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

Wednesday, October 18, 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: Absent  
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. Michael Deany, Director of Buildings & Grounds  
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

I. Call to Order @ 6:30 PM

II. Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

III. **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: Absent  
Saada: Yea  
Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

- A. Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 20, 2023
- B. Approval of Closed Session Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of September 20, 2023
- C. Approval of the October 2023 Bills List A in the amount of \$474,729.24
- D. Approval of Payroll for September 2023 in the amount of \$1,000,636.05
- E. Finance Update
- F. FOIA Report

#### IV. Approval of Consent Agenda

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

Alamillo: Yea  
DelZotti: Yea  
Downs: Yea  
Ewanio: Yea  
Fiore: Absent  
Saada: Yea  
Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

#### V. Discussion and Potential Action on Items Removed from Consent Agenda

There were no items removed from the Consent Agenda.

#### VI. Public Participation - Welcome to Visitors and Guests

There was none.

#### VII. Enrollment Reports

#### VIII. Board Business

##### A. Triple I Conference - November 17-19

Dr. Boryszewski suggested to the Board to carpool to the Triple I Conference in November because of the parking. Conference packet is being prepared and will be ready at the next meeting.

##### B. IASB Board Leader Recognition

The Superintendent congratulated Board member Allison Downs who has maintained her Master Board Member Status. Dr. Boryszewski added that Ms. Downs sets a fine

example for the rest of the board and especially the new board members.

Board president, Mrs. Ewanio, concluded that being a Master Board Member is something to be proud of and goes above and beyond duties as a board member.

Congratulations, Ms. Allison Downs!

**IX. Old Business**

**A. Information**

There was no Old Business.

**X. New Business**

**A. Information**

**1. NWEA Feature Presentation**

The Superintendent introduced Ms. Nola Bredal, the VP of Partner Accounts from Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA), who came to share the findings on the partnership of SD81 schools, particularly Kennedy and Lincoln, with NWEA's researcher, Mr. Chase Nordengreen. Ms. Bredal began by showcasing a 2018 longitudinal study by a researcher, Andrew Hegedus, who studied 700,000 students in 25,000 public schools. Mr. Hegedus's study showed that high-growth schools could exist in communities that have a variety of income levels and demographics. Some of those high-growth schools exist in high income, homogenous communities and some of the high-growth schools exist in low income, heterogeneous communities. Schiller Park schools look like other schools across the country in the way that the student population is 55% non-white, 62% are on free or reduced lunch, 25% are English Language Learners, but that SD81 spends \$2000 less per pupil than the national average. "Yet! Look at what you're doing! You beat the odds! You are producing higher than typical student growth across every decile of student achievement 6 years in a row!" Ms. Bredal said. "This includes students who are in the 10th percentile, 20th percentile, 30th percentile, 40th percentile, 90th percentile and all the other percentiles," she added. Ms. Bredal shared with the Board of Education, Mr. Nordengreen's excitement about District 81 and the "impactful, joyful, and effective instruction" he was able to witness as he observed district 81 teachers in their element. She further commented that all kids are not at grade level, and that post-pandemic half are below grade level across the country. Some are even two grade levels below. The volume of the debate about what makes for the most effective teaching has intensified, especially post-pandemic, she said. Is it providing all students with grade-level instruction or is it pulling students out and addressing them where they are, whether above, at, or below grade level? The answer is both! It is no longer acceptable to do one or the other. Teachers can and must balance both to achieve high growth for all students. It is non-negotiable, she supplemented. In summary, that is exactly what District 81 teachers are doing in their classrooms, and why NWEA appreciates greatly that

you allowed us to share with a megaphone what you've done, Ms. Bredel continued. As a result, Mr. Nordengreen's research in District 81 is visible nationwide. Everyone is able to see the impact of SD81 instruction in the "Transformative 10" documentary as well as googling "NWEA high growth for all." The Superintendent amplified the fact that as a district we are not looking for accolades. We are here doing good work for the kids. The NWEA found our district, and reached out to us. We did not go looking for them, and that's important. We keep our heads down and try to make strives for the kids, she said. The Superintendent concluded with great appreciation towards the administrators who are the unsung heroes doing this great work, and to receive national recognition is something so much different, broader and we could not be more proud!

Board president, Ms. Ewanio, added it is not an easy feat! We are so proud and honored! Thank you!

## 2. November 2023 Board of Education Meeting Time

Due to the Triple I Conference, the Board set a 5:30 P.M time for the November 15th, 2023 Regular Board of Education meeting.

### **B. Action**

1. Resolution 24-01 of The Board Of Education Directing the School Treasurer to Permanently Transfer Moneys in the Amount of \$350,000.00 from the O&M Fund to the Capital Projects Fund

That the Board of Education approve the Resolution 24-01 of the Board of Education directing the School Treasurer to permanently transfer moneys in the amount of \$350,000.00 from the O&M Fund to Capital Projects Fund, as presented. This motion, made by Allison Downs and seconded by Jose Alamillo, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Absent

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. Resolution 24-02 of The Board Of Education Directing the School Treasurer to Permanently Transfer Moneys in the Amount of \$350,000.00 from the Education Fund to the Capital Projects Fund

That the Board of Education approve the Resolution 24-02 of the Board of Education directing the School Treasurer to permanently transfer moneys in the amount of \$350,000.00 from the Education Fund to the Capital Projects Fund, as presented. This motion, made by Jose Alamillo and seconded by Enas Saada, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Absent

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

#### **XI. Executive Session**

A. Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06

B. 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).

#### **C. Action on Closed Session Item**

1. Action on Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 2021 - August 2021

That the Board of Education maintain the closed session meeting minutes of March 2021 to August 2021 closed to the public, as discussed. This motion, made by Andrea DelZotti and seconded by Jennifer Ziegler, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Absent

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

2. Action on Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 2022 - August 2022

That the Board of Education maintain the closed session meeting minutes of March 2022 to August 2022 closed to the public, as discussed. This motion, made

by Jennifer Ziegler and seconded by Enas Saada, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Absent

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**3. Action on Closed Session Meeting Minutes of March 2023 - August 2023**

That the Board of Education maintain the closed session meeting minutes of March 2023 to August 2023 closed to the public, as discussed. This motion, made by Allison Downs and seconded by Enas Saada, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Absent

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**4. Approval of an Administrative Contract**

That the Board of Education approve the Administrative Contract, as discussed. This motion, made by Jose Alamillo and seconded by Enas Saada, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea

DelZotti: Yea

Downs: Yea

Ewanio: Yea

Fiore: Absent

Saada: Yea

Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

**XII. Personnel**

**A. Approval/Acceptance of Personnel Report**

That the Board of Education approve/accept the Personnel Report, as presented. This motion, made by Andrea DelZotti and seconded by Enas Saada, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea  
DelZotti: Yea  
Downs: Yea  
Ewanio: Yea  
Fiore: Absent  
Saada: Yea  
Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

#### XIII. Public Participation

There was none.

#### XIV. Adjournment

That the Board of Education adjourn the Regular Board Meeting on October 18th, 2023 at 7:14 P.M. This motion, made by Enas Saada and seconded by Jennifer Ziegler, Passed.

Alamillo: Yea  
DelZotti: Yea  
Downs: Yea  
Ewanio: Yea  
Fiore: Absent  
Saada: Yea  
Ziegler: Yea

Yea: 6, Nay: 0, Absent: 1

  
Board Secretary