Board of Education Minutes

April 7, 2025

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was held in hybrid format on April 7, 2025 beginning at 6:30 PM. Present were Mrs. Mastroianni, Dr. Towle-Weicksel, Mrs. Wagner, Mrs. Mazzella, Mr. Stefanowicz, Mr. Burdick, and Mrs. Main. Also, in attendance was Mr. Hopkins, Superintendent of Schools and Mrs. Kathy Trammell, Business Manager.

Summary

The school board meeting focused on budget revisions and technology planning for FY26. Discussions centered around adjustments to staffing, summer school funding, and the implementation of a sustainable technology program, including Chromebook distribution and teacher laptop replacements. The board also considered various cost-saving measures and requested additional information on specific budget items to finalize decisions at the next meeting.

Call to Order

Mrs. Mastroianni called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comment

Please be advised that our meeting structure does not allow for two-way dialogue during public Comment, but the Board uses this information to guide their decision-making. Depending on the topic, they may ask the Superintendent or another District employee to follow up with you. Likewise, public comment might lead to a topic being added to a future meeting agenda.

No Public Comment

3. FY26 Budget

a. Budget Adjustments

Revised budget considerations were discussed, including additional savings on health insurance, \$117,500 for new equipment (90 Chromebooks, laptops, and switches), and insurance for Chromebooks

in addition to salary adjustments, summer school, Vo-Ag / Magnet tuition, pro service consultants, phones, non-lapsing, sports transportation, general building services, and a tech grant were addressed.

- Troy to monitor learning retention for 2025-2026
- Troy and Kathy to address need for maintenance and safety action plan for 20 passenger bus.
- Kathy to confirm the allocation of the \$12,000 Tech Grant.
- Troy to review and expand the technology sustainability plan with Learn and IT.
- 4. Motion to approve as a board and move to the board of finance the FY26 Education Budget of \$16,056,441. This motion made by Mr. Stefanowicz and seconded by Mrs. Main.

Motion carried by split decision.

Yea: 7, Nay: 1, Abstain: 0

Yea: Mr. Stefanowicz, Mr. Burdick, Mrs. Mastroianni, Mrs. Mazzella, Mrs. Main, Mrs.

Wagner, Mr. Austin

Nay: Dr. Towle-Weicksel

5. Public Comment

Comment was made.

6. <u>Motion to adjourn the Regular Board of Education Meeting at 7:45 p.m. This motion made by Mr. Burdick and seconded by Mrs. Main.</u>

Motion carried by unanimous decision.

Yea: 8, Nay: 0, Abstain: 0