



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



**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
Monday, May 20, 2024**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 6:50pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Absent: Brandt Compton

President Pope entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 6:52pm. 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 7:12pm. Motion by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

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

The April minutes were amended to change the Board's direction on the Pioneer Path sign brickwork from asking Administration to seek proposals to replace the brick to asking Administration to seek proposals for the various options.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the amended 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 Babilacqua, Pat Clower, and Nichole Nyalka

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve April 22, 2024 Regular Board and Executive Minutes
- Approve Treasurer's Report
- Approve Treasurer's Financial Report
- Authorize Treasurer to Pay Board Bills Listed

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

President Pope turned the meeting over to Dr. Henkle.

Dr. Henkle presented the following 2024 retirees a gift of appreciation and thanked them for their many years of service and commitment to the Channahon students, staff, and community:

- District 17 (Renee Bogacz, Mary Jo Minarich, and Janice Selfridge)
- N.B. Galloway (Karen Wiegmann)
- Pioneer Path (Denise Laurich and Sherri Erickson)
- Three Rivers (Jim Sebastian)
- Channahon Junior High (Julie Wright and Geri Pieczynski)

Dr. Henkle recognized Tommy Stokke as the IESA Class 8AAA 'Coach of the Year'. Mr. Stokke has built our girl's basketball program to one of the premier programs in the State.

Dr. Henkle congratulated and presented certificates to the following track athletes who competed at the State level and their coaches Brittany Bertani, Lisa Rivara, Amy Delgado, Kirk Lange, and Justin Meyer:

Julia dela Cruz	Emma Garrett	Meila Segatto
Autumn Blair	Jordan Sorte	Macy Meyer
Jocelyn Roots	Lily Pantazes	Clara Getsoian
Brooklynn Leathers	Maddie Karstensen	Ellie Porath
Abby Jungles	Gianna Johnson	Gianna Caldwell
Payron Sirek	Caden Hrpcha	Brayden Franson
Landon Walker	Jaydan Hoover	Eric Null
Cameron dela Cruz	Brycen Kezele	Trenton Leathers
Jacob Von Holton	Sean Faison	Nathan Lopez
Ethan Heap	Matthew Calderon	Evan Orozco
Ryan Stuart	Larry Ryan	Jackson Joachim
Kennady Kotowski		

Dr. Henkle congratulated and presented certificates to the following Channahon Bowlers who competed at the State level and their coach, Julie Wright: Emma Dyxin, Catie Fleetwood, Kaylyn Chabolla, Jadin Skoniecke, Eeve Saindon, Nolan Anderson, Nathan Kranz, Cameron dela Cruz, Ben Keehma, and Gavin Adamic.

Dr. Henkle congratulated and presented certificates to Sully Lipscomb and Ethan Heap, our wrestlers who competed at the State level!

Dr. Henkle congratulated our 2024 Illinois Principal Association Award Winners:

- NBG: Seth Zeng and Aubrey Sekulski
- PP: Ryan Karstensen and Imogen McMahan
- TRS: Hannah Sweeney and Thayer Larson
- CJHS: Nolan Blair and Gianna Johnson

Dr. Henkle recognized our 2024 Student Hawk Scholarship Winners (Joseph Channel, Nolan Bullis, and Jillian Rayola). These students were selected to receive a \$1,000 scholarship to the college or trade school of their choice for their academic success (3.75 GPA+), participation in clubs and activities, and a written essay.

Dr. Henkle introduced Mrs. Jaclyn Wesolowski, Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor at Alliance Counseling in Channahon. Mrs. Wesolowski gave a presentation on Power Skills, a program she developed to provide training, consultation, and resources for classroom educators as they look to equip students with meaningful self-regulation strategies and to promote resiliency, which is achieved through direct instruction and practice/role playing. Grant funds would be used to implement the Power Skills program in 2024-25. This item will be brought back for action at the June meeting.

At the direction of the Board, Dr. Henkle brought the Robotics Club for grades 5-8 (with a possible future expansion to grades 3-4) back for action. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the addition of the proposed Robotics Club to be paid an extra duty 'club' rate of \$1,676 with TRS for FY25. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board make the part-time, grant-funded Pre-K Parent Liaison a permanent position. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the addition of a permanent, part-time PreK Liaison position. Motion by Joe Pope, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle and Mr. Grosso presented to the Board a presentation to consider discontinuing participation in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). It was also recommended that the District post a Request for Proposal to identify a third-party food service provider to provide consulting services and work with our current staff to implement new menus and offerings. It was also recommended that the district stay with the National Milk Program so that the district can continue to use the State's Direct Certification system for free and reduced meal qualifications. President Pope entertained a motion to discontinue participation in the National School Lunch Program and direct administration to prepare a Request for Proposal for a third-party food service management provider. Motion by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle presented the first read of the Press Plus Issue 114 and local policy updates which include: 2:40 Board Member Qualifications, 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure, 2:265 Title IX Grievance Procedure, 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention, 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment, 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited, 5:300 Schedules and Employment Year, 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities, 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited, 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment, 2:270 Discrimination and Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin Prohibited, 5:100 Staff Development Program. Policy 5:300 was tabled.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the Press Plus Issue 114 and Local Policy Updates for first read, with the exception of Policy 5:300 which was tabled. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve a one-year FY25 SOWIC Lease Agreement. The total expense to SOWIC is \$72,000. The language of the agreement is unchanged from FY24 with the exception of reducing the number of rooms from 20 in FY24 to 18 in FY25. The Board asked that Item 5(c) be changed to read 'If the lease expires...it will continue at the current monthly rate.' rather than 'at the rental of \$4,000.00 per month.'

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the amended FY25 SOWIC Lease Agreement with Item 5(c) reading 'if the lease expires, it will continue at the current monthly rate'. Motion by Joe Pope, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

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

Mr. Grosso presented the Board with three options to replace or eliminate the brick base around the new electronic sign at Pioneer Path:

1. Rebuilding the brick base to the bottom of the sign. Two area masonry proposals were received:
 - Chaffee Construction - \$7,980
 - Ramcorp - \$8,400
2. Tear down the brick base and utilize tall landscaping greenery to fill in the gap between the ground and the bottom of the sign. The cost would be minimal with most work being done in-house.
3. Prolong the base as best we can and rebuild it later.

Administration recommended Option 1 as the best course of action. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the proposal from Chaffee Construction in the amount of \$7,980 to rebuild the brick sign base at Pioneer Path. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Per the Board's direction at the April meeting, Mr. Grosso presented to the Board the cost of replacing the Three Rivers School track shed. The following projected cost to complete the project is \$15,351:

- Pre-built Building (12' x 24'): Countryside Barns - \$10,530 OR Marten Portable Buildings - \$9,141 (recommended)
- Road Mix Base (delivered, dumped, and graded) and old shed removal/disposal: \$2,610
- Temporary Fence Removal/Reinstallation: \$3,600

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the Three Rivers track storage shed project in the amount of \$15,351. Motion by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Pursuant to Board Policy 4:80 Disposition of District Property, Mr. Grosso presented the Board with a list of furniture and technology to be declared as surplus. President Pope entertained a motion to declare the items listed as surplus and to direct the Administration to offer distribution to SOWIC and local schools or churches in accordance with Board Policy 4:80. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Joe Pope. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso presented the Board with a draft letter to communicate the Board's concerns over increased truck traffic to the Village of Channahon as it relates to the Chicago Logistics Hub project. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the enclosed letter's language to direct administration to communicate the Board's concerns to the Village of Channahon. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes nays none motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso discussed bus safety monitoring and presented some options and estimated costs. A DRV system outfitted for 15 buses would cost approximately \$55,000. A simple GPS system would cost \$90/bus and \$9/month for each GPS system. The GPS system can track location, bus stops, speed, hard braking, accidents, etc. The Board asked the Administration to continue looking into the GPS option and bring it back for action at the June meeting.

New Business - None

Other Board Matters - Information was presented from Whitt Law regarding the ExxonMobil agreement. The Board members were encouraged to contact their representative in opposition to House Bill 4636 Assessment of Pollution Control Facilities.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 22, 2024 – 6:00pm 8th Grade Graduation
- Monday, June 24, 2024 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting

Adjournment - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:51pm. Motion made by: Derek Breen, seconded by Joe Pope. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary