

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

**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL  
Regular Board Meeting - 5:30 pm  
Monday, July 25, 2022**

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 5:15 pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

ES Roll Call: Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, and Kevin Murphy

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 5:16 pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

ES Roll Call: Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, and Kevin Murphy

Also Present: Dr. Nicholas Henkle and Jeff Grosso (entered at 5:29 pm)  
Absent: Joe Pope, Julie Bankes

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 5:55 pm. Motion by Pat Clower, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Vice President Breen reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session. Vice President Breen led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Breen asked if there were any public comments. There were none.

Vice President Breen entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Motion made by Brandt Compton, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, and Kevin Murphy  
Absent: Joe Pope, Julie Bankes

**Consent Agenda**

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve Amended June 27, 2022 Regular Board and Executive Minutes
- Approve Treasurer's Report
- Approve Treasurer's Financial Report
- Authorize Treasurer to Pay Board Bills Listed
- Authorize Destruction of January 25, 2021 Recorded Executive Minutes

Vice President Breen asked if there were any union comments. There were none. Vice President Breen turned the meeting over to Dr. Nicholas Henkle.

Dr. Henkle recognized and congratulated Shari Fishburn on her upcoming retirement in August, 2022.

Dr. Henkle presented the Board with a proposal and map of Three Rivers School from DuPage Radon Contractors. He recommended the Board accept and approve the proposal of DuPage Radon Contractors for an amount not to exceed \$52,440 for the installation of radon mitigation systems at TRS. Vice President Breen recommended a motion to accept and approve the proposal of DuPage Radon Contractors for an amount not to exceed \$52,440 for the installation of radon mitigation systems at Three Rivers School. Motion by: Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, Kevin Murphy, and Derek Breen

Vice President Breen turned the meeting over to Jeff Grosso for the Business Office Report.

Mr. Grosso recommended the Board approve the disposal of the 249 desktop computers and 500 Chromebooks that the District's technology staff has declared as surplus. It has been determined that these items have surpassed their useful life and are no longer needed for school purposes. The Board questioned the possibility of allowing parents to purchase the surplus Chromebooks for \$5 each rather than disposing of them for that same price. However, Mr. Grosso explained that the surplus Chromebooks are damaged or unusable and would not be desirable to sell to parents. We are retaining the older Chromebooks that could be used for students or spare parts. Vice President Breen recommended a motion to declare the 249 Dell desktop computers and 500 Dell Chromebooks as surplus items. Motion by: Kevin Murphy, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Pat Clower, Kevin Murphy, Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, and Brandt Compton

Vice President Breen recommended a motion to direct administration to dispose of the approved surplus technology equipment as presented? Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Brandt Compton, Kevin Murphy, Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, and Pat Clower

Mr. Grosso recommended the Board approve the replacement of the wrestling mat. The current mat is estimated to be 20 years old and is deteriorating. Although it has been cleaned and sanitized routinely, black mold and unpleasant odors persist. Because shipment will take approximately 14 weeks and practice and tryouts begin on November 28, 2022, Mr. Grosso recommended the Board waive the 2-month discussion-to-action practice so we can receive a new mat in time for wrestling season. The Athletic Department received a quote for the mat, lining, and lettering from Resilite for \$11,331 and EZ Flex for \$10,571. The quote from EZ Flex is being recommended as it is the same manufacturer of the existing mat and at the lower cost. The quote for removing, transport, and disposal of the old mat is estimated at \$1,025. The Board made a correction to the estimated life of the current wrestling mat to possibly 12 years old. Vice President Breen recommended a motion to accept the quote from EZ Flex for \$10,571 to replace CSD17's wrestling mat. Motion by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Roll Call: Kevin Murphy, Derek Breen, Christine Bucciarelli, Pat Clower, and Brandt Compton

Mr. Grosso discussed the installation of a fence around the preschool playground at Galloway School. To meet requirements set forth in the Preschool For All (PSFA) grant that the District currently receives from the State of Illinois, administration is recommending the installation of a fence to surround the PreK playground. The playground was installed a few years ago utilizing funds from the PSFA grant. An initial estimate for materials and installation is \$11,000. The fence would only surround the dedicated PreK playground. The cost of the installation of the fence and gate would be paid for using funds from the FY23 PSFA grant. The Board recommended the administration receive proposals to install the fence around the PSFA playground at Galloway School. Proposals will be brought forth at the August meeting.

Mr. Grosso discussed the Village of Channahon's establishment of a Tax Increment Finance (TIF) District along Rt. 6 between Navajo and the I&M Canal (aka Tryon Street TIF). On June 6, 2022, the Channahon Village Board approved the establishment of the Tryon St. TIF. In conjunction with the approval, the Village Board also approved a resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village and the taxing bodies (MCHS 111, Three Rivers Public Library, Channahon Park District, Joliet Junior College, Will County Forest Preserve, Channahon Fire District, and CSD17) regarding, among other things, the surplus declaration of incremental taxes. An IGA is not required to be offered by a municipality to other taxing bodies when establishing a TIF. An IGA is designed to provide mutual benefits for taxing bodies that do not receive increment taxes from an established TIF. The Village administration and administrative representatives from taxing bodies gathered periodically throughout the winter and spring to negotiate and come to an agreement on the terms set forth in the Tryon Street TIF IGA. The IGA will become effective upon the final taxing body approval and signature.

Initial IGA Draft		Final IGA	
Year of TIF	% of incremental taxes within TIF District to be distributed annually by the Village as a surplus declaration.	Year of TIF	% of incremental taxes within TIF District to be distributed annually by the Village as a surplus declaration.
1-10	0%	1-10	20%
11-20	5%	11-17	25%
21-23	20%	18-23	30%

Mr. Grosso discussed with the Board the adoption of a TRS Supplemental Savings Plan 457(b). Since last spring District administration, along with several other school districts and school district attorneys from across the state, have been working with TRS to address several school district concerns related to the roll out and implementation of TRS's new 457(b) Supplemental Savings Plan (the SSP). Currently CSD17 does not have a 457(b) plan to offer certified employees. The District only has a 403(b) which is managed by OMNI, a third party administrator. TRS originally intended to roll out this new, mandatory program last summer, but after receiving significant push back and notice of concerns from several school districts, they delayed mandatory implementation three times with the latest deadline being for Board approval by September 30, 2022, and mandatory participation beginning on January 1, 2023.

Over half of Illinois school districts across the state have adopted the resolution and plan initially published by TRS, but the rest, including CSD17, have been waiting for revisions to take place to address significant concerns with the plan, its required implementation elements, and district fiduciary responsibilities. Holding out on adopting the plan gave districts time to negotiate with TRS over the past 16 months, and while the initial TRS leadership was not very cooperative, the newly installed permanent leaders were much more inclined to work with us and address our concerns. It is now recommended that we go ahead and approve the Resolution to Participate and sign the Participation Agreement and any other documents required to participate in this new TRS program. The only major school district concern not addressed was the auto-enroll feature (it was asked that it be eliminated, but TRS declined). As of January 1, 2023, any new members to TRS will automatically be enrolled in the program. If they do not want to participate (we expect that most will not want to participate), they must go into the TRS/Voya portal and decline participation. If they do not do this, then a minimal amount of money (\$30) will automatically be taken out of their paycheck and sent to TRS each pay period.

We will be explaining this to all new employees who are new to TRS as of January 1, 2023, and show them how to log in and decline participation if they so choose. If they want to participate, then we will be requiring them to sign an acknowledgement form confirming the amount of the contribution and that the District have/had nothing to do with the setup of this plan, the selection of the Investment Advisor (Voya), the management of the plan, or anything else. We are merely acting as the pass through agent and forwarding their directed pre-tax salary contributions, as required by law, to TRS for the new program. We will also require that if they are participating in any other 457(b) programs with other employers, they are required by November 1st of each year to inform us of this, and the amount being contributed through any other employers during that calendar year so we can help ensure they do not exceed the maximum allowable contribution limit for 457(b) per IRS guidelines.

On June 16, 2022, the TRS Board of Trustees approved the negotiated changes. Mr. Grosso will bring a recommendation to the Board in August to approve the Resolution. We would then complete the Participation Agreement and any other paperwork required and submit by the September 30 deadline as required.

Mr. Grosso reminded the Board of last month's discussion of installing security cameras throughout the District. The planning of this project consists of identifying infrastructure needs (cabling, connections, switches, server space, etc.), camera types and their ideal locations, timeframes and budgetary investment, and determining system functionality based on the needs of the District. To support the planning and implementation of the project, District administration recommends seeking support from a professional security camera consultant, as a contracted service that is independent from camera/security system manufacturers. Consulting services would include infrastructure planning, determining camera type and placement, storage server needs, bidding/RFP's, and general project management. The Board agreed and recommended we seek proposals for a consultant service.

**New Business** - Dr. Henkle asked the Board for their approval to replace Pioneer Path's building tech with a STEM teacher. Pioneer Path is the only building that does not have a certified STEM teacher. A teacher would provide curriculum to the students. STEM is a lot of project-based learning that is difficult to only do in the classroom. Dr. Henkle will post the position and bring the new hire to the Board for approval in August.

Dr. Henkle welcomed Arcon Architects who came to participate in our Facility Visioning and Capital Improvement Planning Session. This discussion focused on a review of upcoming capital improvement projects, brainstorming on long-range capital planning, and formulating questions for further research.

**Other Board Matters** - None

**Upcoming Events**

- Monday, August 22, 2022 – 5pm School Board Meeting/Facilities Study Session

**Adjournment** - Vice President Breen entertained a motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm. Motion made by: Kevin Murphy, seconded by Brandt Compton. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

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Joe Pope, President

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Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary