



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



**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
Monday, September 23, 2024**

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 5:32pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Brooke Baviacqua. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Derek Breen, Brooke Baviacqua, Pat Clower, and Nichole Nyalka
Absent: Christine Bucciarelli (arrived at 6:30pm), Brandt Compton, and Joe Pope

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 6:30pm. 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 7:02pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Vice President Breen reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session at 7:09pm. Vice President Breen led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board opened the Public Hearing for the FY25 Annual Budget at 7:10pm.

There was no public comment on the Public Hearing for the FY25 Annual Budget.

The Board closed the Public Hearing for the FY25 Annual Budget at 7:13pm.

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

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, Brooke Baviacqua, Pat Clower, and Nichole Nyalka

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve August 26, 2024 Regular Board and Executive Minutes
- Approved Treasurer's Report (July and August)
- Approve Treasurer's Financial Report
- Authorize Treasurer to Pay Board Bills Listed
- Authorize Destruction of March 21, 2023, 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 led a moment of silence to honor Fritz Malsky, a former custodian for CSD17 who recently passed away.

Dr. Henkle recognized Laurie Reyes who is retiring from the Three Rivers kitchen. Laurie has 29 years of dedicated service to the Channahon School students, staff, and community.

Dr. Henkle presented a proposal from Ms. Janine Milles to create a student games club at Pioneer Path School. The club would provide students an opportunity to engage in games, social activities, and free play with friends twice a week after school. It would offer supervised, safe, and well organized opportunities for students to develop friendships and play disconnected from technology. The club would meet twice a week from October through April 1 and would offer \$1,408 or \$1,547 (including TRS), which matches the CJHS games club rate. This item will be brought back for action at the October meeting.

Dr. Henkle presented a proposal from Mrs. Tammy Zadel and Mrs. Kristin Laken to create a boys' volleyball intramural team for students in grades 6 through 8. The coaches proposed to volunteer their time to initiate the program and coach the team. They would practice 3 to 4 times a week after school for 1.5 to 2 hours at Pioneer Path, Channahon Jr High, or Three Rivers gym. They anticipate the program will run for approximately two months in the spring. If the program is successful, the administration will come back with a new proposal for the board. This item will be brought back for action in October.

Dr. Henkle announced that Board Member Brandt Compton has submitted his resignation as a Board Member due to a change of residence outside the boundaries of Channahon. Per Policy 2:70, the Board shall fill the vacancy within 60 days after it occurred by a public vote at a meeting of the Board. The Board will accept applications and appoint a Board Member who will serve through April 2025. The opening will be posted on our website and an email message will be sent home to parents. It is anticipated that applications will be reviewed at the October meeting. A special meeting may be scheduled in November to interview the applicants and the new board member will be appointed at the regular November meeting.

President Breen entertained a motion to accept the resignation of Board Member Brandt Compton. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle presented the second read of Press Plus Issue 115 and local policy updates which include: 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 Breen entertained a motion to approve the second read of Press Plus 115 and local policy updates. Motion by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle presented the first read of local policy update 6:100 Using Animals in the Instructional Program.

Board Member Bucciarelli recommended additional amendments added to the policy. She proposed that the policy require a 1:1 ratio of handler to dog, verification of no record of aggression or bite incidents, and successfully pass the following four levels of AKC Good Citizenship Courses (proof of certification required):

- AKC STAR Puppy
- AKC Canine Good Citizen
- AKC Community Canine
- AKC Urban Good Citizen

President Breen entertained a motion to approve the first read of Policy 6:100 with the above amendments added. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Pat Clower, Nichole Nyalka, Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, and Brook Babilacqua

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

Mr. Grosso presented the resolution for the FY25 annual budget. Vice President Breen entertained a motion to adopt the resolution for the FY25 Annual Budget. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso presented the FY24 Annual Administrator and Teacher Compensation Compliance Report PA97-256. The report will be posted on the district website and submitted to the Regional Office of Education by October 1, 2024. Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the FY24 Administrator and Teacher Compliance Report. Motion made by Derek Breen, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso presented the FY24 IMRF Salary Compensation Compliance Report PA97-0609. The report will be posted on the district website. Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the FY24 IMRF Salary Compliance Report. Motion made by Pat Clower, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso presented the Board with project authorizations for the following capital projects:

- Channahon Junior High terrazzo report and walk-off mat replacement
- Pioneer Path roof replacement
- Channahon Junior High, Three Rivers, and Galloway mechanical improvements

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the Channahon Junior High Terrazzo Repair and Walk-Off Mat replacement project authorization from ARCON Assoc. Motion made by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the Pioneer Path 2001 addition roof replacement project authorization from ARCON Assoc. Motion made by Pat Clower, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the Channahon Junior High, Three Rivers, and NBG mechanical improvements project authorization from ARCON Assoc. Motion made by Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso discussed the replacement of three large buses that have been in service for 11 years. Mr. Grosso noted that an undercarriage rust protection coating is available for approximately \$2,000 per bus. By adding rust protection and using the undercarriage sprayer the district recently acquired, it is anticipated that the life of the buses will increase from 10 years to 12-15 years.

Mr. Grosso also presented the costs associated with adding air conditioning to a new bus. The cost would be approximately \$4,000 for the driver area only and \$12,000 for the entire bus. The Board directed administration to bring back three options. The cost of a new bus with:

1. No air conditioning
2. Air conditioning for the driver only
3. Air conditioning for the entire bus

Board Member Bavalacqua asked administration to bring back an estimate of the cost to repair the bus that is in the worst condition, to help the Board decide whether it would be more cost effective to repair the buses versus replacing the buses at this time.

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to direct administration to seek bids for the purchase of three new buses. Motion made by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso discussed purchasing a passenger van as a cost-effective alternative to using larger school buses to transport small groups of students (fewer than 9 at a time). A van would be a cost effective way to transport out-of-district McKinney-Vento students, alternative attendance center students, and students participating in academic programs between district buildings. These vehicles are referred to as First Division Multi-Purpose Passenger Vehicles (MPPVs). Transporting

students in MPPV's does not require a CDL but does require the driver to have a School Bus Permit. Safety Lane and IDOT inspections apply as they do for regular school buses. The Board gave administration direction to explore the options and costs of adding a 10 passenger or fewer van to the fleet of vehicles.

It has come to the attention of the administration that our District's website, hosted through the Regional Office of Education, will no longer host websites beginning in June 2025. The District will need to begin the process of obtaining cost-effective proposals from school web host providers. Administration will bring forth an action item in the near future to approve a new school web host.

Board Policy 4:45 on Insufficient Checks and Debit Recovery gives authorization to the Superintendent or designee to recover delinquent debt owed to the District. The Illinois Comptroller debt recovery program may not be available for some time. Therefore, the Administration has sought a different debt recovery program through Transworld Systems. Administration will bring back a proposal from Transworld Systems at the next meeting.

Mr. Grosso discussed replacing the Three Rivers high jump mats. The current mats are no longer safe to be used as rot has set in. New mats will be stored in the new storage shed. Mr. Grosso presented three quotes to replace the mats. The cost to replace the mats have been built into the FY25 athletics budget. This item will be brought back for action at the October meeting.

New Business - None

Other Board Matters - None

Upcoming Events

- Monday, October 28, 2024 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting

Adjournment - Vice President Breen entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47pm. 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