

January 26, 2023
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at Serena High School in the Board Room. The following members were present: Joe Cantlin, Justin DeBolt, LaDonna Gale, Scott Govednik, Dan McNally (in at 6:10 p.m.), 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 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 7:05 p.m. was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. 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 S. McNelis to approve the agenda. On roll call, all those present voted “aye”. Motion carried.

Presentations:

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

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

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:

Finance Committee – Salary schedules for student support staff, certified staff, bus drivers, and hourly staff will be set up in the future. The maintenance grant was approved and will be used for work on the gym units in Harding. The construction and capital improvement projects were discussed. The District has currently used 71.24% of the annual budget and any adjustments will be determined once grants are adjusted through ISBE.

Discussion/Informational Items:

The IVCC connected classroom project will potentially begin in the 2024-2025 school year. Updates on the 2023 construction and capital improvement projects were discussed. Board meeting locations were changed to the following due to construction at the Serena campus: May and July meetings will be held at Sheridan and June and August meetings will be held at Harding. Journey 12 is a printed quarterly magazine that is intended to help create and reinforce a positive brand for the District. This magazine features stories about students, staff, administrators, alumni, and community volunteers. This publication would be mailed to all community members within our district since digital messages are not received by everyone.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the resignation of Jenna Goldman as middle school volleyball coach 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 Jolie Wood as full-time high school food service worker was made by Govednik and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the FFA Ground Zero conference at SIU on January 27-28, 2023, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

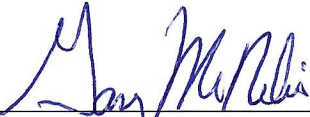
Motion to approve the Helm three-year preventative maintenance agreement renewal was made by DeBolt and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by S. McNelis, with a second by DeBolt, to amend Action Item E to read: Motion to approve the Journey 12 contract for community communications to be paid for using ESSER III funds through 2025, contingent upon confirmation of a two-year contract rather than a one-year contract, in the amount of \$84,900. On roll call, McNally voted "no" and all others present voted "aye". Motion carried.


Motion to approve the Journey 12 contract for community communications to be paid for using ESSER III funds through 2025, contingent upon confirmation of a two-year contract rather than a one-year contract, in the amount of \$84,900, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, McNally voted "no" and all others present voted "aye". Motion carried

Motion to approve the transportation contract with Safe Ride Solutions for Special Education routes through the end of the 2023-2024 school year was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Gary McNelis, President



Justin DeBolt, Secretary