

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

School Board Meeting Minutes
July 11, 2023

Dr. Anisha Jogee, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order on July 11, 2023 to accept a motion to adjourn into closed session at 6:01 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: 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).



Regular Meeting

Dr. Anisha Jogee, President of the Arlington Heights School District 25 Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. on July 11, 2023. The meeting was held at the Dunton Administration Building, 1200 S. Dunton 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; Dr. Becky FitzPatrick, Assistant Superintendent for the Department of Student Learning; Chris Fahnoe, Director of Technology; Adam Harris, Head of Communications and Storytelling; Brad Katz, Information Technology Specialist; Lana O'Brien, Recording Secretary; staff; and community.

Recognitions and Presentations - None

Superintendent Report
Freedom of Information Act Report

- Sheri Reid, Data Acquisition Specialist from SmartProcure, requested information on purchasing records; a response was provided on June 8, 2023.
- Adam Zelizer, Professor, University of Chicago, requested information on Board votes on IASB Resolutions; a response was provided on June 9, 2023.
- William Boodro requested information on private tuition and COVID sick days; a response was provided on June 20, 2023.
- Katy Smyser, Senior Producer, NBC Chicago and Telemundo Chicago, requested information on FOIA specifics; a response was provided on June 21, 2023.
- Daniel Hernandez, Painters District Council 14, requested information on bid awards; a response was provided on June 22, 2023.
- William Boodro requested information on architect, engineer and construction manager contracts; a response was provided on June 22, 2023.
- Josiah Chatterton, Prairie State Wire requested information on Board members; a response was provided on June 28, 2023.

School Resource Officer Proposal Update

Dr. Bein introduced Arlington Heights Police Chief Nicholas Pecora and Deputy Chief Joseph Pinnello. Dr. Bein has compiled additional research on the positive and negative impacts of School Resource Officers (SROs), and explained that definitive research is difficult to find.

Dr. Bein stated that current SROs and future SROs are not involved in student discipline. This was brought to the Board as a request by the police department to expand our partnership to increase service to the community, and to expand on the positive relationship building and support that our SROs have provided to our students, staff and community throughout the years. We express our appreciation for our current SROs, Officer Malik and O'Leary and all that they do for the district. She reviewed the SRO's responsibilities, the current district partnership with the village, and the proposed partnership. She noted that SRO-related research is most often focused on student discipline and/or school shooter incidents. There is almost no research about the positive relationships that we are trying to foster. She reviewed SRO training and standards. She discussed research from various resources.

Chief Pecora reiterated that the police department is interested in expanding the positive relationships and connection, and that the police department would not do anything different than what Dr. Bein presented. Deputy Chief Pinnello reviewed training that SROs receive.

Dr. Jogee thanked Dr. Bein for her work, and her outreach to the community in collecting perspectives. She noted that the Board does not take this topic lightly, and they want to make a data-informed decision. Board members asked questions and there was discussion on details about the memorandum of understanding; if the police Chief and Deputy Chief have attended SRO training, and what it entails; the number of hours SROs spend on adolescent training; if the SROs would be part of the culturally responsive professional development that district staff will get; how we evaluate our

current program, or any potential expansion; intentionally collecting information in how we might expand; what would the day of the full-time SRO look like;

Dr. Jogee summarized the discussion, and asked Board members for their perspectives to direct Dr. Bein on next steps. Board members requested a sample Memorandum of Understanding, current data, additional SRO training information, and middle school staff and administration input. Dr. Bein stated that the information likely will be brought to the Board at the August 15 meeting. Dr. Jogee encouraged community members to share their perspectives with the Board and Dr. Bein. Chief Pecora thanked the Board and Dr. Bein.

Board Communications:

- Board Member Updates – Dr. Jogee thanked the Board members for continuing their Board work over the summer.
- ED-RED – Kevin Michael noted that he will be attending the August 3 ED-RED Legislative breakfast.
- IASB – Dr. Jogee reported that Board members have been working on the Strategic Plan presentation which will be presented at the Joint Annual Conference in November. Dr. Jogee has been invited by IASB to be a part of a focus group for Board President training.
- NSSEO – Ms. Nierman reported that NSSEO recently dedicated their Parent Education Resource Center building to retiring NSSEO Superintendent, Dr. Judy Hackett.

Community Input

- Kristin Irmen addressed the Board regarding resource officers in schools.
- William Boodro addressed the Board regarding construction invoices.
- Mary Kay Baldino addressed the Board regarding goals for School Resource Officers.
- Susan Clark addressed the Board regarding the School Resource Officer proposal.

Communications from District Partners

- ATA – Ms. Berg talked about how teachers recharge over the summer.

There were no reports from the following District Partners

- PTA
- ABC25 Foundation

Consent Agenda

Motion: G. Scapillato moved and K. Michael 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) Special Board Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2023; (E) Regular and Closed Session Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2023; (F) Superintendent Memberships and Professional Development.

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

Student Learning

Instructional Materials

Dr. FitzPatrick provided a list of instructional materials for 2023-2024, and noted that this is an annual item that is presented to the Board. Most of the materials are consistent with the last school year, but there are new materials as well, including the new elementary math curriculum materials. The list complies with policy, and due diligence has been exercised in selecting materials that meet the needs of students and are developmentally appropriate. The list is posted on the website for anyone to review. Parents may inspect any materials by contacting the district.

Student Services – No Report

Business and Finance – No Report

Facilities Management – No Report

Personnel and Planning – No Report

Superintendent Search – No Report

Community Input

- Lauren Brancato addressed the Board regarding School Resource Officers.

Future Agenda Items

Topics with Dates to be Determined

- Special Closed Session Meeting for Board Development Meeting - August 29, 2023
- RULER Update/Presentation - Fall, 2023
- Gifted education program - September 26, 2023
- Special Meeting - COW for Combined Board meeting with Arlington Heights Park District - TBD
- Acceptable Use Policy - Summer or Fall, 2023

New Topics - None

Motion: B. Cerniglia moved and G. Scapillato 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 9:26 p.m.

Submitted,

Lana M. O'Brien
Recording Secretary

Approved: August 15, 2023

President
Board of Education

Secretary
Board of Education

Date minutes available for public inspection: August 16, 2023

Date minutes posted on District website: August 16, 2023