

June 23, 2022  
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, June 23, 2022, in the Serena High School Cafeteria. The following members were present: Joe Cantlin, LaDonna Gale, Dan McNally (in at 6:23 p.m.), Gary McNelis, and Susan McNelis. Justin DeBolt and Scott Govednik were 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 Gale, 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 7:37 p.m. was made by McNally and seconded by S. McNelis. 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 Gale, to approve the agenda. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

President G. McNelis requested public comment. Shawn Gifford addressed the Board regarding open risk factors with technology projects and timeline for completion discussed since there is no candidate for hire at this time.

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

#### Reports:

**Academic Goals** – The six goals from the beginning of the year outline what has been done or is in progress. Alignment of the goals to the Strategic Plan and discussion about the next steps of the plan to incorporate teachers, students, parents, and other stakeholders were discussed.

**Superintendent Report** – We are looking to transition to IPRF (Illinois Public Risk Fund), who already partners with the District, for employee online training. All new buses have arrived and leases are finalized. Gjovik's purchase agreement and title transfer for the Driver's Education vehicle has been completed. The annual audit started and is moving along well. The food pantry is anticipated to open in August for CUSD2 families (current and past) and staff. There will be a meeting with IVCC in early July to discuss the Dual Credit program, success rates, and ways to improve and continue the program. Differences among Dual Credit (DC), Advanced Placement (AP), and Honors (weighted courses) were explained.

#### Action Items:

Motion to approve the resignation of Bus Driver and Cafeteria worker, Dawn Woodin, was made by Cantlin and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Cafeteria worker, Carrie Woeltje, 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 Paraprofessional, Amanda Swartz, was made by Gale and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of part-time Paraprofessional, Nancy Duchon, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of maintenance worker, Robert Falling, 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 Spirit Squad coach, Lani Gamlin, 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade Boys' Basketball coach, Jacob Stark, was made by Gale and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of High School Math teacher, Marissa Henkel, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of High School Principal, Brent Thomas, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of a summer student worker, Tim Shugrue, was made by McNally and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract for Transportation Director, Gretchen Konczyk, was made by McNally and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewal for Superintendent, Lisa Gifford, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewal for Student Services Director, Lacey Anderson, was made by Gale and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewal for Director of Maintenance, Mike McCoy, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewal for the Director of Food Service, Debbie Fuchs, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewal for Administrative Assistant, Lisa McNelis, was made by Gale and seconded by McNally. On roll call, G. McNelis and S. McNelis passed and all others present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewal for Bookkeeper, Jenni Duffy, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewal for Principal, Megan Adams, was made by Cantlin and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewals for all building and department secretaries was made by McNally and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, G. McNelis and S. McNelis passed and all others present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewals for all maintenance team members was made by McNally and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewals for all bus drivers was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the contract renewals for all cafeteria workers was made by Cantlin and seconded by McNally. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

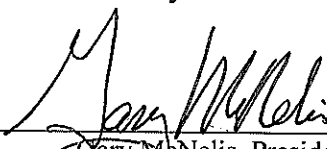
Motion to approve the High School Band spring break trip to Disney, March 25-30, 2023, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Bus Driver's salary guide for 2022-2025, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hourly pay increase for non-certified employees was made by Cantlin and seconded by Gale. On roll call, G. McNelis and S. McNelis passed and all others present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve a Resolution authorizing and providing for an installment Purchase Agreement for the purpose of paying the cost of purchasing real or personal property, or both, and authorizing and providing for the issue of not to exceed \$10,000,000 General Obligation (Limited Tax) Debt Certificates, Series 2022, of said District evidencing the rights to payment under such Agreement, prescribing the details of the Agreement and Certificates, and providing for the security for and means of payment under the agreement of the Certificates, was made by McNally and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:57 p.m., was made by McNally and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

  
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Gary McNelis, President

  
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Justin DeBolt, Secretary