



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



**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL  
Regular Board Meeting - 5:00pm  
Monday, December 16, 2024**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 4:43pm. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Molly Schulte. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Absent: Brooke Babilacqua

President Pope entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 4:44pm. 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 5:11pm. Motion by Derek Breen, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session at 5:16pm. President Pope entertained a motion to call the Truth in Taxation Public Hearing meeting to order at 5:17pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Operating fund cash balances were presented at the board meeting. There was no public comment.

A motion was made to close the public taxation meeting. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

## **Consent Agenda**

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve November 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 June 26, 2023 Recorded Executive Minutes

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

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

Mr. Grosso presented and recommended the Board adopt the 'Resolution of Channahon School District 17, Will County, Illinois, to adopt the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2024.' President Pope entertained a motion to adopt the Resolution of Channahon School District 17, Will County, Illinois, to adopt the Levy of Taxes for the Year 2024. Motion made by Joe Pope, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso presented bids to replace the roof on the 2001 section of Pioneer Path. ARCON recommended the low bid of \$400,624 from DCG Roofing Solutions to be approved. This project will occur during the summer of 2025. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the total bid from DCG Roofing Solutions to replace the 2001 Pioneer Path addition roof for the amount of \$400,624. Motion made by Pat Clower, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

At the October meeting, Mr. Grosso presented to the Board the option of purchasing a minivan as a cost-effective way to transfer small groups of students. This evening Mr. Grosso presented the two purchasing options: buying used or new. The Board was interested in possibly purchasing a new van and would like to wait until the January pricing comes out.

Mr. Grosso reminded the Board that beginning in June 2025, the current web host and content management system for the district website will no longer be available. Administration received demonstrations and proposals from five vendors. Administration recommended the district accept the proposal from Apptegy for a three year cost of \$35,700. Initial setup and content migration will be \$2,700 with \$11,000 per year for three years. \$13,700 will be due at signing. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the proposal from Apptegy to provide website hosting and management services, as well as mass communication services for a total three year cost of \$35,700. Motion made by Molly Schulte, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso discussed options for repairing four Pioneer Path floors in the event of delamination following warranty repairs. The recommendation would be to remove the flooring, epoxy-mitigate the slab, and install new LVT flooring. The epoxy-mitigation would not be covered under the original warranty. ARCON recommended a budget of \$14,000 for the epoxy mitigation and work could take place over winter break.

Administration will identify the concerns in one room initially and will monitor results of the repair before taking further action.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve epoxy mitigation and repair of one room and regular warranty flooring repair on the other rooms at Pioneer Path. Motion made by Derek Breen, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

President Pope turned the meeting over to Dr. Henkle.

Dr. Henkle discussed with the Board the proposal of a Career Technical Education (CTE) elective course for grades 6-8 that was originally brought to the Board's attention at the August 2024 meeting. The new proposed CTE course would provide exposure, education, and hands-on opportunities to prepare students for high school CTE exploration coursework and/or training in a vocational or technical field. Dr. Henkle asked for Board approval of the CTE course outline proposal and to approve a new Career Technical Education teacher position.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the CTE Course Outline Proposal. Motion made by Derek Breen, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

President Pope entertained a motion to approve a new position, Career Technical Education Teacher. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Molly Schulte. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve a subsidy to reduce the cost of Camp Invention for grades 1-5 to \$75/student. President Pope entertained a motion to approve a Board subsidy to reduce the cost of Camp Invention to \$75/student for all children residing within CSD17 boundaries for the summer of 2025. Motion made by Joe Pope, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Per state requirement, Dr. Henkle updated the Board on our student wellness program which includes the following areas:

- Fitness: CSD17 offers 5x/week physical education and health and promotes an active lifestyle for students through instruction as well as opportunities for recess.
- Nutrition: CSD17 offers daily nutritious meals that meet all nutritional guidelines.
- Review: The district wellness committee meets twice annually with nurses, PE teachers, and cafeteria staff to maintain and promote a healthy school district.

Dr. Henkle updated the Board on the Rainbows for All Children program which provides grief support to students who are processing loss or trauma. Currently Pioneer Path does not offer the program to students, but would like to re-establish the program after the winter break for interested families. Pioneer Path Media Aide, Jennifer Bertino, and Principal Nyalka are proposing to offer the program once each week during the school day with the possibility of eventually offering it after school if there is sufficient interest. If it is offered after school, it will be paid in the same manner as the Homework Club rate. The Board will look to include the Rainbows program hourly rate in the next collective bargaining agreement.

**New Business** - None

**Other Board Matters** - None

**Upcoming Events**

- Monday, January 27, 2025 – 5:00pm School Board Meeting

**Adjournment** - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:34pm. Motion made by: Derek Breen, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

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Joe Pope, President

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Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary