

SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #99

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
KENNEDY LIBRARY, JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL
999 NORTH STRONG AVENUE, SPRING VALLEY, IL 61362
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2024, 7:00 P.M.



MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

7:04 pm

Board of Education Members present: Ted Urbanski, Lindsay Ferrari, Tina Pienta. Jim Faletti, Lisa Ponce, Korby Kasperski and Nickie Olson.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Ferrari that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Agenda. Roll Call: Pienta, Ferrari, Faletti, Ponce, Kasperski, Olson and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

4. INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS -Jim introduced Julie DeFore.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, & ANNOUNCEMENTS

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6.1 Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes

6.2 Approval of the Financial Reports

6.3 Approval of the Treasurer's Report

6.4 Approval of District Bills

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Olson that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Pienta, Olson, Ferrari, Faletti, Ponce Kasperski and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

7. REPORTS, UPDATES & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

7.1 Cash Flow & Budget Watch – Jim gave an overview of Cash Flow & Budget Watch. Mo concerns at this time.

7.2 Abatement of Tax Levied to Pay the Principle of and Interest on Series 2018 Bonds – We look to abate the interest payment of \$100,000 on our 2018 bonds in December when we approve our levy. With the increase in EAV assisting our funds we are able to continue to cover the costs while also dropping our tax rate.

7.3 Annual Summative ESSA School Performance Designation – We received a “Commendable” rating. This is the second highest rating. Exemplary is the highest rating and selection is based on being the 10% top-performing schools in the state.

7.4 First Reading of October Board Press Policy 117 Updates We will take action next month.

7.5 Gym Usage-Gym usage was discussed. Moving forward all outside organizations must fill out a Facilities Use Agreement form and it will be approved by the Board.

7.6 Assistant Principal's Report -Missing homework is still the number one incident for minors. We had several students from JFK place first in the IESA Speech Competition along with 2 students receiving the Judge's Choice Award. The 7th & 8th Grade Girls Basketball teams are entering the regional competitions and the boys season have just begun. At the SRC meeting it was discussed having a conference band and chorus competition starting next year.

- 7.7 **Principal's Report**-Hall articulation; the junior high teachers met with the teachers, ELA and Science will meet again today. We are working on trying to reduce the number of tardies each month. Upcoming dates; 11/21 Family Reading Night, 11/24 & 11/25 PT Conferences, 12/5-16 Donuts with Grown-ups, 12/6 Fall Play, 12/11 3-5 Winter Concert, 12/13 PK Family Day, 12/16 K-2 Winter Concert, 12/17 JH Concert
- 7.8 **Superintendent's Report** – Minimum teacher salary \$42,411 so our contract is good. Our electric contract is going to expire. Will meet with Matt Lamps and the engineers to look at the life expectancy of all of our equipment. Will meet with Tracy Morris & Jessie Brandt to challenge the Vet School in the old St. Margaret's building request to reduce their tax rate.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 **Approve the 2025-2026 Calendar**

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Kasperski that the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 Calendar.

Roll Call: Pienta, Kasperski, Ferrari, Faletti, Ponce, Olson and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

8.2 **Presentation and Approval of the Tentative Tax Levy**

MOTION by Ponce seconded by Faletti that the Board of Education approve the Tentative Tax Levy.

Roll Call: Ponce,, Faletti, Ferrari, Pienta, Kasperski, Olson and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

8.3 **Set December Meeting Date & Time**

NO ACTION

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Reference: 5 ILCS 120 (c) 1 & 14 [Review of closed session minutes, staff issues]

7:44 PM

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Kasperski that the Board of Education go into Executive Session.

Roll Call: Pienta, Kasperski, Ferrari, Faletti, Ponce, Olson and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

BEGIN CLOSED: 7:46 pm

END CLOSED: 7:56 pm

10. ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION

10.1 **Approve Closed Session Minutes for November**

MOTION by Kasperski seconded by Ferrari that the Board of Education approved Closed Session Minutes for November. All were in favor. Motion carried.

10.2 **Approve the hiring of Julie L. DeFore as Superintendent with a 3-Year Contract Beginning the 2025-2026 school year**

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Ferrari that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Julie L. DeFore as Superintendent with a 3-Year Contract Beginning the 2025-2026 school year.

Roll Call: Pienta, Ferrari, Faletti, Ponce, Kasperski, Olson and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

10.3 **Approve Coaches: Track (TBD), Special Olympics (TBD)**

NO ACTION

11. ADJOURNMENT

8:04 pm

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Kasperski that the Board of Education adjourn the November 20, 2024 Board of Education Meeting. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Attest:

Theodore Urbanski, President

Tina Pienta, Secretary