

Minutes of Regular Board Meeting Of November 13, 2018

The Board of Education Harlem Consolidated School District # 122

A Regular meeting of the Board of Education of Harlem Consolidated School District was held Tuesday, November 13, 2018, beginning at 6:00 PM in the Harlem Administration Center, 8605 North Second Street, Machesney Park, IL 61115.

1. CALL TO ORDER by President George Russell at 6:01 p.m.
2. ROLL CALL (Board Members and Other Attendees)
George Russell, Melissa Wenger, Heather Kelley, Larry Barger, Patti Lawrence, Sue Berogan, Evelyn Meeks (7 present)

Other Attendees:

Kris Arduino, Recording Secretary

Dr. Julie Morris, Superintendent

Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Josh Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

Scott Rollinson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources not present

3. Pledge of Allegiance led by Maple Elementary students:

Mrs. Poole, Maple Elementary School Principal noted that these students are in the safety patrol program at Maple and Mrs. Corr helps lead this program

Samara Martinez

Cesar Santana

Gavin Koerner

Kyle Greer

Catherine Catabona

Ewan Erickson

Presenter: Tammy Poole, Maple Elementary Principal

4. Approval of Agenda
No changes to the agenda
Motion to approve Agenda with no changes
1st Barger 2nd Wenger
Wenger, Kelley, Barger, Lawrence, Berogan, Meeks, Russell – 7 ayes
Motion carried

5. Motion to approve Regular & Closed Board Meeting Minutes of October 29, 2018

1st Kelley 2nd Wenger

Kelley, Barger, Lawrence, Berogan Meeks, Russell, Wenger – 7 ayes

Motion carried

6. Awards and Recognition presented by Jason Blume, Director of Stakeholder Engagement

- A. GPS Church and Alberta James and the partnership that has been formed with GPS and Maple by a yearly BBQ family event, PBIS school store which is covered by GPS volunteers, Pastor Robb frequently funding the store through GPS members, collection of school supplies, and helping with school events by providing water and delivering it. The Staff decided to attend GPS Church over the summer to honor them as it turned out the members of the church gave so many gifts and items to the school. They volunteer weekly in the classrooms and playground. Pastor Robb has left the church but they formed a team to keep partnering with Maple School. GPS has provided meals for teacher appreciation day by forming a food committee for Maple. Calming corners have been started for kids to just be able to sit and calm down. They bought beanbag chairs for every classroom. They have provided boxes of snacks for the kids. They love the kids and the school and just recently a little girl was sleeping on a mattress and scratching her chest. GPS would get the two mattresses for her and her sister. GPS also provided sheets and comforters for the beds as well as delivering it all.

Alberta James is a benefactor for Maple Elementary. She provided 500 backpacks and she came to the school and she purchased 1700.00 worth of items at the Dollar Tree for Maple School. Everything she buys is in large quantity, 500 pairs of gloves, hats and she is constantly providing for our kids. Dollar Tree allows her to come in early and they load up her car at the expense of Alberta James. She has been invited to Alberta's home and she has things there to load up. Her church also provides items. There is a little boy that asks for pencils for himself and his brother. Turkey Bingo has been sponsored. She buys fancy band aids with cupcakes and emoji's so kids are always coming down for one of these. Chap stick, socks, whatever the kids need she provides. She does this for animals in need also, and she has a huge heart. Whatever the kids needs she makes sure she gets.

Presenter: Tammy Poole, Maple Elementary Principal

- B. Brighton Young, IHSA State Golf Qualifier, the All Conference MVP and First Team and stepping up to be the defacto leader of the team and the youngest female golfer ever to qualify from Harlem

Presenter: Brad Sweet, Golf Coach

- C. Samantha Flaningam and Kendra Belisle, IHSA State Tennis Qualifiers, the second doubles team in the school history to qualify for State, they were identified as 2 out of 12 as the Best. They beat a doubles team from Belvidere North and at the end of their match that team appreciated their sportsmanship by

cheering on the Belvidere team.
Presenter: Bill Dredge, Tennis Coach

- D. Recognition of National School Board Member Day - November 15, 2018
Presenter: Dr. Julie Morris, Superintendent
Dr. Morris recognized that the National School Board Member Day is Thursday, November 15, 2018 and thanked them for all their efforts on behalf of the students and District.

7. Comments from the Community

1. Erika Johnson, addressed the Board and is an Alumni. She has a daughter in the District. She asked that the Board consider in opposition to the IASB's resolution for student safety and protection to allow local school districts to arm teachers and staff. Schools should be sanctuaries for our children. There is no evidence that shows arming staff will make schools safer. There is much opposition to arming teachers. The IFT passed a resolution against arming teachers. This would pose a risk to community, students and law enforcement. She has heard from several other district Champaign 34, Glenview, Indian Prairie, Oak Park District 97 and many more.

8. Approval of Bills

- A. Payables Summary
- B. Voided Checks
- C. Payroll Voucher(s)
- D. Accounts Payable Warrants \$3,386,645.09

Mr. Aurand reviewed expenditures from each fund, totaling \$3,386,645.09
No questions were asked

Motion to approve bills as reviewed

1st Wenger 2nd Barger

Barger, Lawrence, Berogan, Meeks, Russell, Wenger, Kelley – 7 ayes

Motion carried

9. Communications and Committee Reports

- A. George Russell, President
 1. Board Monitoring Report: October 29, 2018
5 received all marked satisfactory
 2. Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, December 10, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.
 3. Next Policy Committee meeting: Monday, January 22, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.
 4. Recommendation to destroy audio recordings more than 18 months old: none
 - Thanked Mrs. Poole and the Maple students for leading the Pledge;
 - Extended his congratulations to Brighton and Coach Sweet for their success;

- Extended his congratulations to the tennis players, Kendra and Samantha, and Coach Dredge for their success as a doubles team noting that they all need to be who you are and the best you can be
- Thanked GPS church for all that they do for Maple;
- Noted Mrs. Poole's leadership is greatly valued and invigorate the relationship
- Noted he is moved and greatly values Alberta James for her dedication to the school and students
- He noted that it is a privilege to serve on this Board with such a devoted community
- Thanked Mrs. Johnson for her comments tonight

B. Melissa Wenger, Vice President

- Thanked Mrs. Poole and the students for leading the Pledge;
- Congratulations to Brighton and Coach Sweet for their accomplishments;
- Congratulations to Kendra and Samantha and Coach Dredge for their accomplishments and great representation and supporting other schools;
- Expressed her gratitude to GPS Church and Mrs. Alberta James with their partnerships with Maple Elementary and we are so blessed for this loving support
- Thanked Mrs. Johnson for her comments and noted that she likes to hear from the community

1. IASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions (reach consensus)

Resolutions

1. Student Safety & Protection – *IASB Recommended Not to Adopt*

This is the background of arming our teachers and administrators in the District but this does not have the wording that IASB would like to see regarding types of training would be required

Consensus: Lawrence-yes, Barger-yes, Kelley-yes, Wenger-yes, Russell-yes, Meeks-yes, Berogan-yes. **The Board reached unanimous consensus in support of the IASB Recommendation Not to Adopt.**

2. Same rationale as 1. Student Safety & Protection – *IASB Recommended to Adopt*

Individual school boards can make the decision but if allowing the firearms, they must follow the training which is required by a state-wide standard and not an individual school board which is not currently set.

Consensus: Lawrence – no, Barger – no, Kelley – no, Wenger – no, Russell-no, Meeks-no, Berogan-no, **The Board reached unanimous consensus in opposition to the IASB recommendation To Adopt. The Board reached unanimous consensus Not to Adopt.**

3. Student Safety & Protection (3) Wording is a bit different, but one individual district brought forward, not allowing a school board to require a statewide training so matches 1. *IASB Recommended Not to Adopt*

Consensus: Barger-yes, Kelley-yes, Wenger-yes, Russell-yes, Meeks-yes, Berogan-yes, Lawrence-yes. **The Board reached unanimous consensus in support of the IASB Recommendation Not to Adopt.**

4. Savings, Funds & Borrowing

Josh noted that it allows District to obtain their own financing, *IASB Recommended to Adopt*

Consensus: Lawrence-No, Barger-yes, Kelley-yes, Wenger-yes, Russell-yes, Meeks-yes, Berogan-yes (6 yes to Adopt, 1 Not to Adopt) **The Board reached consensus in support of the IASB Recommendation To Adopt.**

5. Charter School Funding

Josh noted that as long as district's are not losing money, Julie noted that it won't take money from our school but it is taking money and will they get more. We have some kind of regulation over charter schools now and this takes away local control. *IASB Recommended to Adopt*

Consensus: Lawrence-no, Barger-no, Kelley-no, Wenger-no, Russell-no, Meeks-no, Berogan-no. **The Board reached unanimous consensus in opposition IASB Recommendation To Adopt. The Board reached unanimous consensus Not to Adopt.**

6. Local Authority & Safety Practices

This is ALICE training and we currently do this but not the aggressive form. *IASB Recommended to Adopt*

Consensus: Lawrence-yes, Barger-yes, Kelley-yes, Wenger-yes, Russell-yes, Meeks-yes, Berogan-yes. **The Board reached unanimous consensus in support of the IASB Recommendation to Adopt.**

7. Mental Health Services

Patti noted that as a social worker she believes the District can and should be doing so much more for this population. This is very much needed for our students. *IASB Recommended to Adopt*

Consensus: Lawrence-yes, Barger-yes, Kelley-yes, Wenge-yesr, Russel-yesl, Meeks-yes, Berogan-yes. **The Board reached unanimous consensus in support of the IASB Recommendation to Adopt.**

8. Student Voter Registration

Dr. Morris noted that we do have voter registration for students who are at the age to vote. Jeremy Bois talks to those students to tell them about the process but it is optional. *IASB Recommended to Adopt.*

Consensus: Lawrence-yes, Barger-yes, Kelley-yes, Wenger-yes, Russell-yes, Meeks-yes, Berogan-yes. **The Board reached unanimous consensus in support of the IASB Recommendation to Adopt.**

George noted that we are privileged that Jason Blume, Dr. Morris and himself will be participating in a presentation at noon at Hyatt Tower East on stakeholder engagement at the Tri-Conference as invited by the Illinois Association of School Board.

On a funny note, George also noted that Dr. Morris and Mr. Blume did a great job giving him only 3 slides to present.

C. Evelyn Meeks, Secretary

- Wished everyone a good evening
- Thanked Mrs. Poole and her students for leading the Pledge
- Thanked Mrs. Poole for doing a wonderful job at Maple
- Congratulated Brighton and Coach Sweet
- Congratulated Samantha and Kendra and Coach Dredge
- Thanked GPS church and Mrs. James for their wonder support and work
- Thanked Mrs. Johnson for her comments
- Congratulated the Board for their work

D. Heather Kelley, Past President

- Noted she is very proud and left speechless and leadership from the youngest to the oldest. Harlem starts the trend in the community and we can all be very proud of that.
- She is overwhelmed with everything Alberta James and GPS devote to Maple School and appreciated that Mrs. Poole brought this to the Board;
- Congratulated Coach Sweet and Brighton
- Congratulated Coach Dredge and Samantha and Kendra
- Thanked Mrs. Johnson for her comments and her passion
- Thanked fellow board members for their hard work and dedication

E. Sue Berogan

- Thanked the Maple students and principal, the help from GPS church and Mrs. James. When we show with action instead of words that is what we are teaching our kids, and thanked everyone all the way around
- Congratulated the athletes in their accomplishments in golf and tennis
- Thanked Mrs. James for the pens and wonderful sayings

1. Next Business Services Committee meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

F. Larry Barger

- Repeated all of the above congratulations and recognitions noting his appreciation

1. Next Education Committee meeting: Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

G. Patti Lawrence

- Happy Board Members Day on November 15 for the time and dedication everyone puts in and all of the hours of training and years of experience;
- Thanked Mrs. Poole, GPS Church and Mrs. James for all their support and love for the students and families;
- Congratulations Brighton, Kendra and Samantha as well as Coaches Brad Sweet and Bill Dredge;
- Thanked Mrs. Johnson for her comments in addressing the Board this evening;
- Noted the great artwork by students displayed in the Board room

1. Next Behavior Policy Review Committee: Wednesday, January 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. (2nd quarter)

- Reflected that in the last set of minutes she noted that she voted NO to the advance expense checks for the Board conference and would like to have her comments included in those minutes that she noted when voting no that anyone else not running for re-election should return their advance check. She noted that she returned her \$300 advance check the prior year also. She would like to have amended minutes brought back to the next meeting.

10. Administrative Reports

A. Dr. Michelle Erb, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

1. Recommendation to approve Student Travel Request(s) (2)
Boys Basketball team and
ICCA State Cheerleading Competition for Middle School cheer

B. Joshua Aurand, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations

1. Recommendation to approve Resolution for Surplus Property
Property Services, Loves Park, Harlem Middle School and Marquette
2. Recommendation to approve Facility Request(s): 3
High School Music Department
Harlem Middle School Dance Practice
Stateline Events Craft show
3. Approve Resolution to Levy 2018 Taxes for Certain Purposes
4. Approve 2018 Tax Levy Resolution
5. Recommendation to approve 2018 Certificate of Tax Levy which is also included in the Resolution
6. Recommendation to approve the renewal of the Motor Vehicle Fuel Bid with Kelley Williamson for the 2018-2019 school year, with supplier charge per gallon of unleaded at \$0.05 and supplier charge per gallon of diesel at \$0.035 to remain unchanged

7. Recommend to approve a one (1) year agreement with SafeStop, Inc., to provide a mobile application that provides parents with up to date school bus information for a total cost of \$1,020 a month
Mr. Russell noted that this is real time for all users and parents
 8. Recommendation to approve an independent contract with Infant Mental Health Consultant, Lynn Liston, to provide consultation to our birth to 3 grant Parent Educators for \$125 an hour, not to exceed \$10,000
 - C. Scott Rollinson, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources given by Dr. Morris in his absence
 1. Personnel Agenda and Addendum
4 Transfers, 1 Leave of Absence, 14 Employments, 4 Sick Leave Bank and 1 New Position for a Paraeducator at Loves Park in a classroom
 2. Informational: Resignations
6 Resignations since the last meeting
 - D. Dr. Julie Morris, Superintendent
 1. Freedom of Information Act Request from Dr. Kevin O'Mara, of Concordia University dated November 3, 2018 requesting information contained in the Superintendent's current contract and the District's response thereto dated November 6, 2018.
11. Consent Agenda
- A. Approve Personnel Agenda & Addendum
 - B. Approve Student Travel Request(s)
 - C. Approve Facility Request(s)
 - D. Approve recommendation to destroy audio recordings more than 18 months old: none

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A, B, and C

1st Barger 2nd Wenger

Lawrence, Berogan, Meeks, Russell, Wenger, Kelley, Barger – 7 ayes

Motion carried

12. ACTION ITEMS

- A. **Motion to Approve Resolution Declaring Surplus Property and Authorizing Disposal of Property**
1st Wenger 2nd Russell
Berogan, Meeks, Russell, Wenger, Kelley, Barger, Lawrence – 7 ayes
Motion carried
- B. **Motion to approve Recommendation to approve 2018 Certificate of Tax Levy.**
1st Barger 2nd Berogan
Meeks, Russell, Wenger, Kelley, Barger, Lawrence-no, Berogan, 6 ayes 1 no
Motion carried

- C. Motion to Approve 2018 Tax Levy Resolution**
1st Berogan 2nd Barger
Russell, Wenger, Kelley, Barger, Lawrence-no, Berogan, Meeks 6 ayes 1 no
Motion carried
- D. Motion to Approve Resolution to Levy 2018 Taxes for Certain Purposes**
1st Wenger 2nd Barger
Wenger, Kelley, Barger, Lawrence-no, Berogan, Meeks, Russell – 6 ayes 1 no
Motion carried
- E. Motion to Approve the renewal of the Motor Vehicle Fuel Bid with Kelley Williamson for the 2018-2019 school year, with supplier charge per gallon of unleaded at \$0.05 and supplier charge per gallon of diesel at \$0.035 to remain unchanged**
1st Berogan 2nd Wenger
Wenger, Kelley, Barger, Lawrence, Berogan, Meeks, Russell – 7 ayes
Motion carried
- F. Motion to Approve a one (1) year agreement with SafeStop, Inc., to provide a mobile application that provides parents with up to date school bus information for a total cost of \$1,020 a month**
1st Berogan 2nd Lawrence
Kelley, Barger, Lawrence, Berogan, Meeks, Russell, Wenger – 7 ayes
Motion carried
- G. Motion to Approve an independent contract with Infant Mental Health Consultant, Lynn Liston, to provide consultation to our birth to 3 years grant Parent Educators for \$125 an hour, not to exceed \$10,000**
1st Berogan 2nd Lawrence
Barger, Lawrence, Berogan, Meeks, Russell, Wenger Kelley – 7 ayes
Motion carried
13. Announcements and Discussion – none

NO CLOSED SESSION

14. Executive Session to discuss Employment of Personnel (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), Negotiations (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), Selection of a Person to Fill a Public Office (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3), Pending Litigation (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11), Student Discipline (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9), Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10), Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5), Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the District (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), Self-Evaluation, Practices and Procedures or Professional Ethics (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(16), Sale or Purchase of Securities, Investments or Investment Contracts (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7), Security Procedures (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8), Establishment of Reserves or Settlement of Claims as provided in Local Government and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12), and Discussion of Lawfully Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21).

15. ACTION ITEMS AFTER CLOSED SESSION

16. Motion to adjourn

1st Lawrence 2nd Barger


All voted aye

Motion carried

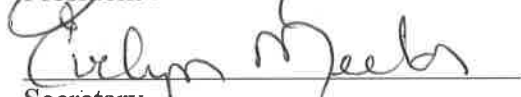
The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kris Arduino,
Recording Secretary

ATTEST:



President



Secretary

Dated: 12-10-18