

# Panhandle Community Unit District No. Two Board of Education

Regular Session Minutes March 20, 2023

The Panhandle Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 20, 2023, at the Lincolnwood Jr/Sr High School Library in Raymond at 7:00 p.m. Board President Teresa 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: None

Also in attendance: Aaron Hopper, Superintendent; Ken Schuster, Principal; Kyle Herschelman, Donna Lemon, and Darrin Daugherty

## Community Comments

No Comments

## Additions/Deletions to the Agenda

None

## Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of minutes of February 27, 2023, regular and executive session.
- B. Approval of March 2023 bills, February 2023 disbursements, Treasurer's Report and Activity Accounts
- C. Approval of the 2023-2024 IHSA Membership renewal application
- D. Approval of Southeast Purchasing Cooperative Agreement
- E. Approval of the Consolidated District Plan
- F. Approve disposal of closed-session recordings over 24 months old

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pope to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

## Old Business Items

*Approval of the second reading of the district's sportsmanship code\**

Mr. Hopper presented the one addition to the proposed code which included the additional of a required meeting with administration prior to return to campus after a failure to follow the district's policies.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pitchford to approve the second reading of the district's sportsmanship code as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

### *Board Policy 7:40\**

Board member Millburg state that she wanted to add the item to the agenda for discussion and possible action to meet a May 1 deadline if it were to be used in a changed policy. Pitchford assed questions about the homeschool presentation that was presented in February and the potential of credit being counted toward graduation. The board discussed the need for staff to manage the application and participation process. No motion was made for a change to the current policy.

### *Approval of the Cooperative Intergovernmental Agreement\**

Mr. Hopper provided an update regarding the MOU that is a part of the coop agreement with Morrisonville. The board discussed the participation of students, and the districts have different policies regarding homeschool participation.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pitchford to approve the cooperative intergovernmental agreement as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

### *Approval of the 2023-2024 School District calendar\**

Mr. Hopper provided an update on the district's development of the 23-24 calendar options and the favored option which was selected by the teachers' association.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Brown to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar. Motion carried 7-0.

## **New Business Items**

### *Technology Report*

Mr. Hopper reviewed some of the highlights which were included in the submitted technology report. He also presented information about the purchase of computers for the 2023-2024 school year.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pitchford to approve the district technology report and computer quote as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

### *Summer Maintenance Needs*

The summer maintenance list was reviewed by the board as Mr. Hopper provided details regarding each item requested.

It was moved by Cowdrey and seconded by Millburg to approve the summer maintenance list as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

## **Community Comments**

## **Administrative Update**

Administrative reports were submitted with the board packet.

## **Executive Session**

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Millburg to enter into closed session at 7:45pm for the following purposes as allowed under the Illinois Open meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c): Discussion of minutes lawfully closed whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes; Appointment, employment and/or dismissal of employees of the District; Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and Student Matters. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Brown to reconvene into open session at 9:55pm. Motion carried 7-0.

## **Executive Session Action**

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Pitchford to expel Student A for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year and the 2023-2024 school year but hold the expulsion in abeyance pending successful completion of all abeyance requirements. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Cowdrey and seconded by Pitchford to expel Student B from the Panhandle School District through January 1, 2025. Motion carried 7-0.

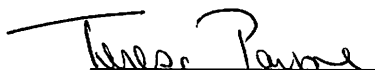
It was moved by Pope and seconded by Millburg to accept the letter of intent to retire at the end of the 2022-2023 school year from Belinda Ernst. Motion carried 7-0.


It was moved by Pope and seconded by Brown to accept the letter from Judy Best of her intent to retire at the end of the 2027-2028 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to keep the closed session minutes from September 2022 through January 2023 closed. Motion carried 7-0.

## **Adjournment**

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Brown to adjourn at 9:59pm. Motion carried 7-0.

  
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Teresa Payne, President

  
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Linda Brown, Secretary