

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Education
Willow Springs Consolidated School District No. 108
Wednesday, May 29, 2024
Willow Springs School Library**

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Roll Call

Members present: Anderson, Bonomo, Mierop, and Ponczek
Administration: Superintendent Bahn & Principal Oreluk

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)

Board/Superintendent Announcements

The superintendent stated a family donated soccer uniforms and warmups. He will put together a letter to the family and then share it with the Board.

Financial Report

The superintendent stated Rob could not make it to the meeting. The monthly reports were shared with the Board. He said being over 100% is not a surprise. The finances are right on schedule with spending and will see where it stands after summer payroll.

Consent Agenda

The superintendent recommends the approval of the consent agenda.

Motion 24-067 by Bonomo, seconded by Anderson 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 April 17, 2024.

Consent #2

The superintendent recommends the approval of the payroll and the approval of the Payables in the amount of \$460,047.73, the reimbursement of the Imprest Fund in the amount of \$1,182.10 and approval of the Activity Fund balance of \$20,990.60 for the month of May 2024.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Mierop, and Ponczek

Item 8 Action Items

Approval of 2024-2025 AERO Special Education Cooperative Budget

The superintendent has included a copy of this budget which comes to each of the member districts annually for approval. The Executive Board has already approved this budget, and now member districts must approve prior to the AERO Governing Board taking action.

The superintendent recommends the approval of the 2024-2025 AERO Special Education Cooperative Budget.

Motion 24-068 by Bonomo, seconded by Mierop as recommended by the superintendent for the approval of the 2024-2025 AERO Special Education Cooperative Budget.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Mierop, and Ponczek

Approval of the 2024-2025 Administrative Contracts

The superintendent provided the signed contracts for Dr. Lexi Oreluk and Mr. Will Seidelmann for approval.

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the 2024-2025 Administrative Contracts as presented.

Motion 24-069 by Bonomo, seconded by Anderson as recommended by the superintendent the approval to the 2024-2025 Willow Springs Administrative Contracts as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Mierop, and Ponczek

Approval of April 2024 Personnel Report #24-05-29

The superintendent provided a report which included a recommended new employee for the 24-25 school year and a Resignation.

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the April 2024 Personnel Report which includes the employment of:

Sara Glowgoskki - Special Education Teacher

And resignation of:

Dan Dickman - Director of Building & Grounds

Motion 24-070 by Bonomo, seconded by Ponczek as recommended by the superintendent the approval of the April 2024 Personnel Report which includes the employment and resignation as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Yeas: Anderson, Bonomo, Mierop, and Ponczek

Item 9 Presentations/Committee Reports

None

Item 10 Information/Discussion Items

End of the Year Review

The superintendent provided a quick review of the end-of-year academic data for the Board. The staff relies on the MAP testing for K-8th grades. This is the most widely used testing by schools. They are looking for the numbers to increase from the fall testing to the spring testing. He explained the charts and the growth. Six of the nine grade levels are above seventy percent.

They plan to look at the language arts data to really figure out how to bring the scores up. With changing curriculum it takes a while to figure out.

IASB Policy Review

In March 2024, the superintendent discussed with the Board the process of customizing and updating the Board Policy Manual. He spoke with Nicholas Baumann, Policy Director of the Illinois Association of School Boards by phone to discuss this process. This will be a time-consuming effort and will take place over the course of 2-3 months. Although IASB places an emphasis on having Board participation throughout the process, they have agreed to allow him to complete this work with them and provide updates to the Board when necessary. He has provided a short letter that needs a signature from the board president to allow this process to begin. In the end of this process, the Board will ultimately need to approve the updated manual. He will provide updates to the

Board along the way and seek guidance regarding particular language that will need Board approval. This policy should be updated and put online.

South Cook ALOP Program

The superintendent stated, that last year South Cook cooperative offered a pilot program to member districts which provide the operation of alternative learning opportunity programs (ALOPs). These are intended to provide students at risk of academic failure with the education and support services needed to meet Illinois Learning Standards to complete their education in an orderly, safe learning environment. The pilot program has been extremely successful this year, and is therefore being offered to all South Cook districts. In the first year of the program, there is an associated cost for the district, but the cost of the program beyond the first year is covered through the evidence base funding model of the state.

He has been contacted by Erin Hackett, Superintendent of Central Stickney District 110 about sharing a position for this program. Doing so would provide great support to our students in need and the costs for the first year would be split between the two districts. Venessa Kinder told the superintendent that it would be ok for two districts to share the program. The cost for District 108 will be covered through a grant and thus not need any additional funds from the school.

District Summer Hours

The superintendent stated the he would like to modify the hours for the district office this summer. There have been times over the past few years when summer school has occurred on Mondays – Fridays. This year it will be held Monday – Thursday due to many student absences in the past and because of some changes in programming. Because of this, I would like to close the district office on Fridays. This is a practice that other districts have implemented and one that our district has considered previously. With some extended time during the work week, the office and building staff will be able to complete all tasks as needed without having to be in the school five days per week.

June 2024 Board Meeting Data

The superintendent stated that the June Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th. This is a holiday and the district will be closed. Because it is a newer holiday, this was overlooked last year when we scheduled the meeting dates. A new date will need to be decided on for the June meeting. He will email all the Board Members to come up with a date.

Item 11 Communication/Correspondence

None

Item 12 Upcoming Events/Activities

Friday, May 31 – Last Day of School – 11:45 dismissal

Item 13 Items for Next Agenda

- TBD

Item 14 Closed Session

None

Item 15 Closing Actions


None

Item 16 Adjournment

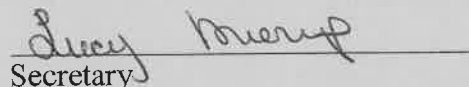
Motion 23-071: Adjournment at 7:09 pm

Motion made by, Bonomo Seconded by Mierop

Hearing no objections so moved.



President



Secretary