

March 24, 2022
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 24, 2022, in the Serena High School Library. The following members were present: Joe Cantlin, Justin DeBolt, LaDonna Gale, Scott Govednik, Gary McNelis, and Susan McNelis. Dan McNally was absent.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Lisa Gifford.

The meeting was called to order by President G. McNelis 6:10 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by S. McNelis, with a second by Govednik, to go into executive session for the purposes 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 7:34 p.m. was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President G. McNelis. He then requested approval of the agenda. A motion was made by S. McNelis, with a second by Cantlin, to approve the agenda. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Presentations:

The proposed 2022-2023 school calendar was presented and is on the agenda for approval. Early release times are scheduled every Friday for students: 1:00 p.m. for middle/high school and 1:15 p.m. for elementary students. Staff will have a structured calendar for professional development, grade level meetings, faculty meetings, etc. from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Early release days may be modified if necessary second semester.

President G. McNelis requested public comment. There was none.

Items of correspondence included a letter of congratulations from the IHSA for our 4th Place finish at the 2022 Girls Basketball Class 1A State Final and a letter from IVCC recognizing three Serena students who are Illinois State Scholars.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda Items A through E was made by Govednik and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Reports:

Academic Goals Committee – The committee discussed the following items: process and need for aligned resources, connection to the strategic plan, the need for professional development for new curriculum, calendar changes, and building SIP plans.

Superintendent – Website updates are underway. Please continue to reference the website for information regarding district, school, policy, student services, and more.

Discussion/Informational Items:

Summer School/Camps – The District will provide book bundles through Scholastic for all Pre-K-12 students to take home and read during the summer. There will be no official summer school this year. Driver’s Ed. and credit recovery will be offered for high school students. Information regarding sports camps will be forthcoming.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the hire of a full-time custodian, Logan Forth, for Sheridan Elementary School, was made by Govednik and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the tentative agreement with Angela Kalsto, through BCA Architects, pertaining to district-wide building renovations, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Resolution authorizing the dismissal of Jessica Kempiak, a full-time teacher in her last year of probationary service, was made by Gale and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of certified teacher, Jordana Iddings, effective May 31, 2022, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of staff devices through Sentinel Technologies for \$89,340 to be paid through ESSER II funding, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the PRESS Policy draft updates for policies: 2:105, 2:110, 2:120, 2:20, 2:220, and 2:260, related to the School Board, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the PRESS Policy draft updates for policies: 3:40, 3:50, and 3:60, related to General School Administration, was made by Cantlin and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the PRESS Policy draft updates for policies: 4:160, 4:170, and 4:175, related to Operational Services, was made by DeBolt and seconded by McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the PRESS Policy draft updates for policies: 5:10, 5:100, 5:120, 5:125, 5:150, 5:185, 5:20, 5:200, 5:220, 5:250, 5:30, 5:330, 5:50, and 5:90, related to Personnel, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the PRESS Policy draft updates for policies: 6:120, 6:135, 6:15, 6:180, 6:20, 6:300, 6:340, 6:50, and 6:60, related to Instruction, was made by Cantlin and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

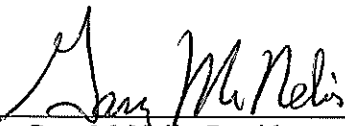
Motion to approve the PRESS Policy draft updates for policies: 7:10, 7:150, 7:160, 7:190, 7:20, 7:200, 7:210, 7:240, 7:250, 7:260, 7:290, 7:310, 7:315, 7:340, 7:345, 7:60, 7:70, and 7:80, related to Students, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the PRESS Policy 5-Year-Review for policies: 4:120 Food Services, 7:30 Student Assignments, and 8:100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies, was made by Cantlin and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.


Motion to approve the 2022-2023 School Calendar, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the final reading of the 2022-2023 course catalog for Serena High School, was made by Govednik and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m., was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Gary McNelis, President



Justin DeBolt, Secretary