

March 23, 2023
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, March 23, 2023, 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 at 7:04 p.m.

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 Govednik 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.

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:

Academic Goals – Strategic plan focus groups (made up of parents, students, and staff) will meet on April 21 and April 28. Early release times for professional development will continue for the 2023-2024 school year. The school calendar is being finalized and will be approved at the next Board meeting. Honors sections will return to the schedule. Approximately 18 students in the high school are interested in taking a business class in the 2023-2024 school year.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the resignation of Superintendent Lisa Gifford, effective June 30, 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 Transportation Director Gretchen Konczyk, effective March 17, 2023, 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 7th grade girls' basketball coach, Brock Harp, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, McNally voted "no" and all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of high school track and volleyball coach, Chris Bjork, was made by DeBolt and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the retirement of cafeteria cook Patty Buckley, effective April 28, 2023, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Marla Eltrevoog as a high school math teacher for the 2023-2024 school year was made by Govednik and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the hire of Mackenzie Harris as a food service worker for the 2023-2024 school year and as a current substitute for the end of 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 hire of Sheridan secretary, Michele Runge, was made by Govednik and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve volunteer high school softball coaches Dain Twait and Ron Johnson for the 2023 season was made by Govednik and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

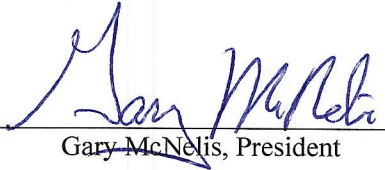
Motion to approve the three-year transportation agreement with Connections Through Mobile Horizons Safe Ride Solutions effective August 22, 2022 through August 22, 2025, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the PRESS Plus Issue 110 updates was made by S. McNelis and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to enter into executive session at 8:11 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 seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 10:42 p.m. was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 10:43 p.m. was made by McNally and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Gary McNelis, President



Justin DeBolt, Secretary