

May 26, 2022
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, May 26, 2022, in the Serena High School Library. The following members were present: Joe Cantlin, Justin DeBolt, LaDonna Gale, Dan McNally, Gary McNelis, and Susan McNelis. Scott Govednik was absent.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Lisa Gifford.

The meeting was called to order by President G. McNelis 6:08 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by S. McNelis, with a second by DeBolt, 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 7:12 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 President G. McNelis. He then requested approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Cantlin, with a second by DeBolt, to approve the agenda. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

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

Items of correspondence included thank you cards from Middle School students for the summer book bundles, Randy Goodbred, and the Dwight High School Athletic Director.

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

Reports:

Superintendent Report – Graduation was a success for Pre-School, 8th Grade, and High School. A review of summer work projects was given along with an update on progress already made.

Discussion/Informational Items:

Capital Improvement Projects and Rebonding – A review of the bonding timeline and project scope from the Special Board Meeting held on 5/25/2022 was given.

Vintage Gym Renaming – There will be continued discussion among the Board. There was a request to review the process taken in the past for naming the High School gym

Action Items:

Motion to approve the purchase of 9-12 Math Curriculum through Cengage Big Ideas for \$23,879.52 paid through ESSER III funds, was made by DeBolt and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the three year Central States Bus Government Obligation contract from July 2022-July 2024, was made by Gale and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the dismissal of a paraprofessional, Jessica Roth, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of a paraprofessional, Valerie Martin, 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 a substitute bus driver, Jessica Luna, 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 a substitute special education bus driver, Brenda Musich, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Technology Director, Ramiro Salto, was made by DeBolt and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a summer Driver's Education instructor, Jennifer Jobst, was made by DeBolt and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a Social Worker, Morgan Torman, for the 2022-2023 school year, 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 Transportation Director, Gretchen Konczyk, for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by McNally and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a Middle School P.E. Teacher, Cynthia O'Connell, for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Gale. On roll call, McNally passed and all others present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a 5-12 Music/Choir Teacher, Robin Taylor, for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by McNally and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve 2022-2023 volunteer Middle School Softball Coach, Dennis Warren, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Serena High School Principal, Adam Kueltzo, contract for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by McNally and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Serena Assistant Principal, Paul Tauber, contract for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by McNally and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Serena Dean of Students, Chris Bjork, contract for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Valley Education for Employment System (VALEES) for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the closing of the Money Market account at First Midwest Bank and open a Money Market account at Resource Bank, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. as the 2022-2023 district auditors, was made by DeBolt and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the renewal of the Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) Worker's Compensation plan, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of two replacement well tanks at Sheridan for \$29,250.00 to be paid for through district funds, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of Screenbeams Mounts for the SMART displays for \$27,433.45 paid through district funds, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the district radio project for \$34,858.30 paid through ESSER III funds, was made by Gale and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the purchase of magnetic and porcelain whiteboards for \$30,030.00 paid through ESSER III funds, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the annual stipend listing for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, McNally voted "no" and all others present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the first reading of the non-certified staff compensation listing, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

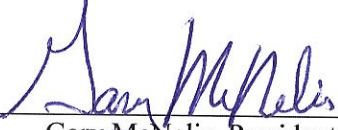
Motion to approve the first reading of the certified staff compensation listing, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the first reading of the Bus Driver compensation guide, was made by McNally and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to enter back into executive session at 7:45 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 second by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 9:37 p.m., was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 9:38 p.m., was made by Cantlin and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Gary McNelis, President



Justin DeBolt, Secretary