

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs School District 108
Wednesday, October 25, 2023
Willow Springs School Library**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:32 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Mierop, Bonomo, Patterson, Ponczyk, and Wojciak
Administration: Superintendent Bahn

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President, Joe Bonomo.

Public Comment

Community members are invited to share their questions, comments or concerns with the school Board. When speaking, citizens should state their name and address for the record and limit their presentation to three minutes. All comments are a matter of public record and as such will be documented and recorded. Where possible, the Board will answer factual questions immediately. A written response may be provided when information is not available. If a response would involve discussion of board policy or decisions which might be of interest to citizens not present at the meeting, the Board may place the item on a future meeting agenda.

Community member, Laura Szymczyk, spoke about accessibility of BOE meetings. She indicated that she has asked this question previously and has contacted the Board as well, but has not been given an answer. She would like the meetings to be streamed live to the community.

Board/Superintendent Announcements

Superintendent Bahn shared information about the upcoming South Cook ROE visit and 4 year audit, which includes the annual health/life/safety visit. The visit is scheduled for Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Superintendent Bahn also discussed the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences that will also take place on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Financial Report

Robert Grossi from Illuminate Incorporated was unable to attend the meeting but his reports were shared with the Board. There was no discussion. It is a goal to have these monthly reports posted on our website in the future.

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 24-021 by Wojciak, seconded by Ponczyk as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the consent agenda items:

Consent #1

The superintendent recommends the approval of the payroll and the approval of the bills in the amount of \$496,148.58 (7a), the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$715.00 (7b) and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$24,736.14 (7c) for the month of October 2023.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Bonomo, Mierop, Patterson, Ponczek, and Wojciak

Action Items

None

Presentations/Committee Reports

None

Information/Discussion Items

Board Committees

This is a practice that varies from district to district. There are various board committee options that were discussed including a Policy Committee. This will be discussed again next month and Superintendent Bahn asked members to contact him with interest in this committee. Patterson indicated a desire for a Finance Committee and volunteered to be a part of this committee.

Grant Updates

Superintendent Bahn provided updates on various grants that the district has applied for and funds that have already been approved and allocated to the district for the current school year. Bahn indicated that some of these grants were new to the district, in that they had not been applied for in the past.

Leadership Team Update

The board was updated on the status of the WS 108 Leadership Team. Superintendent Bahn shared that the team had met in early October and was scheduled for its next meeting in early November. He shared that the makeup of the team was diverse across grade levels and roles within the district. This group will meet throughout the school year and review data in the areas outlined within the district strategic plan.

Summative Designation Update

Superintendent Bahn shared the most recent State Summative Designation for the district. These annual ratings are made public in the fall of each year. Once again, WS 108 has received a designation of Commendable, which is the second highest possible rating.

Triple I Conference

The annual state conference was discussed and members were asked if they had a desire to attend on behalf of the district. Interested members were asked to email their intentions to the superintendent in order to be registered.

Communication/Correspondence

None

Upcoming Events/Activities

Wednesday, November 1 - South Cook Audit

Wednesday, November 1 - Parent/Teacher Conferences - No student attendance

Sunday, November 5 - Daylight Savings Time ends

Wednesday, November 15 - WS Board of Education Meeting

Items for Next Agenda

2024 Tentative Levy Discussion

Principal Report

Closed Session

The Superintendent Requests to conduct a Closed Session pursuant to Chapter 102, Paragraph 2 of the Statutes of the State of Illinois and as per board policy for the purpose(s) the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(3).

Motion 24-022 by Patterson, seconded by Wojciak to go into Closed Session at 7:17 p.m. with the purpose of discussing collective negotiating matters - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2), the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors, - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), student discipline - 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9)..

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Bonomo, Mierop, Patterson, Ponczek, and Wojciak

**Motion 24-023 by Mierop, seconded by Patterson - Board returned to open session at 7:44 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Bonomo, Mierop, Patterson, Ponczek, and Wojciak**

Motion 24-024 by Wojciak, seconded by Mierop - to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Local 943 of a one-year, rollover of the 2018-2023 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Adjournment

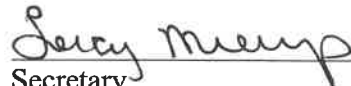
Adjournment at 7:47 p.m.

Motion 24-025 by Ponczek, seconded by Patterson

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Mierop, Bonomo, Patterson, Wojciak and Ponczek



President



Secretary

