

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

**PIONEER PATH SCHOOL
Regular Board Meeting - 7:00 pm
Monday, February 28, 2022**

President Pope entertained a motion to call the open meeting to order at 5:33 pm. Motion by Brandt Compton, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

President Pope entertained a motion to call the executive session to order at 5:36 pm. Motion by Brandt Compton, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Also Present: Dr. Nicholas Henkle and Jeff Grosso
Attorney Scott Nemanich joined the meeting via conference call at 5:36 pm
Absent: None

President Joe Pope entertained a motion to adjourn the executive session at 7:05 pm. Motion by Julie Bankes, seconded by Kevin Murphy.

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

Joe Pope exited at 7:05 pm

Derek Breen reminded the Board that they were still in Open Session.

Derek Breen led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Derek Breen asked if there were any public comments. There was none.

Derek Breen entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda. Motion made by Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Julie Bankes. All ayes, nays, none, motion passes.

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

Consent Agenda

- Approve Personnel Report
- Approve January 24, 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 August 12, 2020 and August 24, 2020 Recorded Executive Minutes

Derek Breen inquired if there were any Union comments. The Union had no comments. Derek Breen turned the meeting over to Dr. Nicholas Henkle.

Dr. Henkle recognized Mary Jo Minarich, our Leading Building Technology Specialist, as the IDEA 'Outstanding Technology Specialist of the Year.'

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board solicit Statements of Interest and Qualifications from architectural firms to provide comprehensive architectural services as per (50 ILCS 501/) Local Government Professional Services Selection Act, to assist the School District in performing possible planning, remodeling, construction, life-health safety projects, and special projects. The district administration will release the Request for Qualifications on March 3, 2022, which will initiate the Quality-Based Selection Process.

Derek Breen recommended a motion to approve the Architect Request for Qualifications to begin the Quality-Based Selection Process. Motion by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve the First Read of Press Plus Policy 108 including policies: 2:20, 2:105, 2:110, 2:120, 2:150, 2:220, 2:260, 3:40, 3:50, 3:60, 4:60, 4:80, 4:110, 4:120, 4:150, 4:160, 4:165, 4:170, 4:175, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:125, 5:150, 5:185, 5:200, 5:210, 5:212, 5:220, 5:250, 5:260, 5:330, 6:15, 6:20, 6:50, 6:80, 6:120, 6:130, 6:220, 6:340, 7:10, 7:20, 7:50, 7:60, 7:70, 7:80, 7:150, 7:165, 7:180, 7:190, 7:200, 7:210, 7:250, 7:260, 7:310, 7:340, 7:345, 8:70, 8:100. Press Plus 108 policies recommended with amendments include: 6:60, 7:160, 7:240, 7:290. Press Plus 108 policies not recommended for approval include: 6:135, 6:180, 6:300, 6:320, and 7:30.

Derek Breen recommended a motion to approve the first read updates of Press Plus Policy 108, with the exception of policy 5:212, which is tabled. Motion by: Julie Bankes, seconded by Christine Bucciarelli. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle reminded the Board that approximately six weeks ago, the Music Boosters canceled the annual Pasta Night event due to continued concerns with Covid-19. For 2022, in lieu of the Pasta Night, the Channahon Music Boosters would like to hold a fundraiser at Channahon Lanes on May 15, 2022 from 9:30 am until approximately 1:00 pm, which will be open to Channahon Choir and Band students and their families. The Channahon Music Boosters plan to sell advance tickets to cover one game of bowling, one game of miniature golf, one soda, and pizza.

Both the band and the choir would perform during the event. The Music Boosters would offer a 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets provided by local families and businesses. No alcohol will be served or available for purchase during this event. Dr. Henkle recommends the Board approve the Channahon Music Boosters Channahon Lanes fundraiser.

Derek Breen recommended a motion to approve the Music Boosters Fundraiser at Channahon Lanes. Motion by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Derek Breen. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve the FY23 calendar. Derek Breen recommended a motion to approve the FY23 calendar. Motion by: Christine Bucciarelli, seconded by Julie Bankes. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle recommended the Board approve the following FY23 registration fees (unchanged from FY22):

Early Childhood	\$0
Kindergarten-Grade 4 Tech Fee	\$50
Grades 5-8 Tech Fee	\$63
Grade 8	\$35
Band	\$15
Interscholastic Sports	\$15
Lunch	\$2.60
Adult Lunch	\$3.10

Due to the additional cost of the Chromebook Refresh and ChromeCare proposals anticipated in March, the Board decided to amend the FY23 technology fee for grades K-4 from \$50 to \$75 and from \$63 to \$100 for grades 5-8.

Derek Breen recommended a motion to approve the FY23 fees with the following amendments: K-4 technology fees changed from \$50 to \$75 and grades 5-8 technology fees changed from \$63 to \$100. Motion by: Pat Clower, seconded by Julie Bankes. Five ayes, one nay, motion passes.

Roll Call: Ayes: Christine Buccarelli, Julie Bankes, Pat Clower, Brandt Compton, Derek Breen
Nays: Kevin Murphy

Dr. Henkle recommends the Board approve the following new and updated positions to invest in the education of the arts, STEAM, and language learning:

- NBG
 - 1.0 STEM Teacher
- NBG/PP Split
 - 1.0 Music Teacher NBG/PP
 - 1.0 Art Teacher NBG/PP

- TRS
 - Grade 6 Spanish (utilize existing staff)
 - STEM 2.0 (utilize existing staff)
 - Math Enrichment (utilize existing staff)
- CJHS
 - .2 ELA Teacher (to allow for Grade 6 Spanish)
 - STEAM Component to Dream Lab (utilize existing staff)

Derek Breen recommended a motion to approve the following new positions: 1.0 STEM Teacher, 1.0 Music Teacher, 1.0 Art Teacher, and .2 ELA Teacher, as well as the following new course offerings: Grade 6 Spanish and STEM 2.0. Motion by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Kevin Murphy. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

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

Dr. Henkle discussed the Chanooka Braves request to replace the two aging sheds at N. B. Galloway School with one larger shed (30x35x12) constructed of metal. The shed would sit on a concrete slab which would make it a permanent structure and property of the school district. The Board expressed concerns on the proposed location of the new Chanooka Braves shed. Action will be brought back to the Board in March including some additional location options.

Dr. Henkle discussed making the following positions that were created in 2020-2021 permanent positions:

1. Four 'daily substitute' positions (one/building). These team members would provide support wherever needed, typically as a classroom substitute.
2. Two custodial positions to focus on daily cleaning and disinfecting of our four schools, buses, common areas, gymnasiums, lunchrooms, etc.

The Board discussed the necessity of continuing to disinfect the schools. The Board suggested that the Director of Buildings and Grounds submit specific reasons for retaining the additional custodians. It was also discussed that we could potentially retain one custodian if the decision was made to discontinue disinfecting the buildings. Action to retain the daily substitutes and custodians will be brought forth in March.

Dr. Henkle reminded the Board of the action that was taken in February of 2020 and 2021 to increase base wages for all entry level employees as well as non-certified employees. At that time, the Board expressed interest in increasing non-certified, non-union base wages (new employees) by \$1.00 annually through FY25 to stay ahead of the coming minimum wage increases. At that time, the Board also took action to provide all non-certified employees a \$2.00/hour increase for the first year and then the greater of \$1.00/hour increase or a 5% increase annually over this time period on a year-by-year basis. These concepts recognize the overall impact of the Illinois wage requirements set forth in PA-1072 and provide increases to maintain cost-of-living expenses. The Board discussed whether the annual increase should be \$1.00/hour only or the greater of \$1.00/hour increase or a 5% increase. The topic will be tabled for future discussion at the March meeting.

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

Jeff Grosso discussed how WIPFLI recently completed the Single Audit process for federal funds received in FY21. A copy of the communication record and its corresponding reports will be available for the March Board meeting.

Jeff Grosso discussed the PTAB recapture extension (PA 102-0519/SB508). The Will County Clerk has determined that a recapture amount of \$18,432.34 will be extended to CSD17 in addition to the extension resulting from Levy 2021. This amount is not subject to the tax cap law (PTELL); therefore, not making it a permanent future gain or loss in tax revenue. Taxing bodies have the authority to accept the recapture extension or about it (partially or fully). Administration is asking if the Board would like to take action on this recapture amount by either accepting the recapture extension or abating it at the March Board meeting. A recommendation to do a full abatement will be brought forth in March.

Jeff Grosso discussed the five-year financial forecast and 2021 Levy considerations. The Board discussed Mr. Grosso's presentation. Options will be brought forth to the Board for action in March. The Board also suggested that we have a facilities planning meeting this summer.

Jeff Grosso discussed a phone system replacement for the District. The current system is limited in its capabilities, functionality, and has had issues causing either quality reduction or system downtime. Administration is asking for the Board's permission to seek proposals to replace our existing phone system and connection with a modern, cloud-hosted system that will meet the District's needs now and in the future. Administration is also asking the Board's permission to seek proposals to replace the current 15-year old Cisco office phones in the event the phones are not compatible with a new system, as well as additional phones to supplement the phones purchased in 2020. Action to be taken in March.

Jeff Grosso discussed ordering 150 Chromebooks which are ordered annually for incoming 5th grade students. Mr. Grosso also recommends the Board replace the K-4 student Chromebooks at Pioneer Path and Galloway as well as staff Chromebooks which have not been replaced since the inception of the 1:1 program in 2017. After June 2022, staff and K-4 Chromebook models will not be able to receive critical system and application updates. The cost per Chromebook, which includes licensing, is estimated at \$380. The total number of Chromebooks to be ordered in March for FY23 is 910 for a total estimated cost of \$345,800. ESSER III dollars in the amount of \$84,478 have been allocated to offset this cost in addition to the student technology fees paid each year. A finalized Chromebook refresh proposal will be brought forth in March for action by the Board.

Jeff Grosso also explained that since the inception of the 1:1 Chromebook program began in 2017, the District has assumed all costs associated with parts and repairs of Chromebooks. No warranties or insurance plans were purchased for Chromebooks to offset the cost of repairs. Chromebook parts have cost the District \$29,885 (as of 2/7/22) since 2018 and are projected to exceed \$35,000 by the end of the current year. The Board discussed increasing the student technology fee to help absorb the cost of the ChromeCare warranty which is reflected in the amended student fees above. Administration will bring a proposal for action in March to purchase a ChromeCare warranty for all 5th-8th grade Chromebooks starting in FY23 at a cost of \$89 per Chromebook or an approximate total of \$35,100.

Jeff Grosso discussed the current district Smoothwall network firewall which is six years old and nearing the end of its license term, life expectancy, and support. District staff is seeking to use Category 2 erate funds to cover 40% of the total cost to replace the network firewall at an estimated total cost of \$48,316 prior to the erate discount. The firewall would be a fiscal year 2023 expense per erate rules. Administration will bring a firewall proposal, following erate requirements, for action consideration at the March Board meeting.

Jeff Grosso wanted to thank those who helped get the tax reimbursement checks ready to be mailed: The Treasurer's office, David Bergstrom, Shari Fishburn, office staff from all four of our schools, the Village of Channahon, and Valley View School District.

New Business - None

Other Board Matters - None

Upcoming Events

- Monday, March 21, 2022 – 7PM School Board Meeting-Pioneer Path Board Room

Adjournment - Derek Breen entertained a motion to adjourn at 10:19 p.m. Motion made by: Brandt Compton, seconded by Pat Clower. All ayes, nays none, motion passes.

Submitted by: Susan Sprouse

Joe Pope, President

Christine Bucciarelli, Secretary