

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

**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
Monday, August 28, 2023**

Secretary Christine Bucciarelli entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 6:02pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Brooke Babilacqua. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Brooke Babilacqua, Nichole Nyalka, Pat Clower, and Christine Bucciarelli

Secretary Christine Bucciarelli entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 6:04pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

ES Roll Call: Brooke Babilacqua, Nichole Nyalka, Pat Clower, and Christine Bucciarelli

Also Present: Dr. Nicholas Henkle and Mr. Jeff Grosso

Absent: Derek Breen, Brandt Compton, and Joe Pope

*Joe Pope entered at 6:05pm

*Brandt Compton entered at 6:13pm

President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:10pm. Motion by Brooke Babilacqua, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session at 7:16pm. 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 with the exception of the personnel report. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Joe Pope. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, Brooke Babilacqua, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, and Nichole Nyalka

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the personnel report. Motion made by Pat Clower, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. Five ayes, one abstained, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Christine Bucciarelli, Brooke Babilacqua, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, and Joe Pope

Abstained: Nichole Nyalka

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve July 31, 2023 Regular Board and Executive Minutes
- Approve Treasurer's Report
- Approve Treasurer's Financial Report
- Authorize Treasurer to Pay Board Bills Listed
- Authorize Destruction of February 7, 2022 and February 28, 2022, Recorded Executive Minutes

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

President Pope turned the meeting over to Dr. Henkle.

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve a contribution of \$31,000 to Channahon Baseball for baseball field improvements as discussed at the July 31 meeting. President Pope recommended a motion to approve financial assistance in the amount of \$31,000 for field improvements to be completed by Channahon Baseball at Pioneer Path School. Motion by: Joe Pope, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Brooke Babilacqua, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, Nichole Nyalka, Joe Pope, and Christine Bucciarelli

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve and adopt Policy 6:30 Organization of Instruction and Policy 6:240 Field Trips. Dr. Henkle explained that we currently have full-day kindergarten. Parents are allowed to elect a half-day kindergarten, but they are required to transport mid-day. The Board will approve trips over 200 miles and overnight trips. President Pope recommended a motion to approve and adopt policies 6:30 and 6:240. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, Nichole Nyalka, Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, and Brooke Babilacqua

Dr. Henkle discussed the district's inability to hire a qualified Spanish teacher for the 2023-24 school year. Because we were unable to find a teacher before the start of the school year, Dr. Uphoff researched the best options to maintain our Spanish program until we fill this vacancy. Dr. Henkle recommended the approval of a contract with Homeschool Spanish Academy (HSA) for a cost of \$30,590.25 with the intent to continue searching for a Spanish teacher. The program offers an opt-out option with 30 days notice.

President Pope recommended a motion to approve and adopt the contract with HSA in the amount of \$30,590.25. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Brooke Babilacqua. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Brandt Compton, Nichole Nyalka, Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, Brooke Babilacqua, and Pat Clower

Dr. Henkle reminded the Board of the discussion at the June meeting to look into potential signage options for Pioneer Path School and the District Office on Route 6. The objective of a sign update would be to have another method of communication in a prime location. We would preserve the brick base and replace the existing 3.2ft x 8ft cabinet with a new LED sign of the same dimensions. The existing power would need to be increased from 120v to 240v. The cost to add digital signage would be approximately \$20,000, but could range between \$22,000 and \$26,000 depending on the resolution and installation package selected. The Board asked for estimates to be brought forth at the September meeting for a recommendation.

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

Mr. Grosso reminded the Board of the discussion last month regarding the need to replace the rooftop HVAC unit (RTU) at Pioneer Path that serves the District Office area. HVAC service professionals diagnosed a failing compressor and fully cracked air tubes in the heat exchanger. Administration received two quotes for the same RTU and 'turn-key' specifications. Administration recommended the proposal from Johansen & Anderson for \$13,495. Administration will look into the retrofit of an HE economizer.

President Pope recommended a motion to approve the Pioneer Path RTU replacement proposal from Johansen & Anderson in the amount of \$13,495. Motion by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Nichole Nyalka, Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, Brooke Babilacqua, Pat Clower, and Brandt Compton

Mr. Grosso presented the Board with an update on current facility projects as well as projects targeted for future years. Mr. VP Trinh from Arcon Associates will be present at the September board meeting to discuss future projects.

Mr. Grosso presented the Board with an updated fleet vehicle analysis report along with a tentative replacement plan for budgeting purposes.

The Board discussed retrofitting one of our gas powered buses into an electric bus to see if this is a viable option for the future.

New Business - None

Other Board Matters

PP Centennial Celebration - Dr. Henkle shared a plaque given to the District by the Village of Channahon proclaiming September 14, 2023 as Pioneer Path School Day.

Dr. Henkle introduced Dan Nyalka as our new principal at Pioneer Path.

Mr. Pope shared that the Board will discuss the Board meeting format including electronic access to Board meetings, at the September meeting.

The Board gave Channahon Baseball permission to start the field project in October when school is in session.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, September 14, 2023 - Pioneer Path Centennial Celebration
- Monday, September 25, 2023 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting

Adjournment - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:31pm. Motion made by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary