

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT 25
1200 S. Dunton Ave.
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60005

School Board Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2023

Dr. Anisha Jogee, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order on May 23, 2023 to accept a motion to adjourn into closed session at 6:02 p.m. The meeting was held at Thomas Middle School, 1430 N. Belmont Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

The meeting was noticed for closed session to discuss: The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1); Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21); Student disciplinary cases, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).



Regular Meeting

Dr. Anisha Jogee, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on May 23, 2023. The meeting was held at Thomas Middle School, 1430 N. Belmont Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois. Roll call was noted and the Pledge of Allegiance said.

Board members present: Brian Cerniglia, Dr. Anisha Jogee, Kevin Michael, Elizabeth Nierman, and Greg Scapillato

Board members excused: Gina Faso and Rich Olejniczak

Others Present: Dr. Lori Bein, Superintendent; Stacey Mallek, Assistant Superintendent for Business, CSBO; Dr. Brian Kaye, Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Planning; Diane Kaffka, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Chris Fahnoe, Director of Technology; Ryan Schulz, Director of Facilities Management; Shab Poloz, Director of Equity; Adam Harris, Head of Communications and Storytelling; Brad Katz, Information Technology Specialist; Lana O'Brien, Recording Secretary; staff; and community.

Recognitions and Presentations

Dr. Jogiee congratulated the Science Olympiad teams from South and Thomas Middle School for their success in competition this year. Dr. Bein thanked their coaches, Shaun Marusek, Kirsten Calderone, Lynne DeSalvo, Hannah Zimmermann, Allison Buck from South Middle School; and Kim Malinowski, Jim Grant, Mark Hocin, Sureiya Peshek, Sabrina Argaez, Tina Wilson, Cindy House, Maureen McDermott, Carolyn Taylor, Kaitlin Fajks from Thomas Middle School. The coaches and parents were thanked for their support.

South Middle School:

Vivan Bhattacharjee
Tyler Clark
Cameron Davis
Ethan Douglas
Xavier Dunn
Andrew Elsner
Ameera Fatina
Emma Gruzewski
Gretchen Heckard
Elliott Heiber
Zlata Kvartsyana
Henry LaBeau
Jacob Leigh
Moirra McGregor
Boyd Pinney

Violet Polley
Devin Ramirez
Matthew Russo
Dylan Smith
Ryan Soehn
Tyler Strauss
William Thanopoulos
Nuha Qurashi

Thomas Middle School:

Vishnu Adiga
Aadi Bilfaqi
Colton Bing
Nathan Catlett
Nayan Chilakapati
Emilee Colton

Abigail Foster
Sydney Galla
Anyahong
Varun Joshi
Michelle Kim
Kedus Melaku
Ryan Morgan
Maura Murray
Ahir Naveen
Harshita Patel
Paarth Pitkar
Abhi Sorathiya
Luka Tarabrin
Nathaniel Thomas
Gavin Wakefield
Eleanor William

Administrators and Principals introduced and congratulated the district Retirees for their contributions and years of service to Arlington Heights School District 25. Dr. Bein and Dr. Jogiee, on behalf of the Board, congratulated the honored guests and presented them with flowers and a gift.

Congratulations to Retirees:

2022 Additional Retirees

Michael Kula, Sharon Liolios, Christine Mitchell

2023 Retirees

Marilyn Briggs, Kimberly Brinkman, Bernadette Donovan, Leslie Greenberg, Ellen Hajek, Mary Higgins, Debra Lange, Moreen Mandozzi, Lynda Mueller, Mary Rogala, Lisa Smith, Lynn Szabo, Sophia Vassos, James Zimmerman

Board Communications:

- Board Member Updates – Ms. Nierman noted that she attended the 5th grade track meet held at South Middle School.
- ED-RED – Mr. Michael reported that he will be attending a virtual ED-RED meeting tomorrow, and noted that a meeting will be held in June.

- IASB – Dr. Jogee reported that the Board was selected to be one of the participants in the Share the Success Panel at the Joint Annual Conference. Mr. Scapillato, Dr. Jogee, and Dr. Kaye will present.
- NSSEO – Dr. Jogee noted that NSSEO held a Roll and Stroll event last weekend.

Community Input

- Ed Lapinski addressed the Board regarding a concern with a book available in a library.
- William Boodro addressed the Board regarding the amount of money that District 25 netted after all expenses from the \$60 Million bond sale.
- Dave Prichard addressed the Board regarding comments on District 25.
- Sandra Bachar addressed the Board regarding books.
- Melissa Cayer addressed the Board regarding truancy and cheating on homework; and a question on the Treasurer's Report.

Communications from District Partners

- PTA – Ms. Barbieri reported that the PTA is finishing up the school year with fun activities and celebrations. She thanked the outgoing school PTA Presidents for their service and collaboration. The PTA also thanked all of the volunteers over the course of the year. It has been her pleasure serving as the PTA President for the past two years. The President-elect, Megan Worthington, will be taking over as ACHPTA President for the 2023-2024 school year. Ms. Barbieri was thanked for her service the past two years.
- ATA – Ms. Berg talked about several end of the year happenings for students and teachers in the district. She noted that teachers are also planning for the next school year.

There were no reports from the following

- ABC25

Consent Agenda

Motion: G. Scapillato moved and B. Cerniglia 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) Fixed Asset Disposal Report; (E) Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of May 9, 2023.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; A. Jogee, yes; K. Michael, yes; E. Nierman, yes; G. Scapillato, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Student Learning – No Report

Student Services – No Report

Business and Finance

2023-24 NSSEO Budget Resolution

Ms. Mallek stated that information on this item was presented at the previous Board meeting.

Motion: K. Michael moved and G. Scapillato seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the NSSEO Budget Resolution for the 2023-24 Budget

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; A. Jogee, yes; K. Michael, yes; E. Nierman, yes; G. Scapillato, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Award of Copy Paper Bid for 2023-24

Ms. Mallek stated that the district received seven bids for copy paper for 2023-2024. Midland was the lowest bidder, and has provided paper to the district for the past several years.

Motion: B. Cerniglia moved and K. Michael seconded the motion that the Board of Education award the 2023-24 copy paper bid to Midland.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; A. Jogee, yes; K. Michael, yes; E. Nierman, yes; G. Scapillato, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

2023-24 Consolidated District Plan

Ms. Mallek noted that it is an annual requirement that we bring the consolidated plan to the Board prior to receiving funding amounts. Approval is a procedural requirement, but it does not impact any actual dollars. She reviewed the grants that are part of the Consolidated District Plan.

Motion: G. Scapillato moved and E. Nierman seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Consolidated District Plan for Fiscal Year 2023-24 as presented.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; A. Jogee, yes; K. Michael, yes; E. Nierman, yes; G. Scapillato, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Facilities Management

Phase 1 Construction Bid Awards

Mr. Schulz provided a summary of the bids for the first phase of the construction for the kindergarten additions at Dryden, Patton, Olive-Mary Stitt, and Westgate. These awards also include capital improvements for repairs and updates to the existing district buildings. Phase 2 will be for the additions at Greenbrier and Windsor. The district feels that the bids are reasonable numbers to be expecting for the scope of work.

Allowances are not given to the contractor unless necessary, and any remaining allowance is credited back to the district. In the past we have seen 10-25% of the allowance back to the district. He highlighted a few items on the bids including the full replacement of the Dryden parking lot; permeable pavers and geogrid at Westgate; and

the Patton gym expansion. He summarized the allowances for Base Bid 1 and Base Bid 2.

Dr. Bein noted that we are moving forward with the Patton gym addition because state law no longer allows us to apply for a PE waiver at the elementary level. Since elementary schools are required to have three sessions of PE per week, we are in need of an additional bay at Patton. The Patton Gym was not part of the referendum, and now is financially the best time to do the work.

Ms. Mallek noted that the district has applied for a state grant for \$100,000. We also applied for a door locking system grant for \$522,000, which would be pulled from the referendum. Because of funding from the National School lunch program, we will receive \$200,000 for lunch tables, so that will be pulled out of the referendum. We have earned funds from the bonds, and anticipate it will be \$2.9 Million. We feel safe that there are other resources that will not cause us to request additional funding from the community.

Board members asked questions and there was detailed discussion on the allowances in the base bids; using the permeable pavers, as well as if there is a benefit to surrounding neighborhoods; the geogrid, and clarifying where the funds would come from; and the notification that buildings do not need to add additional sections of art or music classes.

Ms. Mallek noted that bids include the construction, allowances or contingencies, and the bond. The allowances are giving us authority to not have to come back to the Board if there are unforeseen conditions. All unused funds are credited back to the district at the end of the projects.

Motion: G. Scapillato moved and E. Nierman seconded the motion that the Board of Education award a total of 20 contracts to various contractors for Base Bid #1 and Base Bid #2 in the total amount of \$42,431,749, accepting and rejecting the alternates identified in the executive summary background information provided, and further to immediately assign the awarded contractor agreements to Nicholas & Associates, Inc., as Construction Manager.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; A. Jogee, yes; K. Michael, yes; E. Nierman, yes; G. Scapillato, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

Personnel and Planning – No Report

Superintendent Report

Freedom of Information Act Report

- Juanita Davis from ConstructConnect requested information on construction; a response was provided on May 16, 2023.

Community Input

- Melissa Cayer addressed the Board regarding property taxes and investments.

Future Agenda Items

Topics with Dates to be Determined

- Special Meeting for Search Firm Interviews – Monday, June 5, 5:30 p.m.
- Student Achievement/Assessment - June 13, 2023
- RULER Update/Presentation - Fall, 2023
- Special Meeting - COW for Combined Board meeting with Arlington Heights Park District - TBD
- Gifted education program - Fall, 2023
- Special Closed Session Meeting for Board Development Meeting - August 29, 2023

New Topics - None

Motion: G. Scapillato moved and K. Michael seconded that the Board of Education adjourn the regular meeting.

Roll Call: B. Cerniglia, yes; A. Jogee, yes; K. Michael, yes; E. Nierman, yes; G. Scapillato, yes. Motion carried 5/0.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted,

Lana M. O'Brien
Recording Secretary

Approved: June 13, 2023

President
Board of Education

Secretary
Board of Education

Date minutes available for public inspection: June 14, 2023

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