

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
CHANNAHON SCHOOL DISTRICT 17  
WILL COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL  
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm  
Monday, October 24, 2022**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 6:14pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Pat Clower, Joe Pope, Brandt Compton, Christine Bucciarelli, and Kevin Murphy

President Pope entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 6:26pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

ES Roll Call: Pat Clower, Joe Pope, Brandt Compton, Christine Bucciarelli, and Kevin Murphy

Also Present: Jeff Grosso

Absent: Derek Breen and Julie Bankes (Julie Bankes entered at 6:36pm)

President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:05pm. Motion by Julie Bankes, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session at 7:09pm. President Pope led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pope asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion made by Joe Pope, seconded by Brandt Compton. Joe Pope amended the motion to add a coordinator position for the Three Rivers Book Club, SLACKers. Brandt seconded the amended motion. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, Julie Bankes, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, and Kevin Murphy

**Consent Agenda**

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve September 26, 2022 Regular Board and Executive Minutes
- Approve Treasurer's Report
- Approve Treasurer's Financial Report
- Authorize Treasurer to Pay Board Bills Listed
- Authorize Destruction of April 26, 2021 Recorded Executive Minutes

President Pope asked if there were any union comments. There were none.

Mr. Grosso congratulated our 2022 cross country runners and coaches:

- State Qualifying Girls (**2nd place overall!!**)
  - Paige Joachim (11th)
  - Clara Getsoian (17th)
  - Ellie Porath (18th)
  - Daisy Musser
  - Brooklynn Leathers
  - Emilia Costabile
  - Reagan McReynolds
  - Raegan Kies
  - Jocelyn Roots
  - Paige Forster
- State Qualifying Boys
  - Sammy Kies
  - Caden Hrpcha
  - Jackson Joachim

Scott Duenser, CPA, Partner, Wipfli, provided an overview of the 2021-2022 CSD17 audit report.

President Pope recommended a motion to approve and accept the enclosed audit report for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Christine Bucciarelli, Julie Bankes, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, Kevin Murphy, and Joe Pope

VP Trinh of ARCON Associates gave an update and cost estimate on some of the previously approved project authorizations.

President Pope turned the meeting over to Dr. Henkle.

Dr. Henkle presented the preliminary Illinois School Report Card data for Channahon for the Board's review. Due to the pandemic, the FY20 statement assessment was canceled and the FY 21 IAR contained a 'hold-harmless' provision. The FY22 Report Card is a return to annual reporting and assignment of designations. President Pope recommended a motion to approve the Channahon District 17 School Report Card. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, Kevin Murphy, Joe Pope, and Christine Bucciarelli  
Not Present for Roll Call: Julie Bankes

Dr. Henkle asked the Principals to present to the Board a summary of their IAR and MAP data to identify strengths and areas of focus.

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve Policy 7:180: Bullying. The district bullying policy, which was last adopted in October, 2020, must be re-adopted every two years. President Pope recommended the Board approve the policy 7:180. Motion by: Joe Pope, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, Kevin Murphy, Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, and Julie Bankes

Dr. Henkle reminded the Board of the District's Flexible Spaces 21st Century Learning Program. In 2020, during the Covid pandemic, administration reduced the number of spaces from eight to four. Administration is requesting to restore the program back to eight spaces, including at least four traditional classrooms. Other areas that qualify may be libraries, breakout areas, common areas, or intervention rooms. With the Board's approval to restore the program to eight spaces, we will begin planning with selected staff as soon as possible.

President Pope recommended a motion to approve an expansion from four to eight spaces for the FY23 Flexible Spaces Program. Motion by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Brandt Compton, Kevin Murphy, Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, Julie Bankes, and Pat Clower

Dr. Henkle presented the Board with a \$3,000 sponsorship from Mountain Legacy to fund the Ramsey Solutions program, *Foundations in Personal Finance*, in Channahon Schools for the next two years. We are grateful for their support and look forward to this valuable resource to students.

Dr. Henkle presented the Board with a facility request from NO-Z K9. NO-Z K9 is a not-for-profit club based out of Northwest Indiana. They are interested in hosting a National Association of Canine Scent Work (NACSW) competition at Channahon Junior High and potentially one of the elementary schools in 2023 for a 2-day weekend.

The Board had concerns that having dogs in the building could potentially be problematic for students with allergies. The Board suggested that we allow NO-Z K9 to use the building on a weekend during the summer months when students are not present.

President Pope turned the meeting over to Jeff Grosso for the Business Office Report.

Mr. Grosso discussed entering into a one-year storage rental agreement to solve the District's temporary storage issue. Two local storage facilities had units available that would be suitable for the District's needs. Administration recommended entering into a one-year agreement for a 10x30 unit at E-Z Storage. In the event the 10x30 unit is unavailable, administration would like approval to enter into an agreement with Fort Locks for a 10x20 unit.

Fort Locks:

- 10x20 = \$1,705/yr (one unit available, holding one unit)
- 10x40 = \$2,585/yr (not available currently, but can be on a waiting list if agreeable by the Board for a later transfer)

E-Z Storage

- 10x30 = \$2,160/yr (one unit available, first come/first serve)

President Pope recommended a motion to approve a one-year storage unit agreement not to exceed \$2,585/year. Motion by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, Julie Bankes, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, and Kevin Murphy

Mr. Grosso discussed with the Board the 2022 tax levy considerations. The ExxonMobil refinery assessment reductions since Levy 2018 have increased our tax rate as taxes are shifted from the refinery to other property in the District. These reductions will impact CSD17's levy through the 2024 Levy year. Currently the CPI is at a 12-month rate of 8.2% and does not appear as if it will decrease substantially anytime soon, leading to increased costs for the foreseeable future.

Due to a 7% CPI for 2021 (capped at 5% for levy per PTELL) and an ExxonMobil reduction of \$14,639,720, the preliminary estimates for the 2022 levy project a rate increase from 3.0177 to 3.1635. The estimated revenue increase from the CPI is \$1,040,863. A revenue increase from new property is estimated to be \$551,118. IDI and Crossroads/Venture One abatements are estimated to total \$1,040,869 for 2023 (based on Levy 2022), which is revenue CSD17 will not fully realize. Administration will continue to update this information both before and after the November 14 Board meeting when we adopt the 2022 tentative levy.

It was recommended that the Board adopt the full levy during the levy process. Due to the 5% capped CPI and a substantial amount of new construction, a truth in taxation publication and hearing would be required as the levy looks to be more than a 5% increase over the 2021 tax extension granted by Will County. However, after reviewing our updated five-year forecast in January 2023, with the most up-to-date information, the Board can elect to take action to reduce the 2022 levy at our February 2023 Board meeting.

**New Business** - None

**Other Board Matters** - Board dinner in November or December. Dr. Henkle will present the Board with some dates.

**Upcoming Events**

- Monday, November 14, 2022 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting

**Adjournment** - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:41pm. Motion made by: Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

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Joe Pope, President

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Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary