



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



**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 5:00pm
Monday, January 27, 2025**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 4:36pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Joe Pope, Brooke Baviacqua, Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, and Molly Schulte

President Pope entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 4:38pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Molly Schulte. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 5:10pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pope reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session at 5:15pm. 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: Joe Pope, Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, Brooke Baviacqua, Pat Clower, Nichole Nyalka, and Molly Schulte

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve December 16, 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 July 5, 2023 and July 31, 2023 Recorded Executive Minutes
- Approve Board Expense Reimbursement

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

President Pope turned the meeting over to Dr. Henkle.

Dr. Henkle congratulated the 7th grade girls basketball team and coach Lauren Schwartz who qualified for the State Tournament.

Dr. Henkle presented the following 2025-26 fees:

Early Childhood	\$0
Kdg-Grade 4 Tech Fee	\$75 (\$100 if registered after July 1)
Grade 5-8 Tech Fee	\$100 (\$125 if registered after July 1)
Grade 8 Graduation Fee	\$35
Interscholastic Sports	\$15
Lunch	TBD - Spring 2025
Adult Lunch	TBD - Spring 2025

The 2025-26 fees will be brought back for action at the February board meeting.

Dr. Henkle gave a presentation on administration's recommendation to use a Traditional Report Card with an Evidence of Standards Attainment Report for grades 5-8 in the 2025-26 school year. This item will be brought back for action at the February board meeting.

President Pope entered a motion to approve the non-release of the June 24, 2024, July 29, 2024, August 26, 2024, September 23, 2024, October 28, 2024, and November 18, 2024 executive session written minutes. Motion made by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Joe Pope. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle presented the 2025-26 Student Handbook. Board Member Clower suggested we include the clubs in the handbook. This item will be brought back for action at the February board meeting.

Dr. Henkle presented the proposed 2025-26 Channahon District 17 calendar for board approval. President Pope entered a motion to approve the FY26 calendar. Motion made by Molly Schulte, seconded by Nichole Nyalka. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle presented the Board with the following 2025-26 field trips exceeding 200 miles/overnight for approval:

- October 10-12, 2025 - Grade 8 Washington, DC trip
- April, 2026 - Grade 8 Springfield trip

President Pope entered a motion to approve the 2025-26 Field Trips exceeding 200 miles/overnight, including Washington, DC and Springfield, Illinois. Motion made by Derek Breen, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

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

Mr. Grosso reminded the Board of the asbestos abatement contractor proposals for the Pioneer Path HVAC project that were solicited after the October 28, 2024 meeting. The project time periods and scopes of work are 2025 Spring Break and Summer 2025. Three abatement contractors submitted proposals for each project. It was recommended that the Board approve the contract with Hogan Environmental for spring break in the amount of \$15,000 and M&O Environmental for summer break abatement for \$30,100. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the proposal from Hogan Environmental for spring break asbestos abatement in the amount of \$15,000 and the proposal from M&O Environmental for summer asbestos abatement in the amount of \$30,100. 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, Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, and Brooke Babilacqua

Mr. Grosso presented a resolution for continued membership in The Purchasing Cooperative. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the resolution for continued membership in The Purchasing Cooperative. Motion made by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso requested Board approval to solicit public bids for a 2-year contract for mowing services. President Pope entertained a motion to authorize administration to solicit public bids for mowing services. 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, Brooke Babilacqua, Pat Clower, and Nichole Nyalka

Mr. Grosso requested Board approval to issue a public bid for sealcoating, crack-sealing, and relining services with an allowance for asphalt patching. President Pope entertained a motion to authorize administration to solicit public bids for sealcoating, crack-sealing, and relining services, with an allowance for any needed asphalt patching. Motion made by Molly Schulte, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso recommended the Board designate the Superintendent and the Chief School Business Official to prepare the 2025-26 budget in tentative form. President Pope entertained a motion to designate the Superintendent and the Chief School Business Official to prepare the 2025-26 budget in tentative form. Motion made by Joe Pope, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso reminded the board that the Board took action at the December 18, 2023 meeting to migrate the District's payroll account from CIBC to Old National Bank. The District's CIBC account balance is \$0 and is ready for account closure. President Pope entertained a motion to approve the payroll account closure with CIBC Bank. Motion made by Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Mr. Grosso informed the Board that the District's 5-year agreement with our current auditors, WIPFLI, ends with the conclusion of the FY24 audit. Administration asked the Board for direction to either request a new agreement with WIPFLI to bring for Board action or to conduct a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to select a new auditing firm. The Board asked the administration to do a one year extension with WIPFLI and an RFQ will be considered for next year.

New Business - None

Other Board Matters - Board Member Clower raised concerns regarding the potential increased truck traffic on Route 6 that the proposed Chicago Logistics Hub could generate. She intends to submit a citizen request for a traffic study on Route 6 and will recommend that the logistics hub adjust its loading times to avoid conflicts with school busing hours.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, February 13, 2025 - 5:00pm Special Board Meeting
- Monday, February 24, 2025 - 7:00pm School Board Meeting

Adjournment - President Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:14pm. Motion made by: Nichole Nyalka, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary