

**Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting held on
February 22, 2022 at 5:30 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 5:34 p.m.

Board of Education	Present	Absent
Mrs. Kara Caforio - President	x	
Mr. Chris Kocinski – Vice- President	x	
Mrs. Courtenae Trautmann – Secretary	x	
Mrs. Athena Arvanitis	x	
Mr. James Collins	x	
Mrs. Elizabeth Hosler	x	
Mrs. Karen Stuefen	x	

President Caforio stated there are 7 board members present, a quorum is present.

Administration	Present	Absent
Dr. Keisha Campbell - Superintendent	x	
Mrs. Tonya Daniels	x	
Mr. Rudy Gomez	x	
Mr. Scott Grens	x	
Mr. Luke Pavone	x	
Mr. Kevin Rubenstein	x	
Mr. Chris Whelton	x	

Closed Session

President Caforio asked for a motion to adjourn to closed session at 5:40 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 Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees;

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

Reconvene to Open Session

President Caforio asked for a motion to reconvene to Open Session at 6:52 p.m. Mrs. Trautmann moved and Mrs. Stuefen seconded the motion session. Voice Vote - the motion was declared and carried.

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

Spotlight/Recognition

Illinois Music Educators Association York All-State

President Caforio stated York all-state students for IMEA will be recognized at a future meeting.

Lincoln ES Spotlight

Principal Smith shared the warm welcome and support received from all the supporting schools: Edison, Hawthorne, and Bryan. She reflected on the new building, new learnings, new friends, and new opportunities. Lincoln's new school logo was highlighted. Lincoln 5th grade service club students presented what the club has accomplished this year. The Board members thanked the students.

Public Comments

Public comments included topics such as: curriculum, bullying, test scores, social emotional learning, and respecting each other.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes

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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

Facilities Update

Mr. Schmidt presented the 2022 summer capital projects and the current and upcoming construction and the renovation projects at Lincoln, Field, Fischer, Jackson and Jefferson. The Board asked and commented on roofing prices, asbestos abatement, equipment delays, and upcoming summer projects not yet bid.

Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption for 2022-2023

Dr. Grens introduced the following members of the Learning and Teaching Department to assist with the presentation, Dr. Leonard, Ms. Leuschel, and Ms. Lyons. In accordance with Board of Education (BOE) Policy 6:210, Instructional Materials Selection and Adoption, they provided an overview of the annual Process for Display of Instructional Materials for ELA, SEL, and World Languages. This included student and teacher analysis, along with examination of research based best practices. The items for recommendation for the 2022-2023 school year will be on display for a period of 30-days. After the display period of 30 days, an update for approval will appear on the April 12, 2022 BOE meeting agenda.

Dr. Campbell thanked the team and indicated that as a learning organization we continue to have a need to reflect on the continuous support of teacher resources. The Board asked some clarifying questions and comments regarding the student and teacher data slides, IAR information, sharing of best practices, and the availability to review instructional materials.

Consent Agenda Items

- A. Personnel Report
- B. Financial Reports
- C. Fine Arts Alto Saxophone Donation
- D. Bid 22-10 York Field House Roof Replacement
- E. Bid 22-11 Emerson Roof Replacement
- F. Bid 22-12 Jefferson Asbestos Abatement
- G. Bid 22-13 Jackson Asbestos Abatement
- H. Bid 22-14 Fischer Asbestos Abatement
- I. Bid 22-15 Field Asbestos Abatement

President Caforio asked for a motion to approve the following consent agenda items: A. Personnel Report; B. Financial Reports; C. Fine Arts Alto Saxophone Donation; D. Bid 22-10 York Field House Roof Replacement; E. Bid 22-11 Emerson Roof Replacement; F. Bid 22-12 Jefferson Asbestos Abatement; G. Bid 22-13 Jackson Asbestos Abatement; H. Bid 22-14 Fischer Asbestos Abatement; and I. Bid 22-15 Field Asbestos Abatement

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

Superintendent's Communication

Summer Programming Update

Before Dr. Rubenstein presented, Dr. Campbell indicated that in our learnings from last summer we realized an opportunity to coordinate and align a compressive summer programming to offer to support all of our students. Dr. Rubenstein provided a summary of the progress made on a unified summer program for students. The Board asked about bussing students for summer school.

SY 21-22 Moving Forward Together Update and COVID Metrics

Dr. Campbell reported that on Thursday, February 17, 2022, the Appellate Court for the Fourth District in Illinois noted that the issues in the appeal filed by Governor Pritzker and other defendants in the case known as Austin vs. Pritzker were moot since the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) had failed to approve a new set of rules for the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education. Since February 7, 2022, it was communicated to students and staff in our schools that masks are strongly recommended, but not required. The decision to wear a mask during the day, including by adults, is a personal one and the District does not interfere one way or another with these decisions. We have worked with our building leaders to ensure that all students and staff feel supported regardless of whether they choose to wear a mask or not. We continue to echo the necessity of fostering a climate of respect and acceptance for all community members, regardless of vaccination status or views on masking. Dr. Campbell continued by summarizing our continued layered mitigations. The Board indicated the measures in place are good but would like to see the lunch procedures re-evaluated.

FOIA – Freedom of Information Act Requests

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

- 3 FOIA requests for staff information, granted
- 1 FOIA request for Title IX records, not in possession
- 1 FOIA request for Title IX records, unduly burdensome
- 1 FOIA request for emails regarding FOIA information, not in possession
- 2 FOIA requests for emails regarding FOIA information, granted
- 2 FOIA requests for construction bid information, granted
- 1 FOIA request for construction bid information, not in possession
- 1 FOIA requesting multi-ESSER information, granted and not in possession
- 2 FOIA requesting multi-bond information, granted and not in possession

Social Media Highlights: Mrs. Daniels presented the following social media highlights through a video that can be view on the Board meeting video. The highlights included the following: The new Lincoln school logo; Bryan student leadership group; York speech team; Field school, Be the "I" in Kind!; Hawthorne school PTA winter party; Edison's dancer, Principal Pluskota; and Sandburg's Stringapalooza orchestra students;

Board Communications: There was no additional board communication provided.

Upcoming Meetings

- March 2, 2022 Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m- Dist. 205 Center, Rooms 216, & 217
- March 8, 2022 Finance & Operation Committee Mtg. 5:30 p.m. – Dist. 205 Center, Rooms 215, 216, & 217
- March 15, 2022 Regular Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.- Dist. 205 Center, Rooms 215, 216, and 217

Adjournment - End of Meeting: The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 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 February 22, 2022.


Kara Caforio – President


Courtenae Trautmann - Secretary