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**Regular Meeting of the
Schiller Park School District #81
Board of Education**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 6:30 PM

LINCOLN MIDDLE SCHOOL LITTLE THEATER, 9750 SORENG AVENUE, SCHILLER PARK, Illinois
60176

In Attendance:

Alamillo: Present
DelZotti: Present
Downs: Present
Ewanio: Present
Fiore: Present
Saada: Present
Ziegler: Present

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Dr. Kimberly Boryszewski, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Tiffany Leiva, Director of Student Services
Ms. Kathy Manganello, Director of Communications
Mr. Eric Humbles, IT Director
Mr. Pasquale Maranto, Chief School Business Official
Dr. Melissa Kartsimas, Principal, Kennedy School
Ms. Michelle Howlett, Principal, Washington School
Dr. Constance Stavrou, Principal, Lincoln Middle School
Ms. Donna Maglione, Assistant Principal, Kennedy School
Ms. Kimberly Sendelbach, Assistant Principal, Kennedy School
Ms. Sara Grulke, Assistant Principal, Washington School
Mr. Brian Amsler, Assistant Principal, Lincoln Middle School

I. Call to Order @ 6:30 PM

II. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

III. Budget Hearing

Board president, Ms. Ewanio, opened the floor for the budget hearing. There was no public comment made during that time.

IV. **Consent Agenda**

That the Board of Education establish the Consent Agenda, as presented. This motion, made by Andrea DelZotti and seconded by Enas Saada, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Yea

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 16th, 2023

B. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 16th, 2023

C. Approval of the September 2023 Bills List A in the amount of \$669,071.60

D. Approval of the September 2023 Bills List B in the amount of \$771.71

E. Approval of Payroll for August 2023 in the amount of \$909,291.18

F. Finance Update

G. FOIA Report

V. Approval of Consent Agenda

That the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda, as presented. This motion, made by Andrea DelZotti and seconded by Stephanie Fiore, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Yea

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

VI. Discussion and Potential Action on Items Removed from Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

VII. Public Participation - Welcome to Visitors and Guests

On behalf of the SPEA, Ms. Cathy Weyna welcomed back the Board of Education to the new school year with a small token of appreciation. She thanked the Board for the great working relationship it has had with SPEA, in hopes of continuing it into the future.

VIII. Enrollment Reports

IX. **Board Business**

A. Triple I Conference - November 17-19

Dr. Boryszewski shared that the district is in the planning phase for the Triple I Conference with the agenda to follow. Board president extended her appreciation for all the hard work that goes into the planning for this conference.

B. IASB West Cook Division Meeting - October 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM

Dr. Boryszewski informed the Board that due to short notice, the recommendation is the Board not attend the West Cook Division meeting. Should this change, her office will send a registration sheet for those Board members who would like to attend.

Furthermore, Dr. Boryszewski was honored to share with the Board that two schools in the SD81 Learning Community have been chosen as high growth schools and highlighted in the NWEA research documentary. The documentary features ten SD81 teaching practices that stood out to the researchers whilst they observed in our schools. Out of 700 schools, 12 high growth schools in the state of Illinois were studied and of those 12, Kennedy Elementary and Lincoln Middle were part of the documentary. Kennedy and Lincoln School data produced higher-than-typical student growth for all learners: at grade level, below grade level, and above grade level meeting their growth targets. The researchers approached the Superintendent because they noticed something magical happening in our schools. Dr. Boryszewski added that teachers in SD81 keep their heads down and go to work every day doing what they do best without any accolades. They show up, differentiate, and meet students where they are so they can move them along on the curriculum. The superintendent shared that in teacher schools, they only teach new teachers to teach a grade level of students. Whereas in reality, you get a classroom of students at different levels on the continuum, and make a commitment to help them grow. She emphasized that SD81 instructional administrative team are the unsung heroes who hold difficult conversations to problem solve and develop action plans, so that teachers can meet our students where they are at and work their magic. Dr. Boryszewski commented that she is very proud of the administration and teachers for all of their dedication and success to SD81 students. She concluded by sharing that SD81 will be presenting the NWEA research documentary to the Village of Schiller Park at their Board meeting in October.

X. Old Business

A. Information

XI. New Business

A. Information

1. ExceleRate Gold Circle of Quality--Kennedy Preschool

Dr. Boryszewski shared that, for the second year in a row, our Kennedy Preschool program received the highest accolade from the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Superintendent added that she is very proud of Dr. Kartsimas, Ms. Maglione, Ms. Sendelbach, and the whole preschool team for all their hard work, and stellar programming.

2. Schiller Park Historical Society Presentation

Mrs. Diana Caffero updated the Board of Education on the work of the Schiller Park Historical Commission led for over 30 years by the esteemed Ms. June Oulund. The Commission is very grateful to Dr. Boryszewski and the Board of Education for bringing their collection out of the basement of the library into the sunlight of their beautiful new space. She added that words cannot express how in awe they are of their museum space. Mrs. Caffero shared they are working hard organizing events, meeting with students looking at artifacts, holding archeological digs, and gaining new volunteers. Ms. Caffero concluded with appreciation and excitement that the Commission looks forward to working together to preserve the past for the future.

Dr. Boryszewski pointed out that SD81 students are benefiting from the generations coming together, and we are thankful to the Commission for bridging the gap between our students and the special place they live in.

B. Action

1. Approval of District 81 2023-2024 Official Budget

That the Board of Education approve the District 81 2023-2024 Official Budget, as presented. This motion, made by Andrea DelZotti and seconded by Allison Downs, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Yea

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

2. Approval of Daily Certified Substitute Rate

That the Board of Education approve the Daily Certified Substitute Rate in the amount of \$150.00 dollars, as presented. This motion, made by Enas Saada and seconded by Jose Alamillo, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Yea
Saada: Yea
Ziegler: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

3. Approval of District 81 Emergency and Crisis Response Plan
That the Board of Education approve the District 81 Emergency and Crisis Response Plan, as presented. This motion, made by Stephanie Fiore and seconded by Jennifer Ziegler, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea
DelZotti: Yea
Downs: Yea
Ewanio: Yea
Fiore: Yea
Saada: Yea
Ziegler: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

4. Approval of the Posting of EIS Report to the District 81 Website
That the Board of Education approve the Posting of EIS Report to the District 81 Website, as presented. This motion, made by Enas Saada and seconded by Jose Alamillo, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea
DelZotti: Yea
Downs: Yea
Ewanio: Yea
Fiore: Yea
Saada: Yea
Ziegler: Yea
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XII. Executive Session

That the Board of Education adjourn to Executive Session at 7:05 P.M. to discuss personnel and closed meeting minutes. This motion, made by Allison Downs and seconded by Jennifer Ziegler, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea
DelZotti: Yea
Downs: Yea
Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Yea

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

That the Board of Education reconvene the Regular Board Meeting of September 20th, 2023 at 7:24 P.M. This motion, made by Allison Downs and seconded by Enas Saada, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Yea

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

A. 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

XIII. Personnel

A. Approval / Acceptance of Personnel Report

That the Board of Education approve / accept the Personnel Report, as presented. This motion, made by Stephanie Fiore and seconded by Jennifer Ziegler, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Yea

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV. Public Participation

There was none.

XV. Adjournment

That the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Board Meeting on September 20th, 2023 at 7:24 P.M. This motion, made by Jennifer Ziegler and seconded by Jose Alamillo,

Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Yea

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 7, Nay: 0


Board Secretary