
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, NAPERVILLE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 203, DUPAGE AND WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, HELD AT District Administration Building, 203 West Hillside Road, Naperville, IL 60540 February 21, 2023 AT 7:00 P.M., CLOSED SESSION 5:00 p.m.

Call to order

President Kristin Fitzgerald called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

Board members present: Kristin Fitzgerald, Kristine Gericke, Amanda McMillen, Joe Kozminski. Donna Wandke (via Phone), and Tony Casey (Via phone and in person) Absent: Charles Cush.

Administrators present were:

Dan Bridges, Superintendent,

Bob Ross, Chief Human Resources Officer

Michael Frances, Chief Financial Officer/CSBO

Closed Session

Amanda McMillen moved, seconded by Kristine Gericke to go into Closed Session at 5:10 pm. for consideration of:

1. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c) (21) Discussion of minutes lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06. 01/23/2023, 02/06/2023.
2. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District.
3. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
4. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal.
5. Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts.

Meeting Opening

Amanda McMillen made a motion, seconded by Joe Kozminski to return to Open Session at 7:03 pm. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: McMillen, Fitzgerald, Gericke, Casey, and Kozminski. No: None. Absent: Donna Wandke and Charles Cush. The motion carried.

Amanda McMillen made a motion seconded by Kristine Gericke to allow Board Member Donna Wandke to join the meeting via phone. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: McMillen, Fitzgerald, Casey, Kozminski, and Gericke. Those voting no: None. Absent: Charles Cush.

Welcome and Mission

Kristin Fitzgerald welcomed all and read Naperville Community Unit School District 203's Mission Statement.

Roll Call

Board members present: Kristin Fitzgerald, Kristine Gericke, Tony Casey, Charles Cush, Joe Kozminski, Amanda McMillen and Donna Wandke.

Student Ambassadors present: Joanna Cho

Administrators present: Dan Bridges, Superintendent, Roger Brunelle, Chief Information Officer, Allison Boutet, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, Michael Frances, Chief Finance Officer/CSBO Chuck Freundt, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education, Chala Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, Lisa Xagas, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Alex Mayster, Executive Director for Communications, Patrick Nolten, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability, Bob Ross, Chief Human Resources Officer, and Jayne Willard, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Kingsley Elementary School

Superintendent Bridges welcomed Kingsley Elementary. Principal Erin Marker had her students introduce themselves after which they led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Good News

Prairie Elementary kindergarten teacher Courtney Loos was recently featured as WGN's February Teacher of the Month. Mrs. Loos was nominated by the mother of a student who said she was beyond grateful for the support and kindness of her son's teacher. Mrs. Loos has been with us at Prairie Elementary for the past nine years, where she has done an excellent job supporting her "KinderStars." Thank you, Courtney, for your constant support of our students and families.

Naperville Central sophomore Sam Kagan was recently featured on NBC News for his efforts to inspire others with a song he composed while battling brain cancer. Kagan, who is a member of the NCHS jazz band, turned to music after the completion of proton therapy, in an effort to provide hope for others undergoing similar treatments. He named his song "Jovial Echoes" because it is meant to be inspiring and happy while remembering the past. We have the song ready to play for you now.

Sam's story and his music are truly an inspiration. Thank you.

Recognition:

NNHS Science Bowl State Champions

NNHS Principal Posey and Science Bowl Coach Kevin Farrell recognized the students of the Science Bowl who won 1st place in the State competition. They will next compete at the national level in Washington, D.C. in late April.

NNHS Presidential Scholars

Superintendent Bridges and Principal Posey recognized two students from NNHS who were named as Presidential Scholars.

NCHS Presidential Scholars

Superintendent Bridges and Principal Thornton recognized four students from NCHS who were named as Presidential Scholars.

Public Comment:

None.

President Fitzgerald noted that the Board of Education appreciates your advocacy. Acknowledged all who have emailed public comments. As a reminder, the BOE has designated the Superintendent to respond to public comments.

Monthly Reports

- Treasury Report- The Board received the December Treasurer's Statement
- Investments- The Board received the December Investment Report
- Insurance-The Board received the December Insurance Report
- Budget-The Board Received the December Budget Report

Board Questions/Comments:

None.

Action by Consent:

1. **Bills and Claims** from WARRANT NO. 1049757 THRU WARRANT NO.1050306 TOTALING \$9,802,841.62 FOR THE PERIOD OF January 24, 2023, to February 21, 2023.

2. Adoption of Personnel Report

	Effective Date	Location	Position
RETIREMENT-ADMINISTRATION			
Nancy Van Ness	End of 22-23 SY	Kingsley	Assistant Principal
Nancy Voise	30-Jun-23	MJHS	Principal
APPOINTMENT-ADMINISTRATION			
Julie Scott	1-Jul-23	MJHS	Principal
RETIREMENT-CERTIFIED			
Sylvia Arizaga	End of 22-23 SY	River Woods	2nd Grade Dual Language
Jeffry Bedore	End of 22-23 SY	NNHS	Social Science Teacher
Christopher Benyo	End of 22-23 SY	Meadow Glens	Physical Education Teacher
Lisa Catalano	End of 22-23 SY	NNHS	School Social Worker
Sara Galdikas	End of 22-23 SY	NNHS	School Social Worker
Susan Gedz	End of 22-23 SY	Meadow Glens	Kindergarten Teacher
Karen Hannon	End of 22-23 SY	Ellsworth	Learning Commons Director
Victoria Hegrans	End of 22-23 SY	Elmwood	Learning Behavior Specialist
Laura Iverson	End of 22-23 SY	NNHS	School Counselor

Margaret Kiefer	End of 22-23 SY	Ann Reid ECC	EC Parent Coordinator
Terrence Kinn	End of 22-23 SY	Mill Street	Second Grade Teacher
Frank Larucci	End of 22-23 SY	Lincoln JR. High	Social Science Teacher
Jane Loan	End of 22-23 SY	Washingt on JH	Learning Behavior Specialist
Pamela McNeeley	End of 22-23 SY	NCHS	School Counselor
Andrew McWhirter	End of 22-23 SY	NNHS	Science Department Chair
Kevin Meehan	End of 22-23 SY	KJHS	Social Science Teacher
Danis Miller- Bucholz	End of 22-23 SY	NNHS	Communicati on Arts Teacher
Angela Moreau	End of 22-23 SY	Ellsworth	Kindergarten Teacher
Jean Nauman	End of 22-23 SY	Beebe	First Grade Teacher
Beth Nudera	End of 22-23 SY	Jefferson Jr. High	Physical Education Teacher
James Polites	End of 22-23 SY	Scott	5th Grade Teacher
Robert Porter	End of 22-23 SY	NCHS	Math Teacher
Susan Rampy	End of 22-23 SY	WJHS & KJHS	Occupational Therapist
Anne Ramsay	End of 22-23 SY	Prairie	Learning Behavior Specialist
Michelle Reeves	End of 22-23 SY	Steeple Run	Learning Behavior Specialist
Jennifer Rogers	End of 22-23 SY	Prairie	5th Grade Teacher
Janet Sommerville	End of 22-23 SY	PSAC	Project Manager
Dawn Wheeler	End of 22-23 SY	Prairie	School Social Worker
Tana Williams	End of 22-23 SY	Steeple Run	Learning Commons Teacher

RESIGNATION-CERTIFIED			
Kathleen Blonn	2/13/2023	Highlands	1st Grade Teacher
Jennifer Walsh	2/14/2023	Ranch View	EL Teacher
Amie Silder	2/20/2023	Elmwood	Music Teacher-Vocal
Ellen Hanson	2/28/2023	NCHS	Spanish Teacher
Kelli Stanford	3/22/2023	Maplebrook	2nd Grade Teacher
Jessica Sayler	8/13/2023	Maplebrook	2nd Grade Teacher
Emily Chalut	5/26/2023	NCHS	French Teacher
Lisa Tyler	5/26/2023	NNHS	School Psychologist
Sara Parretta	5/26/2023	Mill Street	3rd Grade Dual Language
EXTEND LEAVE OF ABSENCE-CERTIFIED			
Jenna Cole	SY23/24	River Woods	Learning Behavior Specialist
RESIGNATION-CLASSIFIED			
Jacqueline Pratt	2/2/2023	Connections	Special Education Assistant
Hunter McCoy	2/24/2023	NCHS	Special Education Assistant
Christina Barbaccia	2/24/2023	ARECC	Special Education Assistant
Cassandra Schafer	2/13/2023	Meadow Glens	Special Education Assistant
Gary Spitzer	2/17/2023	Buildings and Grounds	District-Utility Custodian

3. Minutes 01/23/2023, 02/06/2023

4. Approval of Closed Session Minutes 01/23/2023, 02/06/2023

Amanda McMillen made a motion to approve warrant NO. 1049757 thru warrant NO.1050306 totaling \$9,802,841.62 for the period of January 24, 2023 to February 21, 2023 and the remaining items on the Consent Agenda with exception of the February 6, 2023 open session and closed session minutes, seconded by Kristine Gericke. Those voting yes: Casey, McMillen, Kozminski, Wandke, Gericke, and Fitzgerald. No: None. Absent: Charles Cush. The motion carried.

Amanda McMillen made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 open session and closed session minutes as presented, seconded by Kristine Gericke. Those voting yes: McMillen, Fitzgerald, Wandke, Gericke, and Kozminski. Those Abstaining: Casey. Those voting no: None. Absent: Charles Cush. The motion carried.

Superintendent Bridges introduced Julie Scott as the next Principal of MJHS. Julie offered a few words of gratitude and excitement to be the next leader at MJHS.

Communications

Student Ambassador Reports: Joanna Cho NNHS

- Our spring play, "Naperville!" ran from January 26-29,
- Our annual Orchestration show, "Love is in the Air" had shows from February 9 to 11. Both enjoyed amazing performances and full audiences!
- Clash of the Sequins was on February 18.
- We are also happy to announce that our Science Bowl team won the 2023 National Science Bowl Regionals competition! We could not be more proud of our Huskies and their hard work and determination.
- Boys and girls basketball are wrapping up their respective seasons
- We also want to celebrate some of our other sports, such as boys swim, dance, and girls' gymnastics as they have completed their seasons.
- Spring sports registration and pre-season have begun for sports like lacrosse, girls' soccer, water polo and track and field, among many others.
- This past month at North has been a busy one, and we look forward to what comes next!

Written Communications

Propublica Freedom of Information Act Request-Student Information
Outlaw Freedom of Information Act Request-Staff Information
Local Labs Freedom of Information Act Request-Staff Information
Laubersheiner Freedom of Information Act Request-Staff Information
IRTA Freedom of Information Act Request- Staff Retirement Information
BEward Freedom of Information Act Request-Professional Learning Information
BEward Freedom of Information Act Request-Author presentation information
Diomedee Freedom of Information Act Information- Author presentation information

Superintendent/Staff/School Report

AASA Conference where he and other members of the Administrative team shared the great work of the District at the AASA National conference. We were able to give a number of presentations highlighting the work of the District. One presentation was on the College and Career readiness.

President's Report

IASB book study, High Conflict, ended today. Was joined by the author at today's session. Recommend the book studies to all if there is time.

Board of Education Reports:

Board member Kozminski shared that NEF 30th Anniversary Breakfast on March 22. Please purchase tickets at NEF.

Discussion with Action:

General and Optional Fees:

Superintendent Bridges noted that annually the BOE approves the fees.

Recommends approval of the Gen and Optional fees as presented.

Board Questions/Comments:

None.

Joe Kozminski made a motion to approve the General and Optional fees as presented, Amanda McMillen seconded. Those voting yes: Casey, Fitzgerald, McMillen, Kozminski, Wandke, and Gericke. Those voting No: None. Absent: Charles Cush. Motion carried.

High School Course Fees

Recommend that the BOE approve as presented. Dr. Holland and AP will work with Home and School for any additional fees or donations.

Board Questions/Comments:

This discussion would allow the H&S fees to be increased?

Superintendent Bridges noted that the team would do the work.

Will we receive a follow-up?

Superintendent Bridges stated that it would likely be in the form of a report.

Amanda McMillen made a motion to approve the High School Course Fees as presented, Kristine Gericke seconded. Those voting yes: Fitzgerald, Wandke, Casey, Kozminski, McMillen, and Gericke. Those voting no: None. Absent: Cush. Motion carried.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Upcoming Events

March 6 and March 20 are the next Board of Education meetings.

March 22 is the NEF Breakfast.

Spring Break begins on March 27.

Adjournment

Amanda McMillen moved seconded by Joe Kozminski to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 pm. A roll call vote was taken. Those voting yes: Casey, Wandke, Gericke, McMillen, Kozminski, and Fitzgerald. Those voting no: None. Absent: Charles Cush. The motion carried.

Approved: March 20, 2023

Kristin Fitzgerald, President, Board of Education

Susan Patton, Secretary, Board of Education