following:

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

Committee of the Whole Reports

Student Learning – None

Student Services - None

Business and Finance

Bond Parameters Resolution 2018

Ms. Mallek introduced Elizabeth Hennessy from Raymond James, who presented a financing update and explained the market conditions.

The Resolution of Intent was completed in January 2017, and this Bond Parameters Resolution will settle the remaining balance of \$8.15 million. This year the proposed debt is 3.2%, and last year it was 3.376%. Rates have come down, and we are looking at a lower cost, so the impact to the consumer is less. The new estimate is a lower increase than we anticipated a year ago.

The resolution reflects the parameters for the bond sale. The parameters bond resolution authorizes the Board to sell up to a maximum of \$8.15M of general obligation limited tax bonds. This bond issue is to fund the additions to Greenbrier School, as well as the 10-year life safety work. We are scheduled for an interview and presentation with Moody's Investor Services next week to determine a bond rating for this upcoming sale.

The Board asked several questions regarding specifics of the bond sale, and there was a discussion about interest rates.

Motion: D. Chrissis moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion to approve the "Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$8,150,000 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds, Series 2018, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof."

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; D. Chrissis, yes; C. Conley, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; and D. Page, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Amendment to 403(b) Plan

Ms. Mallek presented information regarding the district's 403(b) plan, which is a retirement plan for certain employees of the district. There is no cost to the Board, but since the Board owns the plan it needs to approve any changes. A few changes were made to the plan. The updated plan incorporates legal changes that have taken place since legal counsel reviewed it in 2008; adds an additional vendor; and freezes a vendor. It was noted that a vendor review was completed so information can be presented to the employees to help them make educated decisions, but the district does not recommend any vendors. It is up to the employee to make the decision on which vendor(s) to select.

Motion: D. Crissis moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Education of Arlington Heights School District 25 Amending the 403(b) Plan and Amendment Number 1.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; D. Chrissis, yes; C. Conley, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; and D. Page, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Buildings and Grounds – None

Personnel and Planning – 2018-2019 School Calendar

Mr. Chung presented a review of the school calendar, which had no changes from when it was presented at the November 16, 2017 meeting.

Motion: D. Chrissis moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion to approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; D. Chrissis, yes; C. Conley, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; and D. Page, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Superintendent Report

Consolidation Study Consideration

Dr. Bein explained that the Board President from District 57 asked if we would be interested in pursuing a study about consolidation with their district. District 57 has been very transparent with their constituents, and they provided documents that were distributed to the Board. Dr. Bein asked the Board for direction to find out if they want to pursue a consolidation study. Dr. Bein and Ms. Mallek provided research related to District 57's financial situation and the pros and cons of considering a consolidation study.

Mr. Page appreciated how well thought out the information was. He stated that the Board is here to advocate for the residents of D25 and that the district would be worse off if this was pursued. He appreciates that D57 is doing everything they can for their taxpayers, and we need to do that for D25.

Based on the information that was shared and the discussion that the Board had, the Board determined that a consolidation study is not needed, as it would not be a benefit to either district. Dr. Bein will reach out to the Superintendent of District 57 to inform her that we will not be moving forward with a consolidation study.

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

Motion: D. Chrissis moved and E. Johannesen seconded the motion to adjourn.
Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; D. Chrissis, yes; C. Conley, yes; E. Johannesen, yes; and D. Page, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted,

Lana O'Brien
Recording Secretary

Approved:

Vice President
Board of Education

Secretary
Board of Education

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