

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

**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
Monday, November 13, 2023**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 6:18pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Joe Pope, Derek Breen, Brooke Babilacqua, Nichole Nyalka, and Pat Clower

President Pope entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 6:19pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

ES Roll Call: Joe Pope, Derek Breen, Brooke Babilacqua, Nichole Nyalka, and Pat Clower

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

Present via conference call: Scott Nemanich

Absent: Christine Bucciarelli (arrived for the 6:50pm Open Session Meeting)

Brandt Compton entered at 6:28pm

President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:17pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session at 7:21pm.

President Pope led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. President Pope asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Mr. Grosso explained the ISLDA/PMA correction of \$700,000 in the Treasurer's Report which was mentioned at the Board meeting last month.

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

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

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve October 23, 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 May 23, 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. Mr. Grosso introduced Mr. Chuck Gusswein, CPA, from WIPFLI, who provided an overview of the 2022-23 CSD17 audit report.

Mr. Grosso recommended the Board approve and accept the audit report that was presented for the 2022-23 school year. President Pope recommended a motion to approve and accept the audit report for the 2022-23 school year. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

President Pope turned the meeting over to Dr. Henkle.

Dr. Henkle recognized the Board for Board Appreciation Week and thanked them for their dedicated service to our community.

Dr. Henkle presented the Illinois Report Card for the Board's review. The administrative PLC team has been reviewing assessment data from each grade level to identify areas of strength and areas of needed improvement.

President Pope recommended a motion to approve the Channahon District 17 School Report Card. Motion by: Derek Breen, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

The principals presented to the Board their respective IAR and MAP data to identify strengths, areas of focus, and resulting goals for their schools. All of the principals shared a summary of their findings and explained student growth for their respective buildings.

Dr. Henkle commended all of our teaching staff for the outstanding growth our students achieved. The growth and exemplary status at Channahon Jr High and Three Rivers Schools is due to all of our teachers as students continued to learn and excel leading up to entering Three Rivers School. The Board asked questions regarding the interpretation of the data.

Dr. Henkle presented to the Board a recommendation of assigning the Richard J. Dombrowski Administrative Center a postal address separate from Pioneer Path. Administration confirmed that it is a simple process at no cost to the District. The mailing address will be 24949 S. Tryon Street. President Pope recommended a motion to approve 24949 South Tryon Street, Channahon, Illinois 60410 as the official address of the Richard J. Dombrowski Administrative Center. 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, Derek Breen, and Christine Bucciarelli

Dr. Henkle presented the Board with the First Read of Policy 7:270: Administering Medicines to Students. President Pope recommended a motion to approve the first read of Board Policy 7:270. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle reminded the Board of the discussion last month regarding the scoreboard that Minooka Community High School generously donated to the Chanooka Braves. The Braves have requested the Board's authorization to move forward with the installation at no cost to the school district. President Pope recommended a motion to authorize the installation of the repurposed MCHS scoreboard at Three Rivers School at no cost to the school district. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle reminded the Board of the discussion at last month's Board meeting regarding extending the fencing at Pioneer Path at the corner of Tryon Street and Route 6 to provide an additional layer of safety and security. Adding an extension to the current chain link fence would cost approximately \$6,500. However, the current fence is not in good condition. Replacing the old fence and adding the proposed addition would cost approximately \$24,400. Another option that was presented was a 4' aluminum fence which would cost approximately \$22,900. The Board discussed the possibility of installing a safety barrier in addition to the fencing and asked administration to bring back information on the new fence warranty.

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

President Pope recommended a motion to approve the proposed business office and technology department restructure plan and associated position descriptions that would take effect July 1, 2024. Motion by: Joe Pope, seconded by Brandt Compton. Four ayes, three nays, motion passes.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Nichole Nyalka, Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, and Brandt Compton

Nays: Derek Breen, Brooke Babilacqua, and Pat Clower

President Pope recommended a motion to establish the 10-month, 210-day Transportation Manager position effective July 1, 2024. Motion by: Joe Pope, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. Four ayes, three nays, motion passes.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Joe Pope, Christine Bucciarelli, Brandt Compton, and Joe Pope

Nays: Derek Breen, Brooke Babilacqua, and Pat Clower

President Pope recommended a motion to approve the elimination of the 12-month Technology Assistant position effective July 1, 2024, pending an April 2024 Education Support Personnel Reduction in Force Resolution. Motion by: Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

President Pope recommended a motion to approve changing the Lead Building Tech Specialist position from a 10.5 month/228 day position to a 12 month/260 day position effective July 1, 2024. Motion by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Per the Board's direction at the last meeting, Mr. Grosso presented proposals to install fencing around both the Early Childhood Preschool For All (PFA) and K-2 playground areas at Galloway School. \$10,000 of the FY24 PFA grant is approved from ISBE to assist in funding fence installation. Estimates were received from the following:

- Alliance Fence Corp: \$23,873
- Acosta Fencing: \$27,662
- Marchio Fence: \$42,827

The area was assessed to confirm that the area to be fenced will be sufficient for the current students and any anticipated growth in student population. It will be a black coated chain link fence with a red top covering. The Board asked for a third gate to be included and added that the gates will remain unlocked.

President Pope recommended a motion to approve the proposal from Alliance Fence Corp. in the amount of \$23,873 to install playground fencing at Galloway School amended to include a third gate. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso provided a presentation to illustrate the levy process. Administration recommended the Board adopt the 'Resolution of Channahon School District 17, Will County, Illinois, Estimating the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2022.' Mr. Grosso provided the levy schedule to the Board.

The levy is estimated at \$23,324,391. This estimated levy represents a total increase of \$1,150,338 or 5.19% over our 2022 extension. The tax rate limit is projected to be 3.1810. The Board will again discuss the amount of this levy at our February 26, 2024, board meeting prior to the actual extension in April 2024. Using the information provided in the 5-Year Forecast Presentation in February, the Board may elect to reduce the levy at the March 18, 2024 Board meeting.

President Pope recommended a motion to adopt the Resolution of Channahon School District 17, Will County, Illinois, Estimating the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2023. Motion by: Derek Breen, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

At the July 5, 2023, Special Board meeting, the Board gave direction for administration to conduct a search for a new banking depository to replace BMO. Administration conducted a Request for Proposal process to solicit proposals from area banks. Administration recommends the Board approve a change in our main operating depository from BMO to Old National Bank beginning July 1, 2024. A 6-month implementation phase will occur ahead of the switch-over.

Mr. Grosso asked if the Board had interest in consolidating the payroll account from CIBC to Old National Bank for the purposes of streamlining the payroll and operating banking services. The Board gave direction for Mr. Grosso to consider streamlining the payroll and operating banking services.

Mr. Grosso updated the Board on the NBG bus garage capital project and presented photos of similar bus barns at nearby schools. An additional bus garage was recommended for the purpose of providing enclosed storage of all District vehicles (large and small buses, maintenance trucks, and the box delivery truck). Administration, with support and guidance from ARCON Assoc, are recommending the construction of a pole barn adjacent to the existing bus garage at NBG. Currently \$700,000 is budgeted for the project for FY24. The projected cost for the building with a gravel lot and no plumbing is estimated at approximately \$730,000.

Mr. Grosso also mentioned that the current ballfield that is adjacent to the possible location of the new bus barn could be repurposed as a Miracle Field used by people with disabilities.

New Business - None

Other Board Matters - Dr. Henkle reminded the Board of the Annual Board Dinner on December 18 prior to the Board meeting.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, December 13, 2023 - Staff Holiday Dinner
- Monday, December 18, 2023 – 7:00pm Annual Board Dinner and School Board Meeting

Adjournment - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:51pm. Motion made by: Derek Breen, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary