

April 28, 2022  
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, April 28, 2022, in the Serena High School Library. The following members were present: Joe Cantlin, Justin DeBolt, LaDonna Gale, Scott Govednik, Dan McNally, Gary McNelis, and Susan McNelis.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Lisa Gifford.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Cantlin 6:00 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by Govednik, with a second by S. McNelis, 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 7:22 p.m. was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Cantlin. He then requested approval of the agenda.

There was a motion by DeBolt, with a second by Govednik, to strike Action Items B, I, and Q. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Vice President Cantlin requested approval of the amended agenda. A motion was made by Cantlin, with a second by S. McNelis, to approve the agenda. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

#### Presentations:

Curriculum Adoption – Results of the curriculum committee survey and final vendor selection were presented to the Board. The Board will be voting to approve the purchase of the curriculum and professional development tonight.

Vice President Cantlin requested public comment. An individual addressed the Board regarding curriculum and teacher concerns.

Items of correspondence included a note from the family of Paul Marshall thanking the District for allowing his memorial luncheon to be held in the high school cafeteria.

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

#### Reports:

Board Training from April 5, 2022 – The Board of Education and Superintendent participated in a Board self-evaluation workshop. The group discussed the Six Foundational Principles of Effective Governance and how the Board perceives themselves in relation to these principles. This training focused on the importance of Board roles, responsibilities, and expectations.

Superintendent – Prom walk will be held on May 6 at 5:00 p.m. There was a Prom talk this year, but there is a Prom disaster drill planned for next year. With the help of community support, the District is working to establish a mini pantry to support local families in need. Keep checking the website for new updates. All eligible seniors participated in the Foundation Scholarship writing this year. This was the best turnout for candidates the Foundation has seen in several years.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the annual membership to IHSA for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by Govednik and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Resolution of the TRS Supplemental Savings Plan for certified staff members, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the renewal of the ICRMT Risk Management Trust, was made by DeBolt and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of the high school student council advisor, Lauren Hohenberger, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of the Director of Transportation, Janice Jones, effective June 30, 2022, was made by Gale and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of a cafeteria worker, Esperanza Ramos, effective April 6, 2022, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Middle School Science teacher, Corinne Bartoli, effective May 31, 2022, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a Serena campus Principal, Adam Kueltzo, effective July 1, 2022, was made by Govednik and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a Serena campus Assistant Principal, Paul Tauber, effective July 1, 2022, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a campus Dean, Chris Bjork, effective July 1, 2022, was made by McNally and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a K-8 Art Teacher, Erin Shinnick, effective August 15, 2022, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, Rachel Berg, effective August 15, 2022, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, McNally passed and all others present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a 4th Grade Teacher, Raquel Phelps, effective August 15, 2022, was made by Govednik and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, McNally passed and all others present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of K-2 curriculum, Into Literacy, through Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for \$100,990.60 for eight years to be paid through ESSER III funding, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of K-6 Scholastic Literacy resources through Scholastic for \$85,631.16 for six years to be paid through ESSER III funding, was made by Govednik and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of 9-12 English curriculum, Study Sync, through McGraw-Hill for \$49,484.09 to be paid through ESSER III funding, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of K-8 Math curriculum, Into Math, through Houghton Mifflin Harcourt for \$182,632.68 for eight years to be paid through ESSER III funding, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of Common Lit as a digital resource in grades 7-12 for \$8,250 for three years to be paid through ESSER III funding, was made by McNally and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Scholastic two-year professional development plan for all K-2 teachers for \$43,177.00 to be paid through ESSER III funding, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Scholastic two-year professional development plan for all 3-8 teachers for \$117,541.00 to be paid through ESSER III funding, was made by DeBolt and seconded by McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Sentinel server hardware, software, and installation for \$72,552.36 to be paid for through ESSER II funds, was made by McNally and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Sentinel surveillance hardware, software, and installation at Serena for \$88,122.00 to be paid for through ESSER II funds, was made by DeBolt and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Sentinel surveillance hardware, software, and installation at Harding for \$21,184.00 to be paid for through ESSER II funds, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

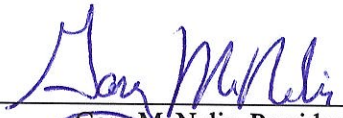
Motion to approve the Sentinel surveillance hardware, software, and installation at Sheridan for \$11,650.00 to be paid for through ESSER II funds, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to enter back into executive session at 8:30 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 DeBolt and second by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 10:00 p.m., was made by Govednik and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 10:00 p.m., was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

  
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Gary McNelis, President

  
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Justin DeBolt, Secretary