

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

**CHANNAHON JR HIGH SCHOOL
Special Board Meeting - 5:00pm
Wednesday, July 5, 2024**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 4:02pm. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, Nichole Nyalka, Brooke Baviacqua, Derek Breen, and Pat Clower

President Pope entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 4:03pm. Motion by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

ES Roll Call: Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, Nichole Nyalka, Brooke Baviacqua, Derek Breen, and Pat Clower

Also Present: Dr. Nicholas Henkle and Mr. Jeff Grosso
Absent: Brandt Compton

President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 5:10pm. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope reminded the Board that they were still in open session at 7:13pm. President Pope led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pope asked if there were any public comments.

- Sommer Middleton, 24545 S. River Trail, Channahon – Mrs. Middleton grew up attending Channahon schools and currently is a parent of two Channahon students. Thanked the Board and Dr. Henkle for their level thinking and leadership in making difficult decisions during COVID including keeping our schools open. As a parent, she has never felt influenced or pushed into any religion or program.
- Melissa Coriell, 24032 Majestic, Minooka – Grateful that her child attends such an outstanding district. Appreciates the kindness and compassion that Dr. Henkle showed her when she had concerns during COVID and thanked Dr. Henkle for his outstanding leadership.
- Dominique Kocek, 24509 W Great Oaks, Channahon – Thanked Dr. Henkle for his leadership. She expressed that Dr. Henkle has always been patient and fair. She is thankful for the years she worked in the District under his leadership.
- Suzanne Ringbauer, 24509 S Westwood Dr, Channahon – Mrs. Ringbauer is a parent with three students in the district. Trusts that the Board and Superintendent will do the right thing for our students. She shared that Dr. Henkle has had a positive influence on teachers and thanked Dr. Henkle for taking the time to help her son solve a math problem when he was visiting the classroom. We have a stellar Board and

Superintendent. She also spoke to Mrs. Krakowski to get the other side prior to coming tonight.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Joe Pope, Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, Brooke Bavalacqua, Pat Clower, and Nichole Nyalka

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve June 26, 2023 Regular Board and Executive Minutes
- Authorize Treasurer to Pay Board Bills Listed
- Authorize Destruction of January 24, 2022 Recorded Executive Minutes

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

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

Mr. Grosso recommended the Board approve a Letter of Engagement from Whitt Law to provide legal work related to the renewal of the ExxonMobil assessment agreement. The current 5-year EAV agreement establishing the values of four high-value parcels at the ExxonMobil refinery are set to expire at the end of 2023. As with past EAV agreements between Will County, JTHS/CSD17 Districts, and ExxonMobil, Whitt Law has provided legal counsel and specialized expertise in commercial property valuation law specifically to CSD17 during the duration of valuation discussions amongst the parties listed. Whitt Law has a long history of providing counsel to the Channahon School District on a wide variety of legal assessment issues. Official notices from the County will be going out soon to begin discussions and the process of establishing a new EAV agreement.

President Pope recommended a motion to approve the Letter of Engagement from Whitt Law to provide legal work related to the renewal of the ExxonMobil assessment agreement. Motion by: Derek Breen, seconded by Joe Pope. Five ayes, one abstained, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, Brooke Bavalacqua, Nichole Nyalka, and Joe Pope

Abstained: Pat Clower

Mr. Grosso discussed the process of a depository change from BMO to another depository for the District's operating/accounts payable accounts. If the Board chooses to change banks, Mr. Grosso recommended using a local bank for convenience of making deposits. Any bank the Board chooses must be able to service our needs. The Board requested administration issue a Request for Proposals (RFP).

New Business – None

Other Board Matters – None

Upcoming Events

- Monday, July 31, 2023 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting

Adjournment - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm. Motion made by: Derek Breen, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary