

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

1200 S. Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005
Special School Board Meeting Minutes
Committee of the Whole Meeting
February 3, 2022

Brian Cerniglia, Vice President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order on February 3, 2022 to accept a motion to adjourn into closed session at 6:12 p.m. The meeting was held at the Dunton Administration Building, 1200 S. Dunton Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

The meeting was noticed for closed session to discuss: Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the closed meeting minutes, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10).



Special Meeting

Brian Cerniglia, Vice President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. on February 3, 2022. The meeting was held at the Dunton Administration Building, 1200 S. Dunton Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL. Roll call was noted and the Pledge of Allegiance said.

Board members present: Brian Cerniglia, Chad Conley, Gina Faso, Rich Olejniczak, Anisha Ismail Patel, and Greg Scapillato

Board members excused: Scott Filipek

Others Present: Dr. Lori Bein, Superintendent; Stacey Mallek, Assistant Superintendent for Business/CSBO; Chris Fahnoe, Director of Technology; Ryan Schulz, Director of Facilities Management; Adam Harris, Head of Communications and Storytelling; Brad Katz, Information Technology Specialist; and community.

Community Input

- Britt Polihronis addressed the Board regarding Full Day Kindergarten transparency and whole child support in home schools; Ivy Hill music shows; and requesting an "end game".

- Sara Mungovan addressed the Board regarding returning to normal student experiences; and concerns with lunch, and homework not being sent home. Dr. Bein read a comment that was received electronically. All comments are given to the Board in full and posted on the website.
- Miel Johnson commented on Full Day Kindergarten.

Committee of the Whole Reports

Superintendent Report

Full Day Kindergarten Update

Dr. Bein reintroduced the topic of Full Day Kindergarten. She shared that this meeting is focused on trying to narrow the options for facilities layouts for Full Day Kindergarten. At a future meeting the Board will review information related to an enrollment study; financing/bond sale options; a communication plan for a possible referendum; timeline considerations; and alternate plans. This information is needed by the Board before they can make a final decision.

Dr. Bein, Mr. Schulz, and Ms. Mallek reviewed five facility options for Full Day Kindergarten. They also reviewed the physical layout of structures, costs associated with each option, positive impacts of each option, and challenges related to each option. The options discussed included:

- Option 1 - Elementary school building additions
- Option 1a - Build additions at all 7 elementary schools
- Option 1b - Build additions at 5 elementary schools; 2 currently having capacity
- Option 2 - Build additions at a northside school and a southside school; redistrict
- Option 3 - Build additions at South MS and Thomas MS; move 5th grade
- Option 4 - Construct a new Kindergarten Center
- Option 5 - Construct a new elementary school; redistrict

Dr. Bein reminded the Board that when the district surveyed District 25 families in 2016-2017, a primary interest was to offer Full Day Kindergarten at each home elementary school. Each option, however, has pros and cons to consider.

There was detailed discussion among the Board about each option. Board members also asked about variations to some of the options. The Board decided to eliminate any option that required redistricting so Options 2 and 5 were eliminated. Upon further discussion, the Board eliminated Option 4. The Board asked the administrative team to further research Option 1 (with a, b, and c details) and Option 3.

Community Input

- Britt Polihronis addressed the Board regarding the Option 3 arrangement for Full Day Kindergarten.

Motion: R. Olejniczak moved and C. Conley seconded that the Board of Education move into the Closed session at 9:10 p.m.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; C. Conley, yes; G. Faso, yes; R. Olejniczak, yes; A. Patel, yes; G. Scapillato, yes. Motion carried 6/0.

Motion: R. Olejniczak moved and C. Conley seconded that the Board of Education adjourn closed session at 9:36 p.m.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; C. Conley, yes; R. Olejniczak, yes; A. Patel, yes; G. Scapillato, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Motion: R. Olejniczak moved and C. Conley seconded that the Board of Education adjourn the regular meeting.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; C. Conley, yes; R. Olejniczak, yes; A. Patel, yes; G. Scapillato, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:36 p.m.

Submitted,

Lori D. Bein, Ed.D.
Superintendent
for
Lana M. O'Brien
Recording Secretary

Approved: February 24, 2022

President
Board of Education

Secretary
Board of Education

Date minutes available for public inspection: February 25, 2022

Date minutes posted on District website: February 25, 2022

Community Input Received Electronically

First and Last Name	Public Comment from the February 3, 2022 Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
Miel Johnson, Board Director Political Action for the League of Women Voters of Arlington Heights, Mt. Prospect, Buffalo Grove and surrounding areas	<p>This is a statement from the League of Women Voters of Arlington Heights, Mt. Prospect, Buffalo Grove and surrounding areas.</p> <p>The League of Women Voters of Arlington Heights, Mt. Prospect, Buffalo Grove and surrounding areas urges the District 25 Board of Education and Superintendent Dr. Lori Bein to take immediate action to implement a tuition-free, full-day kindergarten program.</p> <p>So often conversations about things like full-day kindergarten focus on what we can't afford to spend. We talk about the cost of new classrooms. We talk about how many additional teachers the District would need to hire. We talk about tax levies and bonds and referenda and tuition. But we never talk about the things we can't afford to lose.</p> <p>How long do you think Arlington Heights and District 25 will be an attractive place for young families to settle if we fail to keep pace with other communities and school districts? How many families will leave District 25 schools in search of an education that prepares their children for the world they live in now? How many kids will not receive the kind of high-quality education and support they need and deserve because we spent so many months and years talking about whether or not we should prioritize them?</p> <p>The data is clear. Full-day kindergarten helps all children. The community has been clear. The majority of families in the 2017 survey wanted full-day kindergarten.</p> <p>Let's keep talking about this. But let's stop talking about IF we should provide full-day kindergarten. Let's start talking about HOW we will provide tuition-free, full-day kindergarten for our families.</p>