



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



**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
Monday, August 26, 2024**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 6:48pm. Motion by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Absent: Brooke Babilacqua and Brandt Compton

President Pope entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 6:49pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 6:30pm. Motion by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session at 7:08pm. President Pope led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. It was noted that the Treasurer's Report was excluded this month due to a change in depositories. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve July 29, 2024 Regular Board and Executive Minutes and August 5, 2024 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve Treasurer's Financial Report
- Authorize Treasurer to Pay Board Bills Listed
- Authorize Destruction of February 27, 2023, 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 congratulated retiree, Beth Thelo, and thanked her for 17 years of dedicated service to the Channahon School students, staff, and community.

Dr. Henkle was excited to share that the 2024-25 school year is off to a great start after

the two-day kickoff with staff on August 12 and 13. This year's theme is 'Building Tomorrow, Today' and was focused on preparing our students for the innovations of tomorrow, while keeping them safe and successful in school. Training was provided in the areas of school security, child abuse reporting protocol, and technology including social media and personal device impact on mental health.

Dr. Henkle and the principals shared that the new Cell Phone Policy has been going well. The students have been cooperative and the principals have received parent support.

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve the updated Facility Use Agreement which clarifies the need to be renewed annually to maintain access to our facilities. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the updated Facility Use Agreement. Motion by Joe Pope, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle presented the first read of the following Press Plus Issue 115 and local policy updates: 2:70 Vacancies on the School Board - Filling Vacancies, 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses, 2:160 Board Attorney, 4:15 Identity Protection, 4:70 Resource Conservation, 4:80 Audits, Inventory and Property Disposition, 5:130 Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information, 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity, 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal, 5:250 Leaves of Absence, 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions, 5:310 Compensatory Time Off, 5:330 Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves, 6:110 Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program, 6:140 Education of Homeless Children, 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction, 7:170 Vandalism, 7:180 Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the first read of Press Plus Issue 115 and local policy updates. Motion by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Several board members have expressed an interest in exploring a technical/vocational skills course to provide education, skills, and hands-on opportunities to prepare students for further education in a vocational or technical field. Dr. Henkle brought forth the possibility of creating a new program for FY26. The program would seek to establish a relationship with Minooka High School and the Grundy Area Vocational Center. It is anticipated that this course would be offered during the 2025-26 school year for students in grades 6-8.

In addition to the technical/vocational skills course, the Board expressed an interest in a possible Mod Tech or family and consumer science class as well. The Board gave administration permission to plan for the new program and bring action to the October board meeting.

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

Mr. Grosso presented the Property Tax Appeal Board Resolution Authorization. The administration recommended the Board approve the resolution to authorize the administration and attorneys, Whitt Law, to intervene and take necessary action in any Property Tax Appeal Board or County Board of Review case as requested by staff when necessary to protect the interests of the District. Whitt Law will represent the District in Board of Review matters related to ExxonMobil only. In June the Board reauthorized Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins to intervene on the District's behalf for all other property assessment appeals.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the resolution authorizing the administration and attorneys, Whitt Law, to intervene and take necessary action related to the ExxonMobil property assessment with the Property Tax Appeal Board or County Board of Review. Motion made by Derek Breen, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso presented the Board with a cooperative purchasing proposal from FH Paschen Construction for \$128,000 for the construction of an ADA-compliant 8'x8' bathroom addition at the NBG bus barn.

In addition, two septic system installation proposals were obtained from local contractors licensed with Will County. Zeiters Septic Unlimited's proposal came in at \$8,475 and R&R Septic came in at \$10,700. Both proposals are subject to Will County Health Department approval and soil testing results which may adjust the cost. Both proposals are budgetary and do not include the health department permit fee which is contingent upon design and soil testing results.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the NCPA contract proposal from FH Paschen Construction in the amount of \$128,000, as well as the septic installation proposal from Zeiter's Septic Unlimited in the amount of \$8,475. Motion made by Joe Pope, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. Four ayes, one nay, motion passes.

Roll Call:

Ayes: Nichole Nyalka, Joe Pope, Derek Breen, and Christine Bucciarelli

Nays: Pat Clower

Mr. Grosso updated the Board on the bus barn addition project which is set to go to bid soon. A Board recommendation will be brought for action at the September meeting.

Mr. Grosso brought a proposal to the Board to replace the Pioneer Path gym basketball backboard/rims, install 12' long wall mats behind the main court basketball hoops, and install remote electronic basketball rim winch systems for the two rims above the bleachers. Administration reached out to four gym equipment providers/installers to provide quotes. E.T. Paddock was the only one interested in the project and submitted a proposal in the amount of \$25,862. The total electrical cost for circuits and remote switches, provided by Elliott Electric, is \$2,410 bringing the total cost of the project to \$28,272.

President Pope entertained a motion to accept the proposal from E.T. Paddock Enterprises in the amount of \$25,862. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso presented an update on the current facility projects as well as projects targeted for future years.

New Business - None

Other Board Matters - None

Upcoming Events

- Monday, September 23, 2024 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting

Adjournment - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:33pm. Motion made by: Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary