

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING  
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120  
DECEMBER 21, 2022, 6:00 PM**

**PUBLIC HEARING MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Tony Sparks, President, called to order the Public Hearing meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormick Memorial Library/Media Center located at 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL 61301.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mr. Matt Merboth, Mrs. Sally Taliani, and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski, Ms. Olivia Dvorak, News Tribune Reporter and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

**TRUTH-IN-TAXATION PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2022 LEVY FOR 2023-FY2024**

The purpose of the truth-in-taxation is to provide a forum for the public to offer commentary on the proposed 2022 property tax levy for school year 2023-2024 from November since the proposed extension is higher than 6.67% (anything over 5% requires a truth in taxation hearing). The recommendation is a 3 cent drop in the tax rate. Mr. Sparks asked the attending public if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to adjourn the Public Meeting at 6:02 p.m. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0. Time 6:02 p.m.**

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ABSENT: None

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**PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION SCHOOL BONDS  
SERIES 2023A AND 2023B**

Public Hearing pursuant to the requirements of Sections 10 and 20 of the Bond Issuance Notification Act of the State of Illinois, for the issuance of the \$13M in working and alternate revenue bonds. This is the second of three components required for the Board to acquire authority to issue bonds. The final stage will take place in January. Mr. Sparks asked the attending public if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to adjourn the Public Meeting at 6:05 p.m. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0. Time 6:05 p.m.**

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Tony Sparks, President, called to order the Regular Meeting at 6:05 p.m. in the Thomas J. McCormack Library/Media Center at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL.

### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mr. Matt Merboth, Mrs. Sally Taliani, and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Attorney Walt Zukowski, Ms. Olivia Dvorak, News Tribune Reporter and Mrs. Jennifer Riva, Board Secretary

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 16, 2022, REGULAR MEETING AND DECEMBER 1, 2022, SPECIAL MEETING**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn, to approve the minutes from November 16, 2022, Regular Meeting, December 1, 2022, Special Meeting, as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

### **RECOGNITIONS AND COMMENTS FROM VISITORS**

**Recognitions:** Mr. Sparks recognized and presented the following individuals with certificates; Board Member, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, for receiving the IVAC 2022 Service Appreciation Award as Executive Director of IV PADS for her leadership and commitment to serving residents during the COVID pandemic. Mr. Patrick Carney, Social Science Teacher, for organizing a day-exchange program with a fellow sociology colleague from Naperville Central High School. Students from both schools' sociology classes spend the day at the others' high school to experience a day in life – one in a small town/rural school and the other a large suburban high school. Mr. Carney's students have experienced this exchange for several years and he shared a handout with the Board. Students discuss community, environment, how it shapes them as individuals. Head Volleyball Coach. Coach Haberkorn was not in attendance but was recognized for being named the 2021-2022 National Federation of State High School Associations Girls' Volleyball Coach of the Year. This is in one of the most distinguished coaching careers in the state of Illinois and another well-deserved honor for Coach Haberkorn. Two L-P students, Connor Fundell, Boy Scouts of America Troop 123, and Konel Poisson, Boys Scouts of America Troop 720, for recently attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. This is the highest honor attained by a boy scout and involves many hours dedicated to earning badges and organizing and delivering on a community improvement project.

**Division Spotlight:** The World Languages and Fine Arts Division was our featured spotlight. Division Chair Mrs. Gladys Ramey was not in attendance but worked with Mr. Matt Baker to produce a video presentation highlighting the good work her students are doing. The video highlighted Christmas decorations students designed and made inspired by Mexican Folk Art La Hojalata. Their creations are featured in the cabinet displays in the hallway by the auditorium.

**Public Comment:** Mr. Sparks asked the attending public and Board Members if there were any comments or questions. No comments or questions were voiced.

## **FINANCE**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Dr. Lynch to approve the LP Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to approve the ACC Bills as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve, Financial Report, Payroll Report, ACH Report, Activity Fund Report, Treasurer's Report, Bank Reconciliation, Cash and Investments Report and Hometown Cash Management Report as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

## **Approval of Required Board and Employee Travel Expense Reimbursements**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the board and employee travel expense reimbursements as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The Motion carried 7-0.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

TIF Reimbursements from the Village of North Utica (TIF I - \$25,296.53 and TIF II - \$6,087.57) totaling \$31,384.10

## **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS/DISCUSSION**

**Policy Committee:** Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Committee Chair of the Policy Committee, gave her report from the Monday December 12, 2022, meeting reporting on: the first reading of the PRESS Policy and highlighting some areas of change in business, culinary arts, early childhood development military fee waivers, also discussed the Electronic Devices Policy and EFE 190/SRAVTE Intergovernmental Agreement.

**Programs Committee:** Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Committee Chair of the Programs Committee, gave her report from the Monday, December 12, 2022, meeting reporting on new course proposal - Work Base Learning (WBL) program and highlighted course content/significance. Also discussed minimal word/language changes in the 2023-2024 Program of Study.

**Building and Grounds Committee:** Mr. Greg Sarver, Committee Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee, gave his report from the Monday, December 17, 2022, meeting reporting on the L-P Sports Complex Phase II final recommendations, Dolan Building environmental repairs insurance claim denial – it was determined the damage occurred because of a temperature control issue. Video Streaming Equipment will be live next month, Tunnel Drain Replacement Change Order 1: \$29,545.00 (for additional hydrovac support during excavation and backfill of four (4) sump pump pits. Request for authority to dispose of Machine Shop Radial Arm Drill. Let bids for the following projects: L-P Sports Complex Phase II Concession Stand/Press Box – HLS approved, Dolan Building Elevator Replacement Project - HLS approved by ISBE and shared cost between schools), and Main Building Exterior Door Replacement Project – HLS approved by ISBE.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Matt Merboth, Committee Chair of the Finance Committee gave his report from the Monday, December 19, 2022, meeting reported on: Monthly Financials Reports – 41.67% through the year and \$69.2% of revenue, 45.97% of expenditures/included bond payment. Final Levy Presentation – there will be a .03 cent tax rate decrease for school year 2023-2024 (from 2.59 to 2.56) and will generate an additional \$752,389 in revenue. L-P Sports Complex Phase II and TIPS Purchasing Cooperative with Byrne & Jones Total cost of renderings (excluding press boxes and existing tennis courts) \$7,866,000. Well within budget. Timeline 2023-2024 school year/sports seasons. Series 2023 – there is a 30-day period after the Bond Issuance Notification Act (BINA) Hearing with final action in January.

One cent sales tax and the financial impact on local schools will remain a point of discussion for the 2024 election.

**Public Relations Committee:** Mrs. Taliani, Committee Chair of the Public Relations Committee gave her report from the Monday, December 19, 2022, meeting reported on: Streaming equipment project update – streaming will be live in January, discussed updates within the *120 Promise* Strategic Plan: reinstatement of Community Coffee and Conversation events, Communication Survey, review of Current Communication Tools, and Parent Involvement and Community Engagement. Overall families shared they are happy with the information and communication provided.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. **2022 Tax Levy for School Year 2023-2024:** There are no changes from the tentative tax levy presented at the November Board meeting. Based on the preliminary information from the LaSalle County assessor’s office, we expect the taxable EAV to increase from 2021 by at least \$38,000,000. There are no changes from the November Board meeting; we are recommending a 3 cent drop in the tax rate. The Finance Committee is recommending this proposal, which requires a truth-in-taxation hearing since our proposed extension is 6.67% higher than last years. Anything over 5% requires a truth-in-taxation hearing.
2. **BINA Hearing for Series 2023A and 2023B:** Following our truth-in-taxation hearing, we have a second hearing for the issuance of the \$13M in working and alternate revenue bonds. This is the second of three components required for the Board to acquire authority to issue bonds. The final stage will take place in January.
3. **L-P Sports Complex Phase II Proposal:** Our programming team has finalized our recommendation and presented it to the Building and Grounds and Finance Committees. After a few additional tweaks, we are prepared for the Board’s approval. As you can imagine, there is a great deal of excitement generated The project includes construction of two softball fields, one baseball field, constructing four new tennis courts, and replacing the natural turf on the soccer field with artificial turf. The project includes partnerships with the ACC programs along with potential community sponsors for equipment and materials. Construction is expected to begin in March. There will be two contracts: one with Byrne and Jones Construction for the work just described and a separate bid to construct the concession/press box/storage building and bathroom installation at the soccer building. Mr. Kmetz’s office is handling this part of the project. Like the Howard Fellows Stadium project, Byrne and Jones will be using local contractors for the initial site work and parking lots.
4. **Narrowing the Gap Presentation:** The Superintendent’s Council will present the annual *Narrowing the Gap* presentation in January.
5. **1 Cent Sales Tax Discussion:** Both the Building and Grounds and Finance Committees discussed the current appetite and political climate to consider rekindling the 1 cent sales tax. Included in the packet is a copy of the presentation on the tax we received from Stifel at a recent ROE Superintendent’s meeting. If we were to consider pursuing this, it would not be until 2024. This is not an action item, but simply a conversation. Attached to my Board report is the 1 Cent Sales Tax presentation.
6. **FOIA Requests:** We received the following FOIA request and responded within the statutory guidelines.

Requestor	Date	Request	District Action
Olivia Doak, NewsTribune Reporter	December 3, 2022	Any and all invoices and receipts of expenses paid for by La Salle-Peru High school during the Illinois Association of School Board annual conference held in Chicago in November 2022.	Complied with the request.
Katy Smyer, NBC Chicago	December 7, 2022	Documents and materials concerning Kyle Pisano including (but is not	Requested a time extension to review

		<p>limited to) Mr. Pisano’s employment and/or volunteer files; his application(s) for employment, substitute-teaching, coaching, and/or volunteering; his disciplinary files; all complaints and commendations regarding Mr. Pisano; correspondence or emails (including all attachments) regarding Mr. Pisano; investigative reports or police reports regarding Mr. Pisano; all communications to or from the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services regarding Mr. Pisano; all communications to or from parents or students regarding Mr. Pisano, and claims, lawsuits, separation or resignation agreements, and records of any judgments or settlements, regarding Mr. Pisano which were approved or paid by your district, school board, or through your district’s insurance.</p>	<p>materials – working with Attorney Zukowski’s office</p>
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**PRINCIPAL**

Mrs. Ingrid Cushing, reported on the following topics:

During the past month, we have been diligently working to ensure that we are providing support for our teachers and students through the following tasks:

- The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Open House was held during the evening of Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup>. We showcased not only each of our academic divisions but also our athletics and clubs and activities. We felt like we had a great turnout and are looking forward to welcoming the Class of 2027 to our building in the fall. We conducted a drawing for the future Cavaliers who visited each of the academic areas. Prizes included LPHS t-shirts, lunch boxes, PE uniforms, and various amounts of credit to be applied to their future lunch accounts. Students and parents appeared to be motivated to visit all the areas to be eligible for the prize drawing.
- Our before and after school tutoring hours have returned. As soon as the Title I grant was officially approved, teachers were set up to begin tutoring. Teachers have shared that the sessions are well attended. This year we also were able to write into the grant the ability to have bus transportation after school. We will now have three bus routes that depart from LPHS at 5:00PM on Mondays through Thursdays. These routes will run to each of our towns to drop off students at centralized locations, which are many times the middle schools. We have listened to the concerns of parents and students stating that they do not have transportation for tutoring, so this will get them at a minimum back to their hometowns. I am looking forward to seeing what impact this will have on the number of students attending tutoring and, ultimately, their academic success.
- As we wrap up the first semester, we had finals on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon. Students then had finals in the mornings of Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>. Teachers use the afternoon to either administer make-up finals or to grade the finals they have administered. All grades are due on December 26<sup>th</sup> with report cards being set out shortly following. When our teachers return from Winter Break on Wednesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>, they will have an Institute Day. While the day’s agenda will include time to prepare for their 2<sup>nd</sup> semester courses, teachers will also be receiving professional development on STAR 360.

- Our student registration process is beginning. Our counselors have gone to the middle schools to meet with 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our EL teacher and World Languages Division Chair also went to the middle schools with students who have students who are required to have EL placement testing done.

## **ATHLETIC DIRECTOR**

Mr. Michael Kuziel, reported on the following topics:

### **1. Item 1: Athletics Update**

- a. Fall Sports
  - i. Mark Haberkorn Named NFHS 2021-22 State Coach of the Year
- b. Winter Sports
  - i. Brooklyn Ficek scores 1000 career points on 11/29/22.
  - ii. Josh Senica named to the All-Tournament Team for the Colmone Classic
  - iii. The Cavalettes and Cheer team are preparing for their first competitions of the season
  - iv. The Varsity Boys' Basketball team is 5-4 and will be hosting the Mid-Winter Classic for Freshman and Varsity December 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
  - v. The Varsity Girls' Basketball team is 5-5 on the season and will be in the upcoming Ottawa Holiday Tournament
  - vi. The Freshman Girls' Basketball Team won the Ottawa Tournament.
  - vii. The Varsity Boys' Bowling team is 6-1 in the conference and 13-1 overall. The team has won the Cavalier Classic Invitational, The Hawk Invitational and the Geneseo Invitational.
  - viii. The Varsity Girls' Bowling team is 2-1 on the season and won Cavalier Classic Invitational.
  - ix. The Wrestling Team has started the season 4-4. We hosted the LP Super-Duals finishing 2-2 for the weekend.
  - x. The Boys' Swim team is 1-2 on the early swimming season that started December 7<sup>th</sup>

### **2. Item 2: Activities Update**

- a. The Music Department has nine students selected to Illinois Music Education Association All State Festival. Two in Band, one in Jazz, one in Orchestra, and five in the Choir.
- b. Scholastic Bowl- We were happy to host our conference tournament on Saturday. Our Varsity team placed 3rd and our JV team took home 1st place.
- c. Student Council- Student Council collected donations for the LP Food Pantry over Thanksgiving. They assembled 27 meals for LP families. They also held their annual Santa's Workshop on December 3rd. The turnout was great and there were many special guests such as Santa, Anna, and Elsa
- d. Band and Choir- Choir had their winter concert on December 1st in the Auditorium while Band had their winter concert on December 8th in the Sellett Gym. Both concerts were live streamed and can still be viewed on our Facebook page.
- e. Harbor Homeroom- We had our second Harbor Homeroom in November. The focus was being positive with social media. There will be a total of 4 more Harbor Homerooms second semester.
- f. Link- Link Leaders are busy finishing their Letters from Santa! Many children will be receiving a letter from Santa that congratulates them on making the nice list this year.
- g. Yearbook- Yearbooks were delivered to students and staff earlier this month. The staff worked hard and were excited to get these delivered to their owners.
- h. Renaissance- Renaissance delivered finals treats to classrooms last week. It was a nice surprise and gave our students a little extra motivation as we closed out the semester.

**ACC DIRECTOR**

Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, reported on the following topics:

The ACC student of the month for December is Kevin Swope of Mendota. Kevin is an early graduate who plans to pursue a career in the trades. He is a student in Mr. Burr’s Building Trades Class. His work ethic and exceptional academic performance have earned him this honor.

The ACC manufacturing classes have met with local companies to explore job opportunities, and hone soft skills. Thus far Nucor Corporation out of Marseilles, and Machinery Maintenance out of La Salle have come to meet with students from the Welding, Machining, and Residential wiring programs. In January, Marquis will be coming out to continue this path of exposure for our students. Mr. Matt Lee, and Mr. Joe Villarreal along with SRAVTE’s Ms. Katie Shevokas were instrumental in setting up these opportunities.

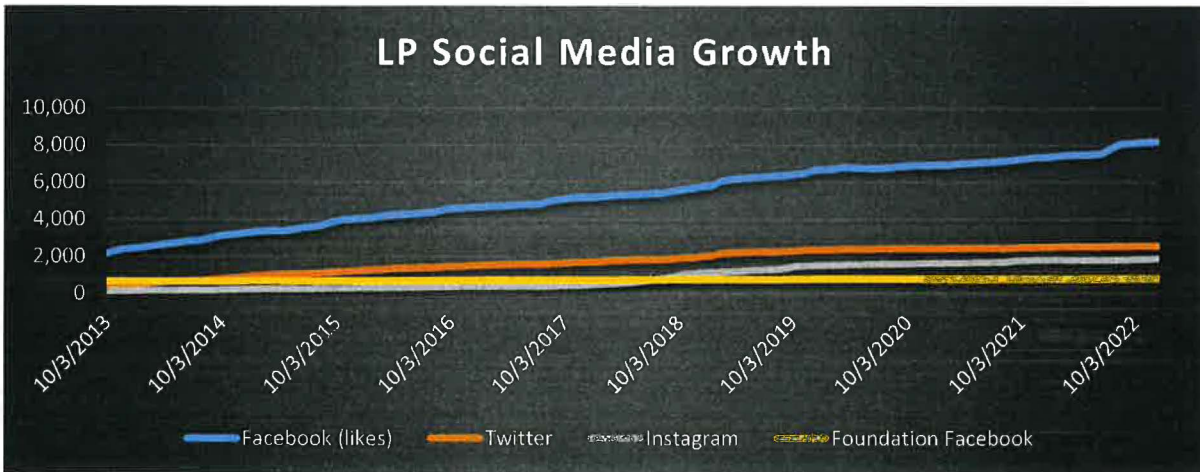
Nucor corporation has contacted the ACC regarding a donation of a computer lab for the Repair and Programming classes. Talks are continuing with them regarding the purchase, and transfer of the equipment. We are very grateful for this partnership, as Nucor is helping the ACC in its mission to help students matriculate to the world beyond high school by imparting necessary soft-skills via their professional guidance, and providing equipment for advanced training.

In January, the ACC Building Trades classes will be given a tour of the Carpenters Apprenticeship training facility in Elk Grove Village. We are thankful for Jeanette Maurice and Mr. Dave Argubright (as well as the Carpenters Union) working together to set up this opportunity.

**DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS**

Matt Baker, director of communication and fundraising

- We have begun initial training for the improved video streaming system. While functional, we are still waiting for a few components to arrive. We hope to have everything online at the start of the second semester.
- We recently streamed the winter band and choir concerts.
- We are preparing materials for the Hall of Honor ceremony.
- We’ve reviewed the data from the initial Family Communication Survey, which was shared with the Public Relations Committee. We plan to follow up with parents in the second semester to consider the development of a family engagement group. We will also conduct a follow-up survey at the end of the school year.



**NEW BUSINESS**

**Approval to adopt the 2022 Tax Levy for School Year 2023-2024**

Motion by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve to adopt the 2022 Tax Levy for School Year 2023-2024 as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Taliani, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the SRAVTE (EFE 190) Intergovernmental Agreement with LaSalle-Peru Township High School:**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve the SRAVTE (EFE 190) Intergovernmental Agreement with LaSalle-Peru Township High School as presented. Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval to amend the December 21, 2022, Board of Education Regular meeting agenda to reflect the L-P Sports Complex Phase II contract with Byrne and Jones via the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative change from \$7,866,000. to \$7,775,000.**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approval to amend the December 21, 2022, Board of Education Regular meeting agenda to reflect the L-P Sports Complex Phase II contract with Byrne and Jones via the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative change from \$7,866,000. to \$7,775,000. as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the L-P Sports Complex Phase II contract with Byrne and Jones via the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative for \$7,775,000.**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve the L-P Sports Complex Phase II contract with Byrne and Jones via the TIPS Purchasing Cooperative for \$7,775,00 as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the following change order:**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve of the following change order:

- a. CO 1 – Tunnel Drain Replacement: \$29,545.00 (for additional hydrovac support during excavation and backfill of four (4) sump pump pits)

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the following course proposals:**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve of the following course proposal:

- a. WBL – Work Based Learning

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the 2023-2024 Program of Study revisions**

MOTION by Dr. Lynch, seconded by Mr. Sarver, to approve the 2023-2024 Program of Study revisions as presented. Voting Aye: Dr. Lynch, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval to dispose of the following equipment:**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to approve to dispose of the following equipment as presented.

- a. Machine Shop radial Arm Drill



Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval to let bids for the following projects:**

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded by Mr. Sarver to let bids for the following projects:

- a. L-P Sports Complex Phase II Concession Stand/Press Box
- b. Dolan Building Elevator Replacement Project
- c. Main Building Exterior Door Replacement Project

Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks.  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the following retirements:**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve of the following retirements as presented.

- a. Mr. Ryan Mickley, Social Science Teacher, effective the end of the 2027-2028 school year

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the following resignations:**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve of the following resignations as presented.

- a. Mr. David Spudic, Volunteer Assistant Rugby Coach, effective December 5, 2022
- b. Mrs. Beth Hamilton, Cafeteria Staff/Main Lunch-Line Server, effective January 6, 2023
- c. Mr. Noah Hancock, Permanent Substitute Teacher, effective December 16, 2022
- d. Mrs. Kimberly Burkart, Cafeteria Staff/Taco/Pizza Line Server/Cashier, effective December 16, 2022

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the following appointments:**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve of the following appointments as presented.

- a. Mr. Mike Fisher, Assistant Softball Coach, effective the 2022-2023 school year (replaces Ms. Emily Byrne)
- b. Ms. Janelle Mrowicki, Paraprofessional, effective January 4, 2023, for the 2022-2023 school year (replaces Mrs. Nicole Hurst)
- c. Ms. Kara Turczyn, Assistant Softball Coach, effective for the 2022-2023 school (replaces Mr. Ryan Huebbe)

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of the following paternity/FMLA leave request:**

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve of the following appointments as presented.

- a. Mr. Luke Wisen – on or about January 11, 2023, through January 25, 2023, using accrued sick/vacation leave time

Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval for the Varsity Wrestling teams overnight stay in Springfield on December 16, 2022, to December 17, 2022. The overnight is for the Joe Bee Invitational, hosted by Springfield High School. Travel expenses funded by the Mat Club**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Taliani, to approve the Varsity Wrestling teams overnight stay in Springfield on December 16, 2022, to December 17, 2022. The overnight is for the Joe Bee Invitational, hosted by Springfield High School. Travel expenses funded by the Mat Club

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

#### **MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE CLOSED SESSION**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Taliani to move to executive/closed session for purpose of:

- a) Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline and /or complaint against an employee, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employees, b) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, c) Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personal and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property, and d) Imminent and Pending Litigation, with open session and possible action items to follow.

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Taliani, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0. Time 6:53 p.m.**

#### **MOTION TO RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth to return to open session. Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None.

**The motion carried 7-0. Time 9:20 p.m.**

#### **ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mr. Tony Sparks, President, Mr. Greg Sarver, Vice President, Mrs. Carol Alcorn, Dr. Rose Marie Lynch, Mr. Matt Merboth, Mrs. Sally Taliani, and Mr. Gary Ferrari

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Attorney Zukowski and Mrs. Jennifer Riva Board Secretary.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Approval to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of November 16, 2022, Regular Meeting and December 1, 2022, Special Meeting**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Dr. Lynch, to approve to review and retain the Executive/Closed Minutes of November 16, 2022, Regular Meeting, and December 1, 2022, Special Meeting, as presented.

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.

Voting Nay: None.

**The motion carried 7-0.**

##### **Authorization of destruction of verbatim audio records from executive sessions held prior to July 1, 2021, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Ferrari, to approve authorization of destruction of verbatim audio records from executive sessions held prior to July 1, 2021, per the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120 as presented.

- a. June 23, 2021, Regular Meeting

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Approval of the following appointments:**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth to approve of the following appointment as presented:

- a. Mr. Bobby Riahi, Director of Food & Nutrition Services, effective January 10, 2023, for the 2022-2023 school year (replaces Mrs. Marsha Anderson)

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks.  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval to ratify the 2022-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the LaSalle-Peru Building Service Employees Union (Cafeteria Personnel), Local 138**

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mr. Merboth to approve to ratify the 2022-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the LaSalle-Peru Building Service Employees Union (Cafeteria Personnel), Local 138 as presented.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval to ratify the 2022-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the LaSalle-Peru Building Service Employees Union (Security Personnel), Local 138**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Sarver, to approve to ratify the 2022-2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the LaSalle-Peru Building Service Employees Union (Security Personnel), Local 138 as presented.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Sarver, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**Approval of proposed 2022-2023 Administration and Classified Staff (non-union) wages**

MOTION by Mrs. Alcorn, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the proposed 2022-2023 Administration and Classified Staff (non-union) wages as presented.

Voting Aye: Mrs. Alcorn, Mr. Merboth, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Sparks  
Voting Nay: Mr. Sarver and Mr. Ferrari. **The motion carried 5-2.**

**Approval of the COVIA Tax Agreement Settlement consistent with the COVIA Attorney proposal of December 13, 2022**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Merboth, to approve the COVIA Tax Agreement Settlement consistent with the COVIA Attorney proposal of December 13, 2022, as presented.

Voting Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari, and Mr. Sparks  
Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mr. Sparks to adjourn. All in favor, Aye: Mr. Sarver, Mr. Sparks, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mr. Merboth, Mrs. Taliani, and Mr. Ferrari  
Voting Nay: None.

**The motion carried 7-0. Time: 9:25 p.m.**

  
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Mr. Tony Sparks  
President

  
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Mrs. Jennifer Riva  
Board Secretary

