

October 27, 2022
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, October 27, 2022, at Serena High School in the Board Room. The following members were present: Joe Cantlin, Justin DeBolt, LaDonna Gale, Scott Govednik, Dan McNally, Gary McNelis, and Susan McNelis. Superintendent Lisa Gifford was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President G. McNelis 6:06 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by Govednik, with a second by McNally, 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 7:00 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. He then requested approval of the agenda. A motion was made by Govednik, with a second by Gale to approve the agenda. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Presentations:

Students of the Month and the Faculty Award winner were recognized.

Marquette Academy approached the District about considering a co-op for Soccer and Football. There is no interest at this time.

2022 Summative Designation – All schools were designated as Commendable this year. The Middle School has shown tremendous improvement after not having any growth or change for three years with the targeted status.

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

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

Reports:

Academic Committee – Strategic Plan: Updates and changes are necessary due to new implementations. Rural ED. will return in November and December to work with administration and start data conversations with staff. Curriculum: There was discussion about early release days and how the extra time is utilized. Schedule: Transition updates and ideas were discussed. The summative designation for 2022 was reviewed.

Discussion/Informational Items:

2022-2023 Maintenance Grant – The annual matching grant of \$50,000 from ISBE is used for needed maintenance repairs or work at one site location. The project scope for Harding this year is to replace heaters and units in the gym.

Bond Process and Architect Update – The District was fully bonded on 10/27/2022 for the three-phase plan for capital improvements. Abatement is to begin Spring Break 2023 in the math and science hallways upstairs at the high school. Construction is planned for the next three years, with the majority of the work taking place over the summer. The architect is currently designing the scope and is on track to go to bid in January 2023 for the first phase.

Tier Bus Schedule – Discussion took place regarding how to adjust schedules to support the bus driver shortage that is not projected to reduce for the next few years. Ideas were presented about staggered or tiered start and dismissal times for all of the schools, but no final determination was made.

Grade Level Attendance Centers – There was a request to look at re-zoning the District to help reduce the overcrowding at Sheridan.

There was a motion to enter back into executive session at 9:51 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 Gale. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session and enter back into open session at 10:34 p.m., was made by DeBolt and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the resignation of Dana Aicher as the High School Academic Bowl sponsor, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Robert Falling from maintenance, effective November 4, 2022, was made by McNally and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the change to Debbie Fuchs employment end date from June 30, 2023, to January 3, 2023, was made by McNally and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of Richard Goodbred as full-time custodian, effective January 6, 2023, was made by McNally and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Kaili Faber as the High School Academic Bowl sponsor, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Amber Skinner as the High School Spirit Squad coach, was made by McNally and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Library Coordinator contract for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, Cantlin and McNally voted “no” and all others present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Middle School choir club for the 2022-2023 school year, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

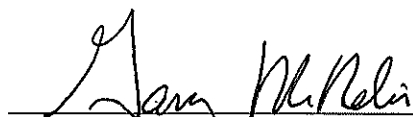
Motion to approve the 2022-2023 Maintenance Grant, was made by Cantlin and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2022-2023 fuel bid from Arneson Oil, was made by Govednik and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

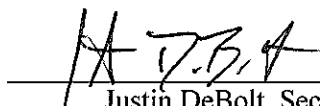
Motion to approve the 2022-2023 snow removal bid from Mike's Snow Removal, was made by G. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the updated Integrated Pest Management Plan, was made by Gale and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 10:47 p.m. was made by DeBolt and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Gary McNelis, President



Justin DeBolt, Secretary