

# Panhandle Community Unit District No. Two Board of Education

Regular Session Minutes September 19, 2022

The Panhandle Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2022, at the Lincolnwood Jr/Sr High School Library in Raymond at 7:00 p.m. Board President, Terri Payne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and roll call was taken.

Board Members Present: Teresa Payne, President; Dana Pitchford, Vice-President; Linda Brown, Secretary; Scott Cowdrey, Heather Millburg, Gabe Pope, and Brett Slightom

Board Members Absent:

Also in attendance: Aaron Hopper, Superintendent; Ken Schuster, Principal; Kyle Herschelman, Donna Lemon, Vanessa Mulch, Rachael Mulch, Sunny Rosenthal

## Community Comments

Rachael Mulch addressed the board and thanked the board for considering homeschooled student participation. Ms. Mulch stated that she was concerned about the class requirement for extra-curricular offerings. The class requirement is not convenient for homeschooled student and their parents.

Sunny Rosenthal addressed the board to ask why attendance would be required.

## Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

## Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes of August 2022, public hearing, regular and executive sessions.
- B. Approval of September 2022 bills, August 2022 disbursements, Treasurer's Report and Activity Accounts.
- C. *Annual approval of the District Affirmation of Assignments*
- D. Approve disposal of closed-session recordings over 24 months old

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pitchford to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

## Old Business Items

### *Approval of the FY2023 Panhandle District Budget*

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pope to approve the FY23 district budget as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

### *First reading of Board policy 7:40*

The board discussed the draft of the first reading of board policy 7:40. Mr. Hopper addressed the board to present the information that was researched since the last meeting. Administration's recommendation was to include a minimal of 1/8 attendance requirement for homeschooled participation in extra-curricular activities.

This would match the current academic requirement for participation in co-curricular activities already in place within the school district. Mr. Hopper continued by stating that board policy 6:310 could be utilized to replace the 1/8-day requirement if the competency-based class application was submitted and approved by the district. The board continued to discuss questions they had regarding the connection to the policy and the student athletic handbook. How would the changes impact enrolled students? Members of the public voiced their concerns and voiced questions regarding the board's considered policy changes during the board's discussion. The board discussed ended when President Payne moved to the next agenda item.

#### *Maintenance update*

Mr. Hopper reported on maintenance items within the school district. Mr. Hopper reported that Lincolnwood was experiencing several plumbing issues that were in the process of be repaired. Mr. Hopper also reported that there was an issue with the original drainage tile outside the building as well.

The district will be working to install the fence around the PreK playground as soon as the maintenance team is able. The board asked about the scope of the fence project and Mr. Hopper explained that the fence would be install around the PreK play area at Farmersville Grade School only.

### **New Business Items**

#### *Discussion and action regarding curriculum need for 2023-2024\**

Mr. Hopper presented the need for the district to post for a math position for the 2023-2024 school year this fall. If a candidate is available in January 2023 the board could take action to employ, the math candidate for the seconded semester and would be able to fill needs within the district during this school year as well. Mr. Hopper also reported that the district is researching the possibility of have a health occupations class beginning with the 2023-2024 school year. The course would be offered to sophomores and juniors to gain interest in the health career pathway. The Lincolnwood Ag Academy continues to expand its offerings. The Lincolnwood FFA received word that the program will receive recognition during the upcoming National FFA Convention.

#### *Request to attend the FFA National Convention*

Mr. Hopper presented information regarding the FFA's request to attend the National Convention in Indianapolis next month. Due to past COVID limitations, several additional students will be attending this year.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pitchford to approve the request to attend the FFA National Convention as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

#### *First Reading of board policies: 7:270 Administering Medicines to Students and 7:285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program*

Mr. Hopper presented information regarding the need to amend board policies 7:270 and 7:285 to address the district's ability to have an undefined supply of Epi-pens within the district. The changes were provided by IASB.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Pope to approve the first reading of board policies: 7:720 Administering Medicines to Students and 7:285 Anaphylaxis

Prevention, Response, and Management Program. Motion carried 7-0.  
*Consideration and action regarding the cafeteria community eligibility provision for 2022-2023\**

Mr. Hopper shared information about ISBE's community eligibility provision which, if approved by ISBE would allow the district to offer meals to all students within the school district again this school year. The provision would be a cost to the district, but Mr. Hopper explained that it may benefit individual families within the district.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to approve the CEP application for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Community Comments**

Kyle Herschelman thanked the school district for their support of the Grace tournament that was held this past month at the school.

Sonny Rosenthal stated that homeschooled families in extra-curricular activities would bring money and support back into our community.

Rachael Mulch stated that homeschoolers feel connected within the community.

Vanessa Mulch asked about Morrisonville's policy as it appeared to be very open ended.

Board member Pitchford asked the community why they chose homeschooling. The community responded that they liked the flexibility as one reason.

Mr. Hopper thanked the community, schools, Pawnee, and Morrisonville for their support this past week with the loss of a Lincolnwood student. Their kindness is appreciated.

### **Executive Session**

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pope to enter into closed session at 8:03pm for the following purposes as allowed under the Illinois Open meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c): Appointment, employment compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific employees of the district and student matters. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Brown to reconvene into open session at 8:48 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

### **Executive Session Action**

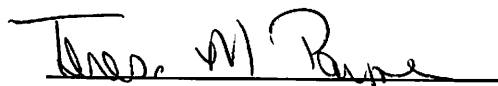
It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to approve Dee Neisler as National Honor Society Sponsor for the 2022-2023 school year.

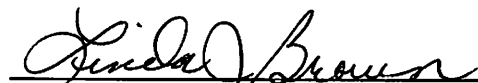
It was moved by Pope and seconded by Pitchford to approve Alex Nicols as a volunteer Lincolnwood Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach pending successful completion of all state and local requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Cowdrey to approve the early graduation request of Student A and Student B pending the successful completion of all graduation requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

**Adjournment**

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pitchford to adjourn at 8:50pm. Motion carried 7-0.

  
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