



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



**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
Monday, April 22, 2024**

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 6:46pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 6:47pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:10pm. Motion by Brandt Compton, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Vice President Breen reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session at 7:19pm. Vice President Breen led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Breen asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Board Member Clower moved to amend the motion to include Karlie Hauert as a BA Step 7. Motion made by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

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

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the amended consent agenda. Motion made by Pat Clower, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

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

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve March 18, 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 October 24, 2022, Recorded Executive Minutes

Vice President Breen asked if there were any union comments. There were none.

Vice President Breen turned the meeting over to Dr. Henkle.

Dr. Henkle introduced our third grade student, Richard Robinette III who attends Pioneer Path School. Richard lost his mother to cancer in November of 2022 and has since been conducting his own cancer research which was recognized by Dr. Kunle Odunsi, a renowned doctor, researcher, and Director of the University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center. Richard presented the letter he sent to several universities with suggestions of how to cure cancer and the letter that he received from Dr. Odunsi in response to his ideas.

Dr. Henkle congratulated our 2024 Fire Department Art Calendar Contest Winners, Mrs. Verbic, and Firefighter Cindy Wilson for another great calendar. The 12 winners are Isaac Schulte, Addison Rapsky, Cecelia Brennan, Tanner Teiber, Mia Dignin, Angelina Johnson, Skylar Flanagan, James Johnson, Vivianna Ramirez, Zoey Segerberg, Mackenzie Fonck, and Brooklyn Bedinger. The grand prize/cover winner goes to Zayden Carpenter.

Dr. Henkle introduced Mrs. Nichole Gubbins, 6th grade teacher at Three Rivers School. Nicole proposed to the Board the addition of a Robotics Club for grades 5-8 (with a possible future expansion to grades 3-4). The club is designed to provide real world application of coding in planning the development of robotics for enjoyment and for competition. The rate of pay would be commensurate with similar clubs and would begin in the FY25 school year. Mrs. Gubbins answered the Board's questions, and the Board asked for this item to be brought back for action at the May meeting.

Dr. Henkle spoke to the Board regarding possibly discontinuing FY25 District participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Dr. Henkle asked the Board for authorization to study districts in the surrounding area who have chosen to discontinue the NSLP.

Dr. Henkle reminded the Board of the discussion in March regarding the Letter of Agreement with Channahon Baseball to include the limited 'off-season' use of the fields at Channahon Junior High. Dr. Henkle explained that our attorney suggested that a contract be written.

In exchange for the use of these fields, Channahon Baseball will provide labor, materials, equipment, and supervision necessary for the maintenance of the baseball (Field 9) and softball (Field 10) fields located at Channahon Junior High School from March through September of each year, including during the CSD17 baseball/softball season. The Board did not feel a contract was necessary since it has not been done in past years. The Board did request that all groups, including Channahon Baseball, fill out a Facility Use form and that all groups have a current liability policy with a minimum coverage of \$1,000,000 on file with District 17 listed as an additional insured. Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the agreement with the Channahon Baseball League. Motion by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. Ayes two, nays four, motion failed.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Nichole Nyalka and Christine Bucciarelli

Nays: Brooke Bavlacqua, Pat Clower, and Derek Breen

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve one day (8 hours) of summer team planning in June to allow the teaching staff to come together to refine grade-level learning standards, work on common formative assessments, and enhance our horizontal and vertical alignment. Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve up to one day (8 hours) of PK-8 instructional team planning in June. Motion by Brandt Compton, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

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

Mr. Grosso presented and shared the 2023 Equalized Assessed Values (EAV) and tax rate for District 17.

Mr. Grosso recognized that Waste Management's current yearly rate of \$47,956.44 was becoming excessive. He presented the Board with proposals from five garbage pickup providers. Since there is no term agreement with Waste Management, Administration recommended the Board approve the 3-year proposal from Republic Services at the following rate: FY25 \$20,331.60; FY26 \$20,941.55; FY27 \$21,569.79 and issue a 30-day termination notice to Waste Management. Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the three-year proposal from Republic Services as presented from Administration, and issue a 30-day termination notice to the District's current disposal provider, Waste Management. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso presented the Board with information on replacing or eliminating the brick base around the new electronic sign at Pioneer Path since the current brick is in disrepair. One suggestion was to replace the brick and raise it to the height of the sign pole at an estimated cost of \$8,000. Another alternative would be to eliminate the brick leaving just the black pole with some perennials planted around the pole. The Board would like the Administration to seek proposals for the various options.

Mr. Grosso reminded the Board of previous discussions to replace the existing wood track equipment storage shed near the Three Rivers School track. Administration has been developing plans for a 12'x24' storage building to replace the existing shed. Two options are available:

- Steel Tube Building: Requires a concrete monolithic slab. Before excavation could occur, the District would need to have private utilities located. A steel tube building with the excavation, concrete work, and utility locate services would cost approximately \$12,500.
- Prefabricated Shed: Does not require a concrete slab and would be delivered on a trailer in one piece. A gravel/road mix base is recommended to help prevent wood rot on the shed's base. An initial quote for a 12'x24' prefabricated shed with a roll-up garage door and metal siding/roof is \$9,448.

In addition, the District would need to seek the cost of disposing the existing 6x10 wood shed. The Board requested the Administration bring proposals for a prefabricated shed. This item will be brought back for action at the May meeting.

Mr. Grosso again discussed the need for some pavement repairs. Administration proposed to address the most critical issues this summer and incorporate non-critical pavement projects with our bi-annual seal-coating and crack-sealing maintenance into a project bid for the summer of 2025. The following are the highest priority repair areas:

- Pioneer Path
 - Repair bus loop exit curve with new stone and asphalt (full depth) - 121 sq.ft.
 - Remove and replace (swale, full depth) car drop off area - 5'x114' area
- NBG
 - Cut, remove, regrade, and compact stone (full depth) north lot corner - 3,500 sq.ft.
 - Repair/relevel two storm sewer drains, encase in concrete
 - Cut, remove, full depth stone compaction, regrade edge - 1,024 sq.ft.
- TRS
 - Patch miscellaneous small holes and restripe any work area.

Project repairs will come in under \$45,000. To be able to complete the work prior to the start of school in August, Administration asked for preliminary approval of the repair proposal as a 'not to exceed' action item. After additional proposals are received over the next two weeks, Administration will use the 'not to exceed' Board action to approve the lowest cost proposal.

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve parking lot repairs for an amount not to exceed \$45,000. Motion by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso informed the Board that at the May meeting, the Administration will provide information on the District's storage needs including items currently stored and their respective storage locations. In addition, a list of items will be provided that will be declared surplus and seek Board input on the number of items to keep in inventory (i.e., classroom furniture sets). The administration will seek out ways to consolidate storage spaces from areas that could be used for future classroom space, as well as eliminating the need to store large items within an off-campus storage unit and local businesses.

It was suggested the District keep one extra classroom set per building and declare any remaining furniture as surplus knowing that we will be continuing to add to the surplus due to the 21st Century Learning classrooms in the coming years. The Board agreed to donate the current furniture surplus.

Mr. Grosso reminded the Board of the information that was shared last month about a large rail hub which may be developed in western Channahon/Minooka. Administration asked if the Board would like to take a position on this project as well as communicate this position to the Village of Channahon. Administration asked the Board for a list related to areas of support and/or concerns.

- Route 6 traffic concerns
- Safety concerns

A draft will be brought back at the May meeting for Board approval. The approved draft from the May Board meeting will then be communicated to the Village of Channahon.

New Business - None

Other Board Matters - Board Member Nyalka would like to see the temporary PreK Parent Liaison Position remain at Galloway for future years. This item will be brought back for approval at the next Board meeting.

Board Member Compton suggested the District look into getting cameras on the buses that would be activated in an accident situation. The Administration will investigate bus cameras and share with the Board.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, May 20, 2024 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting
- Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – 6:00pm 8th Grade Graduation

Adjournment - Vice President Breen entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:17pm. Motion made by: Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary