

February 22, 2023
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at Serena High School in the Board Room. The following members were present: Joe Cantlin, Justin DeBolt, LaDonna Gale, Scott Govednik, Dan McNally, and Gary McNelis. Susan McNelis was absent.

The meeting was called to order by President G. McNelis at 6:30 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by Govednik, with a second by Cantlin, 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 7:08 p.m. was made by Govednik and seconded by Cantlin. 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 DeBolt to approve the agenda. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Presentations:

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

Congratulations to Ava Rosengren for being selected First Chair Flute in the Honors Band at the Illinois Music Education Association all-state festival.

The proposed 2023-2024 school calendar was presented. Fridays will continue to be early release days. School is scheduled to begin and end a week later than normal due to construction at the Serena campus.

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

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

Reports:

Buildings and Grounds – The District received one bid for asbestos abatement for the 2023 renovations at the high school and it was twice what the estimated cost would be. Before voting on the motion to approve the lowest bidder for this project, it will need to be determined if the plaster contains asbestos. Ideal Environmental will need to confirm this information before proceeding.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the resignation of Sheridan Building Secretary Tina Stark, effective February 17, 2023, was made by Govednik and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of substitute bus driver Dayle Thibault, effective February 9, 2023, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of cafeteria worker Dawn Manke, effective February 24, 2023, was made by McNally and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of long-term substitute Michelle Gonzalez, through the end of the 2022-2023 school year was made by Govednik and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of cafeteria worker Cheryl Demmon, effective March 1, 2023, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the softball and baseball teams travel to Jacksonville, IL, for the "Play the Turf" tournament March 24-25, 2023, was made by DeBolt and seconded by G. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

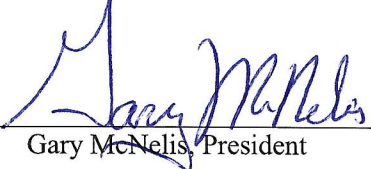
Motion to approve an annual contract with Journey 12 communications for \$84,900, to be paid for with ESSER funds, was made by Cantlin and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, G. McNelis voted "aye" and all others present voted "no". Motion failed.

It was moved by Cantlin, with a second by Gale, to amend Action Item H to read: Motion to approve the lowest bidder for the 2023 capital improvement project, as presented by architect Angela Kalsto, in addition to an alternate bid for cabinetry. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

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Motion to approve the lowest bidder for the 2023 abatement project, as presented by Ideal Environmental. No motion was made. No discussion took place. No vote was taken.

Motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. was made by McNally and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Gary McNelis, President



Justin DeBolt, Secretary