

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
DISTRICT 87, COOK COUNTY  
ILLINOIS, HELD ON  
April 24, 2023

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hightower at 8:23 pm in the Boardroom of the Administration Office, 1200 N. Wolf Road, Berkeley, IL.

**ROLL CALL**

On roll call by the secretary, the following were present: Members Hightower, Jackson, O'Connell, Mora & Mason. Absent: Chavez & Sosa. Also present were Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Travis, Mrs. Vince & Mrs. Zimmerman

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Jackson Mason Mora O'Connell	Nays: None  Absent: Chavez Sosa
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Motion Carried 5-0

**AUDIT PLANNING**

Joe Lightcap, the District's auditor from Baker Tilly Virchow Krause presented the board with an overview of the upcoming audit process for the Fiscal Year 2023

**AWARD BID RELOCATION**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARD THE RELOCATION SERVICES BE APPROVED TO BID TO HOLLANDER MOVING & STORAGE CO. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$88,345.00, AS PRESENTED

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Mora Mason Hightower Jackson O'Connell	Nays: None  Absent: Chavez Sosa
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Motion carried 5-0

**AWARD BID SIGNAGE & BLINDS**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AWARD THE SIGNAGE AND BLINDS FOR SUNNYSIDE INTERMEDIATE, RILEY INTERMEDIATE, MACARTHUR MIDDLE SCHOOLS TO JUST RITE ACOUSTICS, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Jackson Mason Mora O'Connell Hightower	Nays: None  Absent: Sosa Chavez
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Motion Carried 5-0



**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ORAL:**

Mrs. Bryant has concerns regarding the High School that her child will be attending since he has special needs. She expressed some of her concerns and would like some definite answers.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/WRITTEN:**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT ALL CORRESPONDENCE BE PUT ON FILE AS, PRESENTED EXCEPT THAT WHICH REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Jackson	Nays: None
	Hightower	
	O'Connell	Absent: Sosa
	Mora	Chavez
	Mason	

Motion carried 5-0

**CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member Mason moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD MARCH 20, 2023, AND THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 27, 2023, BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Mora	Nays: None
	Hightower	
	O'Connell	Absent: Sosa
	Mason	Chavez
	Jackson	

Motion Carried 5-0

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT** None

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION** None

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Accounts and Claims payable figures and Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member O'Connell , THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,523,181.72 AS FOLLOWS:

PAYROLL 3/31/23.....	\$ 858,448.37
PAYROLL 4/15/23.....	876,494.80
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS	1,475,260.60



REFERENDUM PROJECTS..... 2,289,811.38  
P-CARD LISTING..... 17,166.57  
TOTAL \$ 5,523,181.72

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Roll Call Vote Ayes: O'Connell Nays: None  
Mora  
Mason Absent:Sosa  
Jackson Chavez  
Hightower

Motion carried 5-0

**MONTHLY BUILDING REPORT**

Mrs. Vince explained the Monthly Building Rental Report is submitted for information purposes only.

**FACILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION** None

**SPECIAL SERVICES** None

**HUMAN RESOURCES** None

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS** None

**CLOSED SESSION**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mason, THAT THE BOARD RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION TO CONSIDER A STUDENT DISCIPLINE/ RESIDENCY MATTER; TO CONSIDER THE PURCHASE/LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY; TO CONSIDER INFORMATION REGARDING APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, OR DISMISSAL OF AN EMPLOYEE OR OFFICER; TO CONSIDER PENDING LITIGATION OR DISCUSS NEGOTIATIONS.

The Board recessed to closed session at 8:30 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 9:12 pm with all members present.

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**REPORTS OF THE BOARD:**

**PAEC** Member O'Connell reported on the meeting of April 19, 2023. We approved the minutes from the Governing Board Meeting of March 15 as presented. We also approved the consent agenda which encompasses payroll, bills and new business as presented. We also approved Employment, Resignations and Terminations as presented. Approved a FMLA request from an employee. Approved the contractual agreement for a social worker with Fox Hire Client Services. Approved the contractual agreement from the Stepping Stones Group for a speech language pathologist March 27, 2023 through the end of the school year. We also approved a number of other agreements for employees for the 2023-2024 school year, Calendar as presented. We approved the proposed ESY (extended school year) calendar as presented. June 9, 2023 through June 30, 2023. We approved the 2023-2024 meeting dates to be held at 6 pm on July 19, Aug. 16. Sept 20, Oct. 18, Nove15, Dec. 20 - Jan. 17, 2024, Feb. 21, March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 19. Approved Resolutions for Retirement for 3 PAEC employees as presented. Approved contractual agreement between Peoples Cab &





PAEC for the 203-2024 school year with no changes from last year's contract as presented. Approved Contract Renewal For Michael James, Executive Director, for 2023-2028 as discussed in closed session. We also approved contract renewal for the Director, for 2023-2027 as discussed in closed session. Next PAEC Board Meeting - Wed., May 17 at 6 pm.

**EDUCATION & FINANCE** No Report

**POLICY & LEGISLATION** policies

**FACILITIES** No Report

**HEALTH/SAFETY & TRANSPORTATION** No Report

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** No Report

**PARENT-TEACHER DISCIPLINE ADVISORY** No Report

**BILINGUAL ADVISORY** No Report

**FOOD SERVICE ADVISORY** No Report

**SUPERINTENDENT:**

**LICENSED PERSONNEL - RESIGNATION**

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL RESIGNATION

AARON POLCHOW

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower  
Jackson  
Mora  
O'Connell

Nays: None

Absent: Chavez  
Sosa  
Mason

Motion carried 4-0

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**ADMINISTRATOR -RESIGNATION**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION FROM THE FOLLOWING ADMINISTRATOR

EULALIA VALDEZ DIRECTOR OF LEARNING EFFECTIVE JUNE 30, 2023

Roll Call Vote: Ayes O'Connell  
Hightower  
Jackson  
Mora

Nays: None

Absent: Chavez  
Sosa  
Mason

Motion carried 4-0





**INTENT TO RETIRE**

Member Mora moved, second ed by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE LICENSED PERSONNEL INTENT TO RETIRE:

THE FOLLOWING:

KARA FLEMING RILEY INCLUSION TEACHER EFFECTIVE END OF 2025-2026

JACQUELINE BROWNE RILEY 3RD GRADE TEACHER EFFECTIVE END OF 2025-2026

DIANE KUTSCHKE WHITTIER READING TEACHER EFFECTIVE END OF 2025-2026

Roll Call Vote Ayes: O'Connell Nays: None  
Mora  
Jackson Absent: Sosa  
Hightower Chavez  
Mason

Motion carried 4-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - EMPLOYMENTS**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOY THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL PENDING ALL EMPLOYMENT PAPERWORK:

JORIE MOTEN - MacArthur Middle School Teacher Aide

MONSERRAT CHAVEZ - Riley Teacher Aide Northlake Middle School

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower Nays: None  
Jackson  
Mora Absent: Sosa  
O'Connell Chavez  
Mason

Motion Carried 4-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - RESIGNATIONS**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION:

JASMINE ZESATI effective May 1st, 2023

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Jackson Nays: None  
Hightower  
Mason Absent: Sosa  
O'Connell Chavez  
Mason



Motion Carried 4-0

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**INTENT TO RETIRE**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE INTENT TO RETIRE OF THE FOLLOWING PERSONNEL:

**KATHLEEN KUCEBA NUTRITIONAL SERVICE SUPERVISOR EFFECTIVE JUNE 9, 2023**

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Mora	Nays: None
	O'Connell	
	Jackson	Absent: Mason
	Hightower	Chavez
		Sosa

Motion carried 4-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - LEAVE OF ABSENCES:

**NANCY MARTINEZ**

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Jackson	Nays: None
	Hightower	
	O'Connell	Absent: Sosa
	Mora	Chavez
		Mason

Motion Carried 4-0

**FUNDRAISERS**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FUNDRAISERS, AS PRESENTED:

**WHITTIER**

McTeacher Night  
Spirit.Wear

**NORTHLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**



McDonalds Night

**SUNNYSIDE**

\$100 Donation for Camp Duncan Trip

Roll Call Vote Ayes: O'Connell                      Nays: None

Hightower

Jackson

Mora Absent: Sosa

Mason

Chavez

Motion carried 4-0

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**MONTHLY REPORT**

Dr. Sullivan thanked everyone for their work. He gave updates on the upcoming staffing plan for the 2023 school year. He updated the board on registration for the returning families.

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION:**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Zimmerman and Dr. Mieszanek shared information regarding the Title 1 Consolidated District Plan.

**APPROVE CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN**

Member Mora moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE CONSOLIDATED DISTRICT PLAN FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR, AS PRESENTED:

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower

Jackson

Mora

O'Connell

Nays: None

Absent: Mason

Chavez

Sosa

Motion carried 4-0

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 3-20-2023.



**APPROVE TENTATIVE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE TENTATIVE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 AS PRESENTED, ESTABLISH MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023 AS THE DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET, DIRECT THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR FINANCE AND OPERATIONS TO HAVE PUBLISHED THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR THIS DATE, AND TO DISPLAY THE TENTATIVE AMENDED BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023 IN THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower  
Jackson  
Mora  
O'Connell

Nays: None

Absent: Sosa  
Mason  
Chavez

Motion carried 4-0

**ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF INTEREST BETWEEN FUNDS**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE TRANSFER OF INTEREST BETWEEN FUNDS, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Hightower  
Jackson  
Mora  
O'Connell

Nays: None

Absent: Chavez  
Sosa  
Mason

Motion carried 4-0

**APPROVE CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH NSN EMPLOYER SERVICES**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE RENEWAL CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH NSN EMPLOYER SERVICES, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Jackson  
Hightower  
O'Connell  
Mora

Nays: None

Absent: Sosa  
Chavez  
Mason

Motion carried 4-0

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZE THE BUSINESS OFFICE TO OFFER THE STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE PROGRAM AS PRESENTED BY ZEVITZ-REDFIELD & ASSOCIATES, INC. AS A SERVICE TO FAMILIES IN DISTRICT #87 FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: Mora  
Jackson  
Hightower  
O'Connell

Nays: None

Absent: Chavez  
Sosa  
Mason

Motion carried 4-0





**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER 144- 156 2020 REFERENDUM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CHANGE ORDER NO. 143-156, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote   Ayes: Mora  
                          Hightower  
                          O'Connell  
                          Jackson  
  Nays: None  
  Absent: Sosa  
  Chavez  
  Mason

Motion carried 4-0

**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #3 FURNITURE- SUNNYSIDE/MACARTHUR**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE THE FURNITURE FOR THE SUNNYSIDE/MACARTHUR PROJECTS CHANGE ORDER THREE, AS PRESENTED

Roll Call Vote   Ayes: Jackson  
                          O'Connell  
                          Mora  
                          Hightower  
  Nays: None  
  Absent: Chavez  
  Sosa  
  Mason

Motion carried 4-0

**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER #1**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVE CHANGE ORDER ONE, AS PRESENTED

Roll Call Vote   Ayes: Hightower  
                          O'Connell  
                          Mora  
                          Jackson  
  Nays: None  
  Absent: Sosa  
  Chavez  
  Mason

Motion carried 4-0

**AUTHORIZE 205 S. WOLF ROAD NORTHLAKE DEMOLITION PROJECT**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUTHORIZE THE 205 S. WOLF ROAD, NORTHLAKE DEMOLITION PROJECT, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote   Ayes: Hightower  
  Nays: None

**STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE RENEWAL**

**ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Vince received information from Mr. Miller from the Village of Berkeley to determine and coordinate if District 87 could benefit from a butterfly garden and natural planting in the new Sunnyside and MacArthur property. The District received the electric measure incentive of \$18,249.00. Mrs. Vince also mentioned that District 87 was awarded the National School Lunch Program for the fiscal year 2023 (May 2023-May 2024).

**MONTHLY REPORT**



Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 3/20/23.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Travis. Updated the Board that new candidates will be added for approval at the next Board meeting. She reminded the board regarding the statement of economic interest. With the Board consensus she was invited to attend and wanted the boards consensus to attend.

**FACILITIES MONTHLY REPORT**

Mr. White will focus on hiring the custodial staff.

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**TECHNOLOGY MONTHLY REPORT**

None

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS** None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Jackson, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 9:30PM.

Roll Call Vote Ayes: O'Connell  
Hightower  
Jackson  
Mora

Nays: None

Absent: Sosa  
Chavez  
Mason

Motion carried 4-0

ATTEST:

Secretary

Margaret 'Peg' O'Connell

President

Calvin Hightower

