



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



**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL  
Special Board Meeting - 5:00 pm  
Thursday, February 13, 2025**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 5:00pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Absent: Derek Breen, Brooke Babilacqua

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 personnel report. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Molly Schulte. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

President Pope turned the meeting over to Dr. Henkle.

Dr. Henkle presented the first read of the following local policy updates: 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management, 4:80 Audits, Inventory and Property Disposition, 4:130 Free and Reduced-Price Food Services, 4:190 Targeted School Violence Prevention, 5:100 Staff Development Program, 5:352 Return to School Health Screening and COVID-19 Sick Leave Policy (Staff), 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives, 6:50 School Wellness, 6:210 Instructional Materials, 7:40 Attendance of Nonpublic School Students, 7:60 Residence, 7:352 Return to School Health Screening and COVID-19 Sick Leave Policy (Students), 8:25 Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities

The Board discussed policies needing clarification;

- 4:10 - The Board directed administration to send a message to families when the budget has been posted. This will be done by September 30 of each year.
- 4:80 - The Board directed the Treasurer's signature on any distribution checks. The Board also requested to remove inventory language since we do not follow GASB.
- 7:40 - The Board discussed requiring students to attend the district school one half of the day to participate in interscholastic sports and clubs.
- 8:25 - The Board directed administration to hold virtual backpack items for 60 days and include the name of the requester and/or organization making the request.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the first read of local policy updates. Motion made by Joe Pope, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

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

Mr. Grosso presented the ExxonMobil PTAB Resolution. Administration asked the Board to approve the resolution allowing Whitt Law to file an appeal of the Will County Board of Review 2024 assessment decision on the ExxonMobil refinery to the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board on behalf of District 17.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the Resolution Authorizing an Appeal to the State of Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board regarding ExxonMobil Joliet Refinery, as presented. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso presented the Board with price quotes to purchase a new 2025 Chrysler Pacifica minivan from National Auto Fleet Group through Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF. Fund 40 Transportation funds would be used for the purchase, thus making the van strictly used for student transportation and eligible for partial reimbursement over five years through the ISBE annual transportation claim. The following costs were presented:

- Vehicle: \$43,845
- Extended 5-year Warranty (optional): \$3,500
- Delivery from CA: \$2,896.25
- Total Cost w/Extended Warranty: \$50,241.25
- Total Cost w/o Extended Warranty: \$46,741.25

The Board elected to purchase the minivan without the extended warranty.

President Pope entertained a motion to approve the quote from National Audit Fleet Group, Sourcewell Contract #091521-NAF, for a 2025 Chrysler Pacifica minivan (without Extended Warranty) for the cost of \$46,741.25. Motion made by Molly Schulte, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

**New Business** - None

**Other Board Matters** - None

**Upcoming Events**

- Monday, February 24, 2025 – 7:00pm School Board Meeting

**Adjournment** - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:04pm. Motion made by: Christine Bucciarelli, 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