

February 10, 2022
Serena, IL

A special meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 10, 2022, in the Serena Middle School Gym. The following members were present: Joe Cantlin, Justin DeBolt, LaDonna Gale, Scott Govednik, Dan McNally (in at 5:58 p.m.), Gary McNelis, and Susan McNelis.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Lisa Gifford and Kevin Noll

The meeting was called to order by President G. McNelis at 5:12 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by S. McNelis, with a second by Cantlin, to go into executive session for the purpose of: (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; (2) school safety; (3) student discipline; (4) review of executive session minutes; and (5) litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent pursuant to the authority granted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (6), (8), (9), (11), and (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 6:01 p.m. was made by DeBolt and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.


The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President G. McNelis.

President G. McNelis requested public comment. Members of the public body addressed the Board regarding masking mandates and social and emotional concerns.

Motion to enter back into executive session at 7:48 p.m. for the purpose of: (1) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; (2) school safety; (3) student discipline; (4) review of executive session minutes; and (5) litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent pursuant to the authority granted by 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1), (6), (8), (9), (11), and (21) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 9:22 p.m., was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:23 p.m., was made by DeBolt and seconded by G. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Gary McNelis, President



Justin DeBolt, Secretary