

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on
August 23, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. in Board Rooms 215, 216, & 217
at 126 S. York Street, Elmhurst, IL, DuPage County**

Call to Order: President Caforio called the meeting to order at 5:48 p.m.

Board of Education Members

Present – Mrs. Kara Caforio, President; Mrs. Courtenae Trautmann, Secretary; Mrs. Athena Arvanitis; Mr. Jim Collins; Mrs. Elizabeth Hosler; Mrs. Karen Stuefen

Absent – Mr. Chris Kocinski, Vice-President

President Caforio stated there are **6** board members present, a quorum is present.

Administration

Present - Dr. Keisha Campbell, Superintendent; Dr. Scott Grens, Associate Superintendent; Mrs. Tonya Daniels, Exec. Dir. Communications; Mr. Rudy Gomez, Exec. Dir. Technology; Ms. Kerry Leuschel, Exec. Dir. Secondary Ed; Mrs. Katie Lyons, Exec. Dir. Elementary Ed; Mr. Luke Pavone, Asst. Supt. Human Resources; Dr. Kevin Rubenstein, Asst. Supt. Student Services; Mr. Chris Whelton, Asst. Supt. Finance & Operations

Absent - none

Closed Session

President Caforio asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session at 5:48 p.m to discuss matters relating to The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; AND The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students;

AND 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;

AND Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06

Mrs. Trautmann moved and Mrs. Arvanitis seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Trautmann, Mrs. Arvanitis, Mrs. Stuefen, Mrs. Hosler, Mr. Collins, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Kocinski was absent.

Reconvene to Open Session

President Caforio asked for a motion to reconvene to Open Session at 6:42 p.m. Mrs. Trautmann moved and Mrs. Arvanitis seconded the motion. Voice Vote - the motion was carried.

Pledge of Allegiance: Board members led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Spotlight/Recognition

Illinois MS Counselor of Year and Illinois Counselor of the Year - Mary Wilson

Mary Wilson, Churchville MS counselor, was chosen as the Middle School Counselor of the Year AND also named the Illinois Counselor of the Year by the Illinois School Counselor of the Year Association. The award is an opportunity to honor school counselors for their contributions to school counseling in Illinois; and be recognized as those who go above and beyond in their role to help students and promote the profession. Mrs. Hosler read the proclamation and the Board congratulated her.

Summer Program Leaders

In recognition of the leaders of D205 outstanding summer programs, which reached over 4500 students from across the district through our summer programs, Dr. Rubenstein introduced the leaders: Sarah Cannon and Dr. Skip Kumm ran the Extended School year program for students with disabilities. Dr. Patrick Baker and Michael Pavlik oversaw the summer fine arts program, which engaged hundreds of students from across the district. Dr. Adam Roubitchek and Drew McGuire, in cooperation with Michael DiNovo, ensured that our summer program at York Community High School was well run and that our students had access to the courses that they needed. Toward the end of the summer, students in certain buildings engaged in the Jump Start Program and it is overseen by Nina Delgado and Blanca Vargas. Lastly, David Beedy and Pia Bartolai deserve rock star recognition. In every situation, they made lemonade from lemons. Using every one of their resources, they built capacities within their teams to put student learning at the forefront. They each set up systems, modeled the way, inspired a shared vision, challenged the process, empowered others to act, and encouraged the heart. The Board gave a round of applause and thanked these leaders.

Public Comments

Public comments included why committee meetings not being recorded and minimizing number of board meetings; student academic performance, HYA concerns; thank you for Jefferson remodel, continued focus on SEL; and wish for respect for teachers & staff.

Per board policy 2:230, it is not the Board's practice to directly engage in discussion or ask or answer questions with the individuals addressing the Board during public comment. Before moving on to the next agenda item, President Caforio asked Dr. Grens to catalog where we talked about student data at every board meeting last school year. She indicated it's important that we highlight our work here is about students.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

Approval of Regular Board Minutes: July 12, 2022

Approval of Closed Session Minutes: July 12, 2022

President Caforio asked if there were any changes to minutes and hearing no changes, the minutes were declared to stand as presented.

Reports and Presentations

Tentative Budget FY23

Mr. Whelton presented the State of Illinois requires each school district to develop a tentative annual budget to be placed on public display for a minimum of thirty (30) days. During this board meeting, the administration recommends the Board of Education adopt the Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 Tentative Budget for the 2022- 2023 fiscal year; to authorize the administration to place the budget on file for public display for a period not less than 30 days prior to September 27, 2022; and to direct the administration to publish a Notice of Public Hearing on the 2022-2023 budget to be held on September 27, 2022. Mr. Whelton reviewed the tentative budget in detail, which included a summary of operating revenues and expenditures, and the tentative 2023 budget summary.

The Board was thankful for presenting the tentative budget in a way to understand easily and in continuing to look at maximizing resources, asked clarifying questions about operating revenues and expenses, and a need to continue to review staffing.

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Financial Reports
- C. EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Report - School Year 2022;
- D. Approval of Board of Education Conference Expenses
- E. Special Ed Transportation Supplemental Contract;
- F. Contract Amendment for Athletic Trainers;
- G. Acceptance and Posting of FY23 Tentative Budget

Consent agenda E. Special Ed Transportation Supplemental Contract, was pulled by Mrs. Stuefen.

President Caforio asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: A. Personnel Report; B. Financial Reports; C. EIS Administrator and Teacher Salary and Benefits Reports - School Year 2022; D. Approval of Board of Education Conference Expenses; F. Contract Amendment for Athletic Trainers; and G. Acceptance and Posting of FY23 Tentative Budget.

Mrs. Trautmann moved and Mrs. Hosler seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Trautmann, Mrs. Hosler, Mrs. Stuefen, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Arvanitis, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Kocinski was absent.

Consent Agenda Item pulled: E. Special Ed Transportation Supplemental Contract - Mrs. Stuefen asked a clarifying question regarding contract amount and in correlation to the transportation budget.

President Caforio asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda item E. Special Ed. Transportation Supplemental Contract.

Mrs. Hosler moved and Mrs. Trautmann seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Hosler, Mrs. Trautmann, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Arvanitis, Mrs. Stuefen, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Kocinski was absent.

Agenda Action Items

Service Agreement with Kate Sampson

Dr. Campbell provided background stating the district embarked on a logo refresh with all thirteen schools last year. Half of the schools have been completed and the remaining are in various stages of the process. With the oversight of Mrs. Daniels, the process was solely handled by Kate Sampson, former D205 Communications Coordinator. Currently, the process of completing the re-branding project with six schools remaining is underway. Kate Sampson has been vital in this process and recommend she provide services on this project until completion. There would be a one-time payment of \$1,500.00 to complete the re-branding project.

President Caforio asked for a motion to approve the communications Service Agreement for Kate Sampson to complete the re-branding project. Mrs. Arvanitis moved and Mrs. Hosler seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Arvanitis, Mrs. Hosler, Mrs. Trautmann, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Stuefen, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Kocinski was absent.

Action Regarding Student Settlement – Re: Students FY22 #01

President Caforio asked for a motion to approve approve the settlement regarding Student FY22 #01 based on terms and conditions discussed in closed session.

Mrs. Hosler moved and Mrs. Arvanitis seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Mrs. Hosler, Mrs. Arvanitis, Mr. Collins, Mrs. Trautmann, Mrs. Stuefen, and Mrs. Caforio voted aye. Motion carried. Mr. Kocinski was absent.

Superintendent's Communication

Back to School Highlights

Dr. Campbell provided the back-to-school update highlighting four specific areas: Institute Day, Investments In Our Community, K-5 Curriculum Roll-Out, and Staffing Highlights and Areas of Focus. There has been a successful start to the 2022-23 school year because of the collective effort of team members across the entire district. A brief video was shown of the opening institute day, bringing back our certified staff. She provided highlights of the following: This past year's completed referendum projects, which provided new learning spaces for students; New ELA curriculum launch of Wit & Wisdom and Foundations; Staffing highlights where 98% of certified staff positions are filled to date; and Staffing areas of focus that include the Director of Language and Literacy Pathways, and Classified/Support Staff for Custodian, Education Assistants, and Food Services.

FOIA – Freedom of Information Act Requests

Dr. Campbell indicated there were the following FOIA requests since the last board meeting.

- 1 FOIA request for staff salary, granted
- 1 FOIA request for board meeting minutes, granted
- 2 FOIA requests for curriculum assessment, not in possession

- 1 FOIA request for curriculum assessment, granted
- 1 FOIA request for bus contracts, granted
- 1 FOIA request for staff names, granted

Social Media Highlights:

Mrs. Daniel introduced the special back-to-school video of the social media highlights that can be viewed in BoardDocs.

Board Communications: There was no board communications.

Upcoming Meetings

- September 7, 2022 Policy Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m. - District 205 Center, Rooms 216, and 217
- September 13, 2022 Finance and Operation Committee Meeting at 5:30 p.m. - District 205 Center, Rooms 215, 216, & 217
- September 27, 2022 Board of Education Meeting at 7:00 p.m. - District 205 Center, Rooms 215, 216, & 217

Adjournment - End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

We certify this document as the correct minutes of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Elmhurst CUSD 205 Board of Education held on August 23, 2022.



Kara Caforio – President



Courtenae Trautmann - Secretary