



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



**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
Monday, March 18, 2024**

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, Brooke Bavalacqua, Derek Breen, Pat Clower, Nichole Nyalka, and Christine Bucciarelli

President Pope entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 6:20pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:09pm. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Joe Pope. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session at 7:15pm. President Pope led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pope asked if there were any public comments:

- Randy Irvin, 819 Sunset Dr, Dwight, IL – Mr. Irvin explained that he is the legislative liaison for Jason Bunting, State Representative of the 106th District. Mr. Irvin is on the education committee in Springfield and invited anyone who would like to join him on the education committee to email him.

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.

Board Member Clower suggested that we strike the ES roll call. Dr. Henkle will check with the attorney as to whether we should keep the ES roll call in the minutes.

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

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve February 26, 2024 Regular Board and Executive Minutes
- Approve Treasurer's Report
- Approve Treasurer's Financial Report
- Authorize Treasurer to Pay Board Bills Listed
- Authorize Destruction of September 26, 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 welcomed and congratulated Ribhu Chaher, who is the Champion of the Will County Spelling Bee. Ribhu will travel to Washington, D.C. at the end of May to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee! Lise Offerman was also present as the Spelling Bee sponsor.

Mr. Grosso introduced Mr. VP Trinh from ARCON Associates. Mr. Trinh presented a project scope summary for the Pioneer Path Summer 2025 Mechanical/HVAC project which included replacement of all of the Pioneer Path HVAC units. In addition, ARCON will be getting alternate bids to add air conditioning units to the Pioneer Path gym and cafeteria.

Dr. Henkle recommended the following meeting dates and times for the 2024-25 school year:

Monday, August 26, 2024	Monday, January 27, 2025
Monday, September 23, 2024	Monday, February 24, 2025
Monday, October 28, 2024	Monday, March 17, 2025
Monday, November 18, 2024	Monday, April 28, 2025
Monday, December 16, 2024	Monday, May 19, 2025
	Monday, June 23, 2025

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the Regular Board Meeting Location/Dates/Times for 2024-2025 listed above with an additional meeting added on July 29, 2024, as a Board Planning session. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Brandt Compton. All were in favor.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the resolution to ratify the eighteenth revision of the articles of agreement for the Southern Will County Cooperative for Special Education. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Joe Pope. 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 entertained a motion to authorize district staff to communicate our intentions to pay the Channahon 17 obligation of \$320,408.57 in full for construction to be completed for the SOWIC Early Childhood/CAB program at 1207 Larkin Avenue, Joliet, Illinois. Motion by Brandt Compton, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

President Pope entertained a motion to approve a 4% increase to administrative salaries (including Tim Hansen, Dan Nyalka, Dacia Cobarrubias, Erin Dooley, Lisa Beard, Kevin Gutzman, and David Bergstrom) to begin in FY25. Motion by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Derek Breen. Six ayes, one abstained, nays none motion passes.

Roll Call:

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

Abstained: Nichole Nyalka

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the addition of a reading specialist position at Channahon Junior High to begin in FY25. Motion by Joe Pope, 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

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the daily substitute teacher pay to \$175 and long-term substitute teacher pay (15 days + in the same role) to \$230/day to begin in FY25. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the FY25 CSD17 Consolidated Plan. Motion by Joe Pope, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve an updated Letter of Agreement with Channahon Baseball. The updated agreement includes limited 'off-season' use of the fields at Channahon Junior High. In exchange for use of these fields, Channahon Baseball will provide labor, equipment, and supervision necessary for the maintenance of Fields 9 and 10 from July 15-September 20 each year, which is baseball season for CSD17.

Board Member Breen mentioned that the District has never had an agreement with Channahon Baseball or Chanooka Braves in the past. Dr. Henkle explained that the District's attorney recommends that we have Channahon Baseball sign a contract. This item will be brought back for action in April. In the meantime, we will continue to allow Channahon Baseball to use the fields as we have done in the past.

The Board and Superintendent discussed Channahon Baseball's new banners located on our ballfields located behind Pioneer Path. One of the banners has the Channahon C with a baseball and another has a skull with a native American headdress. The Board directed Dr. Henkle to ask that it be removed or covered.

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board award re-employment and tenure status for the following employees who are newly eligible for District tenure, which will begin August, 2024:

Tenure Status and Re-employment Recommendations:

NB Galloway	Pioneer Path	Three Rivers	Channahon JH
Julie Cryder	Mishel Daletski	Rachel Gaffino	Elizabeth Burrs
Kara Freeman	Tracy Harvey	Stephanie Garcia	Lindsay Gardner
Jill Huddleston	Emmie Huddleston	Emily Sergeant (as of 3/21/23)	Holly Keenon
Kathryn Perry	Audrey Moralis		Brian Papp
Hanna Petrovic			

President Pope entertained a motion to award re-employment and tenure status to the listed teachers. Motion by Joe Pope, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle recommended that the Board authorize the renewal of contracts for the following first and second year teachers:

First Year Full-Time Non-Tenured Contracts:

NB Galloway	Pioneer Path	Three Rivers	Channahon JH
Caitlyn Kurtz			

Second Year Full-Time Non-Tenured Contracts:

NB Galloway	Pioneer Path	Three Rivers	Channahon JH
Corie Monahan	Robyn Clarke		Dawn McMillin
Anna Watkins	Samantha Peterocelli		
	Tanya Zima		

President Pope entertained a motion to authorize the renewal of contracts for the listed first and second year teachers. Motion by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle brought forth a request to allow our PK-8 grade instructional teams to commit up to 8 hours of summer team planning in June. This will be brought back for action in April.

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

Mr. Grosso recommended the Board adopt the resolution to abate 100% of the PTAB Refund Recapture Extension in the amount of \$31,889. President Pope entertained a motion to adopt the resolution to abate 100% of the PTAB Refund Recapture Extension in the amount of \$31,889. Motion by Brandt Compton, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso reminded the Board of their discussion at the February meeting of a 5-year technology refresh plan that included device and network hardware replacements each fiscal year through FY28. For summer 2024 (FY25), network switches and wireless access points are due for replacement. Sentinel Technologies is the recommended vendor based on the lowest bid for Project Part 1 (\$296,440.73) and Part 2 (\$436,631.80). The District will utilize \$67,597 in FCC eRate Category 2 dollars that is available to offset eligible costs for Part 2 of the project. President Pope entertained a motion to accept the Part 1 and Part 2 proposals from Sentinel Technologies for a total cost of \$733,072.53 prior to eRate reimbursement. Motion by Joe Pope, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso reminded the Board of the discussion last month to replace the existing 6x10 wood track equipment storage shed at Three Rivers. At last month's meeting the Board discussed the possibility of replacing the shed with a storage container. The Village of Channahon Code 156.030 states that storage containers are prohibited except during construction/renovation. Administration recommended replacing the existing shed with an enclosed steel garage with a concrete pad similar to the Chanooka Braves' storage building. An initial cost quote was \$7,965 (excluding the concrete pad). The Board requested that the Administration bring back all of the storage needs before a final decision is made. This item to be brought back for action at the April meeting.

Mr. Grosso brought to the Board's attention the need to do pavement repairs at Three Rivers, Galloway, and Pioneer Path. Any new pavement will be added to the summer 2025 sealcoat schedule. The Board also asked if we could connect with the Village and do blacktop at the same time as the Village for a potential cost savings. Board Member Breen expressed an interest in attending the meeting with Mr. Grosso and the blacktop contractor. This item will be brought back for action at the April or May meeting.

For information purposes only, Mr. Grosso shared information about a large rail hub which may be developed in western Channahon/Minooka. It is believed that this development would be mainly within the Village of Channahon. The Board believes the District should take a stand and show our concern during the zoning hearings about the truck traffic and the impact it would have on our bus traffic.

New Business - None

Other Board Matters - The Board requested that the District look into individual microphones to improve the clarity of student voices during performances.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, April 22, 2024 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting
- Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – 6:00pm 8th Grade Graduation

Adjournment - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:39pm. Motion made by: Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary