

# **Panhandle Community Unit District No. Two Board of Education**

Special Session Minutes May 3, 2023

The Panhandle Board of Education met in special session on Wednesday May 3, 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, Gretchen Rovey and Darrin Daugherty

## **Community Comments**

No Comments

## **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**

None

## **Executive Session**

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Brown to enter into closed session at 7:05pm for the following purposes as allowed under the Illinois Open meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c): 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 Millburg to reconvene into open session at 7:25pm. Motion carried 7-0.

## **Executive Session Action**

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Pitchford to accept the resignation of Alyssa DeSpain, elementary teacher, at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Brown to accept the resignation of Sydney Schmidt, Student Council Advisor, at the end of the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried 7-0.

## **Old Business Items**

*Consideration of maintenance projects: Auditorium painting and concrete work\*\**

Mr. Hopper reported to the board that the estimate for auditorium painting was in line with district expectations. Mr. Hopper also reported that it would best to repair the concrete in front of Lincolnwood instead of replacing all the concrete. Additional concrete needs to be replaced within the district and it would be best served to start there.

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Pitchford to approve the auditorium ceiling painting project as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

*Consideration and approval of the 2023-2027 Contract with the Panhandle Teachers' Association\**

It was moved by Brown and seconded by Slightom to approve the 2023-2027 contract with the Panhandle Teachers' Association as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

*Accept canvassing of ballots by County Clerk*

It was moved by Millburg and seconded by Slightom to accept the canvassing of the ballots by the county clerk as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

*New Board Member Oath of Office*

Mr. Hopper presented each new member with the oath of Office. All new and reelected members stated the Oath of Office for the record.

*Appoint President Pro-Tem and Secretary Pro Tem*

Mr. Hopper was appointed by President Payne to serve as President and Secretary Pro Tem.

*Adjournment-Sine Die*

It was moved by Slightom and seconded by Brown to adjourn sine-die at 7:39pm. Motion carried 7-0.

**Reorganization of the Board of Education**

Reorganization of the new board was called to order by Mr. Hopper at 7:40pm with board members Cowdrey, Daugherty, Millburg, Payne, Pitchford, Pope, and Rovey present.

*Election of Board President\**

Payne was nominated by Pitchford and seconded by Pitchford to serve as Panhandle Board President. Nomination carried 7-0.

*Election of the Board Vice-President*

Pitchford was nominated by Pope and seconded by Cowdrey to serve as Panhandle Board Vice-President. Nomination carried 7-0.

*Election of the Board Secretary*

Pope was nominated by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to serve as Panhandle Board Secretary. Nomination carried 7-0.

*Establishment of a time and date for Board of Education regular meetings*

The board discussed the schedule for the upcoming year and amended the tentative schedule to reflect the regular meeting being held on the fourth Monday when possible.

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to approve the board meeting schedule with the change to meeting on the 4th Monday of the month for the 23-24 school year as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

*Appoint Mid-State Special Education Cooperative board representative.*

Payne was appointed to serve as the board's representative on the Mid-State Special Education Cooperative Governing Board.

*Appoint Panhandle Educational Foundation board representative.*

Millburg was appointed to serve as the board's representative on the Panhandle Education Foundation's board.

*Approval of existing board policies and procedures*

It was moved by Pitchford and seconded by Pope to approve the existing board policies and procedures as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

**Community Comments**

**Adjournment**

Motion by Pitchford and seconded by Millburg to adjourn at 8:02pm. Motion carried 7-0.

  
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Teresa Payne, President

  
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Gabe Pope, Secretary