MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 48, DU PAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021 AT JOHN E. ALBRIGHT MIDDLE SCHOOL VILLA PARK, ILLINOIS

Call to Order

Mr. Cuny called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members

Mr. Van De Velde, Mr. Downer, Mr. Blair,

Present:

Mrs. Rattana, Mr. Cuny, Mr. Rattana and

Mr. Kielminski

Board Members

Absent:

None

Administrators

Present:

Dr. Chung, Dr. Evans, Dr. Martelli, Mrs. Sabourin, Ms. Aulisa, Mrs. Ross, Mrs.

Smith and Mrs. Monroe

Visitors/Staff

Present:

John Zelman and Tammy Clarke

Approval of Meeting Agenda (motion)

Mr. Cuny inquired as to whether there were any requests for changes to the Board or Amended Consent agendas. No

changes were requested.

First Comments by Visitors None

Consent Agenda

(motion)

Mr. Cuny requested a motion to approve the Amended Consent Agenda for April 21, 2021 consisting of the Minutes from the Regular Board Meeting held on March 17, 2021, the Treasurer's Report for March 2021, the Disbursement Report for April 2021, the Regular/Routine Personnel Report for April 21, 2021, the destruction of Executive Session audio recordings that are more than 18 months old and that have been adopted. Mr. Van De Velde so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blair and on roll call the following members voted aye: Mr. Van De Velde, Mr. Blair, Mr. Kielminski, Mr. Cuny, Mr. Rattana, Mrs. Rattana, and Mr. Downer. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Reports

Focus on Learning: <u>Learning Without Tears</u> <u>Handwriting Instruction</u> (motion) Dr. Chung invited Dr. Martelli and district Occupational Therapist Mrs. Allison Stoner to present information and a proposal for a redesigned K-2 handwriting instruction curriculum. They noted that the Learning Without Tears curriculum provides teachers and students with developmentally appropriate, hands-on, handwriting instruction that is effective for all children.

Mr. Cuny requested a motion to approve the Learning Without Tears handwriting curriculum as presented. Mr. Blair so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Downer and on roll call the following members voted aye: Mr. Blair, Mr. Downer, Mrs. Rattana, Mr. Kielminski, Mr. Rattana, Mr. Cuny and Mr. Van De Velde. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Addition of Literacy Coach And EL Teachers Using ESSR 3 Funding (motion)

Dr. Chung and Dr. Martelli reported that as students have had two truncated school years, there is a concern that many students will experience gaps in the understanding of foundational reading skills that may carry on into future grades. Utilizing the ESSR 3 funding would allow the district to add a literacy teacher to ensure students receive the time and support needed to fill these foundational reading gaps.

Dr. Chung also reported that the district has one EL teacher who currently serves an extremely large load of seventy eight students. Dr. Martelli conducted a survey of surrounding districts and as a result of this survey, it became evident for the need of an additional EL teacher to support the district's EL student population and the current teacher, as well as the classroom teachers. Dr. Chung noted that the ESSR 3 funding would allow the district to add this additional specialized teacher also.

Mr. Cuny requested a motion to approve the interviews and hiring of a 1.0 FTE Literacy Coach and a 1.0 FTE EL Teacher as presented. Mr. Van De Velde so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blair and on roll call the following members voted aye: Mr. Van De Velde, Mr. Blair, Mr. Kielminski, Mr. Cuny, Mr. Rattana, Mrs. Rattana, and Mr. Downer. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

Fall 2021: Strategic Planning (motion)

Dr. Chung shared that the last time the Board engaged in a Strategic Planning process was in 2015. He stated that a new strategic plan would assist the district in continuing with the current goals that have been established and also allow for the development of a multi-faceted plan of priorities and needed actions moving forward over the next five years or more. Dr. Chung indicated that Strategic Plans are best developed with the assistance of a facilitator who can keep the group on track and work through the process allowing for optimal use of people's time. The facilitator would also steer the group toward development of a report that clearly identifies goals, priorities, desired outcomes, and appropriate actions to arrive at this plan. Dr. Chung indicated that should the Board approve moving forward with this process, Dr. Courtney Orzell from IASA has agreed to serve as facilitator for this process.

Mr. Cuny requested a motion to approve the development of a district Strategic Plan in the Fall 2021 with Dr. Courtney Orzell on November 12 and 13, 2021. Mr. Blair moved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rattana and on roll call the following members voted aye: Mr. Blair, Mrs. Rattana, Mr. Downer, Mr. Cuny, Mr. Van De Velde, Mr. Kielminski and Mr. Rattana. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

FTC Update

Mrs. Rattana provided an update on FTC activities that included:

- Providing funding support for the climbing wall at Swartz
- Currently conducting two different fundraisers to help purchase end of the year teacher requests
- Lou Malnati's Dine Out on May 11

Finance and Operations Reports

Forecast 5 Five-Year Projection FY 2022 through FY 2026

Dr. Evans reviewed the Forecast 5 five-year projection report based on five years of audited financial data, district budget, and assumptions. He noted that the PTELL CPI-U cap continues to erode fund balances due to projected expenditures exceeding revenues. Dr. Evans also noted that the levy for 2021-22 CPI-U tax limit is 1.4%, which makes up 90% of the district's revenues. He stated that salaries, wages, curriculum, supplies, and equipment expenditures annually exceed this cap.

Construction Update

Dr. Evans reported that the installation of iWave ionization air purification systems in all air handlers and unit ventilators to provide air purification in all rooms and offices of all three schools has been completed. He also reported that the installation of uniform signage for the identification of classrooms and offices on the outside windows of all schools has also been completed. Dr. Evans noted that the installation of the traverse climbing wall at Stella May Swartz School is near completion and is anticipated to be finished prior to the May 19, 2021 Board meeting to be held at Swartz School. Dr. Evans indicated that a pre-construction meeting will be held for the replacement of boilers, pumps, and piping at Stella May Swartz School with the installation to take place over summer break. It is anticipated that all of this work will be completed prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Mr. Blair reported that the IASB would need any resolutions by June 23, 2021.

Board Committee and Meeting Updates

Dr. Chung noted that following the April 6, 2021 elections, a special meeting of the Board of Education will need to be held to reorganize the board, elect officers for a two-year term, set the time, place and dates for the regular board meetings and assign

representatives and alternates to the SASED Board of Control and Governing Board. He indicated that upon completion of the canvass of elections by the DuPage County Election Commission on April 27, 2021 the district has seven days to conduct this special meeting.

Mr. Cuny requested a motion to set May 3, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. as the meeting date to conduct a special meeting to reorganize the Board of Education, elect officers for a two-year term, set the time, place, and dates for the regular Board meetings, and assign representatives and alternates to the SASED Board of Control and Governing Board following the April 6, 2021 elections. Mr. Blair moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kielminski and on roll call the following members voted aye: Mr. Blair, Mr. Kielminski, Mr. Downer, Mrs. Rattana, Mr. Cuny, Mr. Van De Velde and Mr. Rattana.

Second Comments by

Visitors

None

Notices and Communications

Mrs. Rattana read thank you notes from the SCEA for the district hoodies and lunch and a thank you note to the district and various staff members from Mrs. Tracy Schellhorn.

Future Agenda Items

None

Executive Session (motion)

Mr. Cuny requested a motion to adjourn to executive session to discuss matters related to personnel. He noted that no action would be taken upon return to regular session. Mr. Blair so moved. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kielminski and on roll call the following members voted aye: Mr. Blair, Mr. Kielminski, Mr. Downer, Mrs. Rattana, Mr. Cuny, Mr. Van De Velde and Mr. Rattana. Nays: None. The motion carried unanimously.

The session began at 8:25 p.m.

Return to Regular Session

(motion)

At 9:15 p.m. on a motion by Mr. Blair and seconded by Mrs. Rattana the Board returned to regular session. On a voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

None

Adjournment (motion)

As there was no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Cuny requested a motion to adjourn. Mr. Blair so moved. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rattana and on a voice vote carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

President

Secretary