

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Wednesday, February 21, 2024
Willow Springs School Library**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Bonomo, Mierop, Wojciak, Patterson, and Ponczek
Administration: Superintendent Bahn & Principal Oreeluk

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment

Community members wishing to address the Board must complete a form and submit it to Ms. Valerie Wacker – Board Secretary. Please state your name at the beginning of your comments and direct your statements to the Board President. Your time will be limited to three minutes and members of the Board will not respond during this portion of the meeting.

Additionally, board policy 2:230 permits the Board President to shorten a person's opportunity to speak. "The President may also deny the opportunity to speak to a person who has previously addressed the Board on the same subject." (2:230)

Laura Szymczyk spoke about the Stem program at ARGO and stated the deadline was missed. This was something she thought the students would enjoy and learn from.

Board/Superintendent Announcements

None

Financial Report

The superintendent stated that everything is on target. Tax award will come next month which is tied to the Levy and reduction.

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 24-042 by Bonomo, seconded by Wojciak as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the consent agenda.

Consent #1

The superintendent recommends the approval of the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting on February 21, 2024.

Consent #2

The superintendent recommends the approval of the payroll and the approval of the Payables in the amount of \$402,323.44, the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$671.83 and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$30,638.57 for the month of February 2024.

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

Item 8 Action Items

Approval of 2024-2025 Milk Contract with Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.

Copy of the contract was in the packet. The details of this agreement were included in the attached letter. This contract comes with an increase of approximately \$0.02 per pint for the 2024-2025 school year.

The Superintendent recommends accepting of the milk contract with Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. of Crestwood, Illinois for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion 24-043 by Bonomo, seconded by Mierop as recommended by the superintendent for the acceptance of the 2024-2025 milk contract with Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc. of Crestwood, Illinois.

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

Approval of Press Policy Issue 111

Periodically new and/or updated policies are released for school Boards/Districts to consider and adopt. In November 2023 the superintendent provided the Board with two documents from PRESS Policy. This is a subscription that many school districts, including Willow Springs School 108, pay for. PRESS releases updates with information about new/updated policies. Boards are required to have what is called a First Reading of these policies during a meeting and then adopt language the following meeting. It could take more than one month, but it cannot be during the month of the first reading. The superintendent reviewed all these policies updates/revisions and has found only one which includes "option" for Board consideration.

Press Policy Issue 112-2:80-Board Member Oath and Conduct

The superintendent provided a short explanation of this option and shared his thoughts.

The Superintendent recommends the approval of policies included in Press Policy issue 111.

Motion 24-044 by Bonomo, seconded by Patterson as recommended by the superintendent the approval of policies included in Press Policy issue 111.

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

Approval of Press Policy Issue 112

The Superintendent recommends the approval of policies included in Press Policy issue 112.

Motion 24-045 by Bonomo, seconded by Ponczek as recommended by the superintendent the approval of policies included in Press Policy issue 112.

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

Item 9 Presentations/Committee Reports

None

Item 10 Information/Discussion Items

2024-2025 School Calendar Review – First Draft

The superintendent included a first draft of the 2024-2025 school calendar for your review and discussion. He pointed out several related items below:

He reviewed the proposed calendars of Districts 104, 109 & 217.

The start and end of the school year is consistent with District 217

Winter and Spring breaks are aligned with the District 217.

District 1080 has a waiver allowing for student attendance on the following holidays. The superintendent has not marked all of these as non-student attendance days on the draft.

Columbus Day

Veterans' Day

Martin Lutheran King Jr. Day

Lincoln's Birthday

Presidents' Day

Casimir Pulaski's B-Day

There is a November Election Day during the 24-25 school year and therefore school will need to be closed.

Good Friday (a day which the district is typically closed) does not fall within our proposed spring break during the 24-25 school year. It is currently marked as a school day.
This draft currently has 28 weeks with five full days of instruction.
ISBE calendar guidelines offer districts up to four Professional Learning Days per year. He included four possible dates in this draft.
The school has greatly benefited from the implementation of our early-release Wednesdays and therefore will continue with these days for the 2024-2025 school year.

The superintendent will bring an updated 2024-2025 calendar to the March meeting in hopes to bring it up to the Board for approval.

Press Policy Plus Subscription

The topic of Press Policy has been discussed. This is a paid service that the district subscribes to annually. The superintendent has recently had conversations with representatives from IASB regarding the upgraded Press Policy Plus Service. He has requested more information regarding this subscription including associated costs. Based on multiple issues that arose during the four year review with South Cook ISC 4. He recommended that we move forward with this subscription and he explain to the Board what it would provide for the District.

Item 11 Communication/Correspondence

None

Item 12 Upcoming Events/Activities

Wednesday, March 20 – Board of Education Meeting @ 6:30
Monday, March 25 - March 29 No School – Spring Break

Item 13 Items for Next Agenda

- Strategic Plan Update
- 2024-2025 School Calendar Approval
- 2024-2025 Staffing Plan

Item 14 Closed Session

None

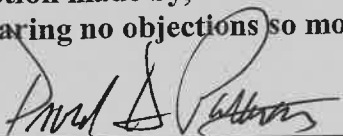
**Motion 24-046 by Bonomo, seconded by Wojciak to adjourn from closed meeting at 7:40pm.
Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Bonomo, Anderson, Wojciak, and Ponczek**

Item 15 Closing Actions

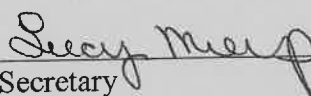
None

Item 16 Adjournment

**Motion 23-047: Adjournment at 7:05 pm
Motion made by, Ponczek Seconded by Wojciak
Hearing no objections so moved.**



President



Secretary