

REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 87,  
COOK COUNTY ILLINOIS, HELD ON  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022

**CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Hightower at 8:19 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, Chavez, Jackson, Mason, Mora, Sosa and O'Connell. Also *present were Dr. Sullivan, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mrs. Vince, Mrs. Travis, Mr. Byrne, Ms. Spatafore and Mrs. Mieszanek.*

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

Motion carried 7-0

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / WRITTEN:**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT ALL CORRESPONDENCE BE PUT ON FILE AS PRESENTED EXCEPT THAT WHICH REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ATTENTION.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION / ORAL: NONE**

**CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS:**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD AUGUST 29, 2022, THE CLOSED SESSION MINUTES OF AUGUST 29, 2022, BE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED TO BOARD MEMBERS PRIOR TO THIS MEETING.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower	
		Chavez	Nays: None
		Jackson	

O'Connell  
Mason  
Sosa  
Mora

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

**REPORTS**

**SUPERINTENDENT** None

**CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION** None

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Accounts and Claims payable figures and Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE EXPENDITURES BE APPROVED IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,283,977.36 AS FOLLOWS:

PAYROLL 08/31/22.....	\$ 791,160.41
PAYROLL 09/15/22.....	\$ 886,976.34
REGULAR BOARD ACCOUNTS PAYABLE LISTINGS	\$ 1,324,196.50
REFERENDUM PROJECTS .....	\$ 8,265,230.78
P-CARD FUND LISTINGS .....	\$ 16,413.33

TOTAL \$ 11,283,977.36

Roll Call Vote

Ayes: Hightower  
Chavez  
Jackson  
O'Connell  
Mora  
Sosa  
Mason

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

**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 Sosa, 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; OR TO CONSIDER PENDING LITIGATION.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Jackson O'Connell Mora Sosa Mason	Nays: None  Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

The Board recessed to closed session at 08:36 pm.

The Board reconvened to open session at 09:56 pm with all members present.

**CONSIDERATION OF NEW BUSINESS:**

**REPORTS OF THE BOARD:**

**PAEC.** Member O'Connell reported on the regular meeting held on September 21, 2022. The Governing Board approved the consent agenda items including payroll, bills, new business, employments, resignations, and terminations, as presented. The Governing Board approved the resolution for the PAEC FY23 budget, as presented. The Governing Board approved the final PAEC FY23 budget, as presented. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, October 19, 2022, at 6 pm.

**IASB** No Report

**EDUCATION & FINANCE** No Report

**POLICY & LEGISLATION** No Report

**FACILITIES** The minutes from the Facilities Committee Meeting held on August 29, 2022 are included in the Board packet.

**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 – LEAVE OF ABSENCES**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Jackson, THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE FOLLOWING LICENSED LEAVE OF ABSENCE REQUESTS, AS PRESENTED FOR:

Kimberley Baren	Maria Nieves
Kimberley Jones	Nicole Jurek
Sarah Koenig	Kristen Zell
Ellen Nabeti	

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

Motion carried 7-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – EMPLOYMENTS**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD EMPLOYS THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF, AS PRESENTED FOR:

Jasmine Zesati, Cross Categorical Teacher Assistant @ Riley  
Dessere Ortiz, Lunchroom Monitor @ Riley  
Claudia Perez, Lunchroom Monitor @ Whittier  
Norma Villalba, Lunchroom Monitor @ Northlake  
Amanda Kelly, Lunchroom Monitor @ Riley  
Sandra Pearson, Lunchroom Monitor @ Jefferson  
Juanita Medlock, Lunchroom Monitor @ Northlake

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

Motion carried 7-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF – REASSIGNMENTS**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE REASSIGNMENTS OF THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF, AS PRESENTED FOR:

Noemi Diaz, Clerical Assistant @ Riley– Effective August 24, 2022  
Vanessa Corona, Cafeteria Aide @ Whittier– Effective August 22, 2022.  
Marilyn Barraza Duarte, Cafeteria Aide @ MacArthur – Effective September 19, 2022

Kennya Guzman Sandoval, Teacher Assistant @ Jefferson – Effective September 19, 2022

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson O'Connell Mora Sosa Mason	Nays: None  Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - RETIREMENT**

Member Sosa moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF RETIREMENT:

Dorothy Reaber, Lunchroom Supervisor @ Northlake

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson O'Connell Mora Sosa Mason	Nays: None  Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - RESIGNATION**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF RESIGNATION:

Weiwei Wu, Tier I Technology Specialist

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson O'Connell Mora Sosa Mason	Nays: None  Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

**EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT STAFF - CHANGE OF RETIREMENT REQUEST**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Sosa, THAT THE BOARD ACCEPT THE CHANGE OF RETIREMENT REQUEST, as presented and discussed in Closed Session:

Melanie Rieser, ESLTeacher @ Whittier, change to June 2023 without the retirement incentives

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower
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Chavez  
Jackson  
O'Connell  
Mora  
Sosa  
Mason

Nays: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

**FUNDRAISERS**

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

Jefferson/Sunnyside/MacArthur PTO

- Scholastic Book Fair
- Trunk or Treat
- Panda Express

MacArthur Middle School National Junior Honor Society

- Sell Concessions at all MacArthur Sporting Events

Roll Call Vote           Ayes: Hightower  
                                  Chavez  
                                  Jackson  
                                  O'Connell  
                                  Mora  
                                  Sosa  
                                  Mason

Nays: None  
Absent: None

Motion carried 7-0

**DONATIONS**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS, AS PRESENTED:

Whittier Primary School

- Backpacks from Home Depot

Roll Call Vote           Ayes: Hightower  
                                  Chavez  
                                  Jackson  
                                  O'Connell  
                                  Mora  
                                  Sosa  
                                  Mason

Nays: None  
Absent: None

**ADOPT RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISED NUTRITIONAL SERVICES DISTRICT FLOATER POSITION**

Member O'Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE REVISED NUTRITIONAL SERVICES DISTRICT FLOATER POSITION, AS PRESENTED.



**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Zimmerman discussed the Fall Institute Day; partnering with LEGO to embed their material into our curriculum to enrich experiences and work towards the ultimate goal of having a robotics team, Professional Development & Coaching (Math & ELA), and she provided an opportunity for Ms. Spatafore to speak about current/updated school safety information.

**TECHNOLOGY**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mr. Byrne reported on the ongoing work at Northlake/Riley with network projects, and transitioning phones and copiers at the MacArthur/Sunnyside new construction site.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mrs. Vince reviewed the Summary of Budget, Statement of Position, and Student Activity Reports for the period ending 8/31/22.

**ADOPT RESOLUTION FOR THE FY 2023 BUDGET**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member O'Connell, THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE ADOPTION OF THE FY 2023 BUDGET, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson O'Connell Mora Sosa Mason	Nays: None  Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

**APPROVES CHANGE ORDERS #90-97 – GILBANE**

Member Chavez moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVES CHANGE ORDERS # 90-97, AS PRESENTED.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes:	Hightower Chavez Jackson O'Connell Mora Sosa Mason	Nays: None  Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0



**APPROVE CHANGE ORDER TWO – AV PROJECTS – 22 TONES**

Member O’Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE AV PROJECT CHANGE ORDER TWO, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**APPROVE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CHANGE ORDER 2R, 3R, 1N - VALOR TECHNOLOGIES**

Member O’Connell moved, seconded by Member Mora, THAT THE BOARD APPROVES THE ASBESTOS ABATEMENT CHANGE ORDER 2R, 3R, 1N - VALOR TECHNOLOGIES, AS PRESENTED.

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

Motion carried 7-0

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Vince gave an 2021 tax levy update. The auditors will be back on site in October. She also gave an update on SCCIP. We are in a good position to be eligible for cyber insurance. Mr. Shelton shared information with her about breakfast in the classroom.

**FACILITIES**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Vince filled in for Mr. White. The facilities custodial needs analysis by an outside company is still in progress and will be brought forward at the October meeting. The fence at Jefferson is being investigated for pricing and replacement.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

**MONTHLY REPORT**

Mrs. Travis updated the Board on the 2022-2023 vacancies. There are currently 20 Certified vacancies and 18 Support staff vacancies. Substitutes are not a viable source for long term employment because they are not

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required to hold a teaching degree. She thanked members for attending the dedication ceremony of the Jefferson School playground in memory of Dr. Eva Smith.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next board meeting is on October 24, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Member Jackson moved, seconded by Member Chavez, THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AT 10:28 PM.

Roll Call Vote	Ayes: Hightower Chavez Jackson O'Connell Mora Sosa Mason	Nays: None  Absent: None
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Motion carried 7-0

**ATTEST:**

Secretary (sgd) Rose Mason

President (sgd) Calvin Hightower