

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

**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
Monday, April 25, 2022**

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 6:09 pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Joe Pope (virtual), Christine Bucciarelli, Kevin Murphy, Pat Clower, and Julie Bankes

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 6:10 pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

ES Roll Call: Joe Pope (virtual), Christine Bucciarelli, Kevin Murphy, Pat Clower, and Julie Bankes

Also Present: Dr. Nicholas Henkle and Jeff Grosso
Absent: Derek Breen and Brandt Compton

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:24pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session.

Absent: Joe Pope, Derek Breen, and Brandt Compton

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion made by Kevin Murphy, seconded by Julie Bankes. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, Julie Bankes, and Kevin Murphy

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Amended March 21, 2022 Regular Board and Executive Minutes
- Approve April 18, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- Approve Treasurer's Report
- Approve Treasurer's Financial Report
- Authorize Treasurer to Pay Board Bills Listed
- Authorize Destruction of October 14, 2020 Recorded Executive Minutes

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, inquired if there were any Union comments. The Union had no comments. President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, turned the meeting over to Dr. Nicholas Henkle.

Dr. Henkle proposed the Board consider the addition of an assistant musical director to support the Musical Director when the program exceeds 26 students. This position would be for 13 weeks and approximately 50 hours with an approximate \$1,500 stipend. The Board agreed to bring this item back at the May Board meeting.

Dr. Henkle proposed to the Board that each teacher be provided the opportunity to come together for up to eight hours of paid planning time in June to refine curriculum maps. Administration would then put the curriculum maps into a universal format that the public can view on our website. The teachers will be paid \$38.21 with TRS per the CBA. Action will be brought forth at the May meeting.

Dr. Henkle shared with the Board two FY23 projects that are proposed for completion this summer. The projects include replacing the Board of Education meeting room furniture, the Pioneer Path main office furniture (including both secretaries, nurse, and principal offices), and the flooring in the Pioneer Path office. Approval for these projects will be brought forth at the May Board meeting.

Dr. Henkle recommended an update to the *Board Policy 4:80: Signatory Authority*. The current Policy provides the Board President with signatory authority on District accounts, but does not include the Superintendent. Administration recommends providing the Superintendent signatory authority in lieu of the Board President. President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, recommended a motion to amend Board Policy 4:80 to provide the Superintendent with signatory authority and remove the Board President on District accounts. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Julie Bankes. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Pat Clower, Julie Bankes, Kevin Murphy, and Christine Bucciarelli

Dr. Henkle presented the FY23 Parent/Student Handbook for Board approval. Two changes include dissolution of Covid-19 expectations and inclusion of IAR and ISA under the listed Assessments. President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, recommended a motion to approve the FY23 Parent/Student Handbook. Motion by: Kevin Murphy, seconded by Julie Bankes. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Julie Bankes, Kevin Murphy, Christine Bucciarelli, and Pat Clower

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve the FY23 CSD17 Consolidated Plan. To access funds from the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the district must submit a Consolidated District Plan consisting of a set of planning questions applicable to the federal formula grants listed: Title I, Title II, and Title IV. President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, recommended a motion to approve the FY23 CSD17 Consolidated Plan. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Julie Bankes. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Kevin Murphy, Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, and Julie Bankes

At the April 18, 2022 Special Board meeting, presentations were made by three architectural firms. That evening, the Board individually completed rubrics on the three firms to be ranked, determining an architect for tentative approval, subject to an agreement on the rate for services as well as attorney review of the AIA contract at the regular April meeting. President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, recommended a motion to tentatively approve Arcon Architects, subject to an agreement on the rate for services as well as attorney review of the AIA contract, with final approval at a future Board meeting. Motion by: Julie Bankes, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, Julie Bankes, and Kevin Murphy

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board make the following positions permanent for FY23:

1. Four 'daily substitute' positions (one/building). These team members would provide support wherever needed, typically as a classroom substitute.
2. Two custodial positions. One will focus on daily cleaning and disinfecting of our four schools, buses, common areas, gymnasiums, lunchrooms, etc. The other custodian will provide needed cleaning services at Galloway, our largest building, and serve as standing support to buildings struggling with staff issues.

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, recommended a motion to make permanent four 'daily substitute' positions to be paid at the long-term sub rate beginning in the FY23 school year. Motion by: Kevin Murphy, seconded by Julie Bankes. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Pat Clower, Julie Bankes, Kevin Murphy, and Christine Bucciarelli

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, recommended a motion to make permanent two day custodians beginning in the FY23 school year. Motion by: Kevin Murphy, seconded by Julie Bankes. Three ayes, one nay, motion passes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Julie Bankes, Kevin Murphy, and Christine Bucciarelli
Nays: Pat Clower

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board increase base wages for entry-level employees as well as all existing non-certified employees by the greater of \$1.00 per hour or a percentage to be determined by the Board (either 5% or 4%) beginning on July 1 (FY23). President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, recommended a motion to approve the greater of a \$1.00 per hour increase OR 4%, on non-certified base wages for entry level employees as well as all existing non-certified, non-union employees beginning on July 1 (FY23). Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Julie Bankes. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Kevin Murphy, Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, and Julie Bankes

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board renew the Ready Reading Curriculum and iReady Math, Reading, and Writing Assessments for grades 3-6. The 3-6 staff have been impressed with the resources and assessments as it is well aligned to the State standards. Board Member Clower asked about the most recent copyright in 2016 and whether updates would be coming in the near future. President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, recommended a motion to approve a two-year extension of the Ready Reading Curriculum and the iReady Math, Reading, and Writing Assessment at a total cost of \$71,367.68. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Christine Buccarelli, Pat Clower, Julie Bankes, and Kevin Murphy

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, turned the meeting over to Jeff Grosso for the Business Office Report.

Jeff Grosso informed the Board that the FY22 amended budget will be tabled due to the fact that the 6:55pm meeting for the public amended budget hearing was not on the agenda. The FY22 amended budget will be brought forth either in a special meeting or the May Board meeting.

Jeff Grosso discussed the FY23 bus replacement program. Maintaining a fleet of four small buses is highly recommended to meet daily bus routes and special education student needs. Small buses can also be used to transport students who live in areas where a large bus cannot safely navigate, transport interscholastic teams, and McKinney-Vento students.

One small bus is coming off of a lease in June of 2023 leaving the District with only three small buses at the end of the 2022-23 school year. We are aware of a 2022 35-passenger Microbird bus that is currently in the final build stages at the factory with a new purchase price of \$75,624. Another school canceled this bus order making it available for purchase at a savings over a new 2023 small bus order. By going to bid on the in-production 2022 Microbird 35-passenger bus now instead of waiting to bid on a new 2023 model, will save the District approximately \$7,000 to \$8,000. The District is not currently seeking to replace any large buses for FY23.

President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, recommended a motion to direct staff to go out to bid for the Microbird 35 passenger bus. Motion by: Julie Bankes, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Pat Clower, Julie Bankes, Kevin Murphy, and Christine Bucciarelli

Jeff Grosso discussed the 2021 Equalized Assessed Values (EAV) and tax rate for District 17. We estimated the total EAV would be \$700.2M which included an estimated \$21M of new construction. Will County published the official 2021 EAV for District 17 and the actual EAV came in at \$689.8M with \$20.7M of new construction. The estimated rate of 2.9732 was used to calculate the total dollars to be requested from the Will County Clerk in the 2021 Levy. Due to the lower than estimated non-Exxon EAV growth, the Will County Clerk's rate came in at 3.0177. Based on these amounts, the Will County Clerk's extension came in at \$20,817,264.72 representing a 4.53% increase over our 2020 extension. The maximum allowable amount for the District's 2021 Levy, as determined by the county clerk, was \$20,819,334.29. The District's 2021 Levy came in less than what was allowable under the tax cap. The refund recapture that the Board approved to fully abate in December was fully abated/removed in the tax extension.

In 2021 Crossroads-55 Warehouse #1 was assessed at full occupancy. The Crossroads-55/Venture One abatement for 2022 will total an estimated \$320,571. This amount will be reduced from the County's 2021 extension to the District, reducing the tax dollars that the District realizes. Total IDI agreement payments to the Village of Channahon will be an estimated \$205,159. The District's total realized tax extension dollars, after IDI and Crossroad agreements are accounted for, will be an estimated \$20,291,535, which is a 3.09% increase over the 2020 tax extension.

Jeff Grosso discussed the Tryon Street TIF update. The Channahon/Tryon Street TIF Joint Review Board meeting was held on April 6, 2022. The Joint Review Board made the positive recommendation that criteria for the establishment of a TIF was met. Taxing body representatives expressed concern of the TIF term length (23-year by State statute), functionality, purpose, and need for the TIF. The District stands to potentially benefit from the TIF due to the fact that the entire Pioneer Path School property is within the TIF boundaries. Although not required under TIF statute, the Village offered an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) that will allow for taxing bodies to recoup lost tax dollars from surplus TIF funds. Taxing bodies administrators met with Village administration to negotiate surplus fund distribution percentage amounts.

New Business - To support the CJHS shed project, the Board suggested we receive quotes to install electricity in the shed. Electric service could be used for the shed, the scoreboard and security lighting. We received a quote from Elliott Electric for \$15,655 (valid only for 30 days). Because the Board would like to proceed with the electric installation this summer, this item will be brought back for action at the May Board meeting.

Other Board Matters - Eighth grade graduation will be held on Thursday, May 26, 2022 at 6pm at Minooka High School South Campus.

Upcoming Events

- Monday, May 23, 2022 – 6:55pm Public Hearing FY22 Amended Annual Budget
- Monday, May 23, 2022 – 7pm School Board Meeting-Pioneer Path Board Room
- Thursday, May 26, 2022 – 6pm Graduation - Minooka HS South Campus

Adjournment - President Pro Tempore, Christine Bucciarelli, entertained a motion to adjourn at 9:12 pm. Motion made by: Pat Clower, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary