



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



**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL  
Special Board Meeting - 5:00pm  
Monday, August 5, 2024**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 5:03pm. Motion by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Also Present (via phone): VP Trinh and Jeff Leverenz

Absent: Derek Breen and Brandt Compton

President Pope led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

VP Trinh of ARCON Assoc. and Jeff Leverenz were present via phone to answer Board questions regarding the bid results for the Pioneer Path HVAC/Boiler/Electrical/BAS Upgrade. Administration recommended the approval of the base bid and all six alternative bids from the low bidder, Voris Mechanical. This project is slated for summer 2025. All costs for the project will be paid for using Capital Project Fund reserves.

Board member Clower asked the architects if they received an answer regarding the contractor's charges to install LED lighting rather than reinstalling the current lights during the project. Mr. Leverenz explained that the LED lighting would be an entirely new fixture which will require wiring, etc. Mr. Leverenz also confirmed that the LED lights will be dimmable.

It was noted that the District is still within the 60 day bid acceptance period.

The Board elected to vote separately on Alternate Bid #1 pertaining to adding air conditioning to the gym.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the base bid, as well as alternate bids 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6) from Voris Mechanical for a total project cost of \$5,929,300. Motion made by Joe Pope, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

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

President Pope entertained a motion to approve alternative bid #1, from Voris Mechanical for a total project cost of \$75,500. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Brooke Baviacqua, Pat Clower, Nichole Nyalka, Joe Pope, and Christine Bucciarelli

**New Business** – None

**Other Board Matters** – Dr. Henkle updated the Board about the Jr. High School's preference on how to store student phones during the school day to be in compliance with the new cell phone policy. The Jr. High plans to use Yondr locked cell phone pouches which cost approximately \$25/student.

**Upcoming Events**

- Monday, August 26, 2026 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting

**Adjournment** - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:46pm. Motion made by: Pat Clower, seconded by Joe Pope. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

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Joe Pope, President

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Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary