

December 16, 2021
Serena, IL

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, December 16, 2021, in the Serena High School Library. The following members were present: Joe Cantlin, Justin DeBolt, LaDonna Gale, Scott Govednik, Dan McNally (in at 6:15 p.m.), Gary McNelis, and Susan McNelis.

Also in attendance: Superintendent Lisa Gifford.

The meeting was called to order by President G. McNelis at 6:12 p.m. After roll call, the motion was made by DeBolt with a second by Gale to go into executive session 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) pending litigation; and (5) review of executive session minutes 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, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to come out of executive session at 7:21 p.m. was made by Gale 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 DeBolt, with a second by Govednik, to approve the agenda. On roll call, all those present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Superintendent Gifford presented the Tax Levy.

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

The FFA presented fruit baskets to the Board members as a thank you for their continued support.

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

Reports:

Enrollment – 652 students in the District.

Superintendent Report – Great job to the students and staff for a fantastic holiday performance. Health Life Safety amendments will be made based on any needs that arise from the ROE building walks and safety checks that were held on January 6, 2021. The state matching Maintenance Grant was approved to replace and repair HVAC/heating units in the Middle School and High School areas. Illinois Public Risk Fund grants were extended to the District and will be used towards the purchase of additional mobile AED units. Onsite COVID testing is available Monday-Thursday in all buildings. ISBE will be using equity information starting 2022 to support areas of the IL Report Card. This information will be used to review systems, policies, curriculum, and more to ensure that all IL students, regardless of where they live, are provided an equitable education. Thank you to PTS Worldwide, Inc. for their \$200 donation to the District.

Action Items:

Motion to approve the Tax Levy as presented was made by Cantlin and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the resignation of substitute Social Worker, Jackie Winter, was made by Govednik and seconded by DeBolt. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

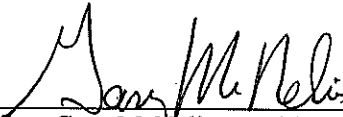
Motion to approve a substitute Food Service worker, Dawn Woodin, was made by Gale and seconded by Cantlin. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve a student worker, Genevieve Kloss, was made by DeBolt and seconded by Govednik. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the updated Middle School SIP plan for the 2021-2022 school year, was made by S. McNelis and seconded by Gale. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to approve the second and final reading of the Board of Education meeting calendar for 2022 was made by DeBolt and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, all present voted "aye". Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn at 7:46 p.m., was made by DeBolt and seconded by S. McNelis. On roll call, those present voted "aye". Motion carried.



Gary McNelis, President



Justin DeBolt, Secretary