

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 120
JULY 21, 2021, 5:30 P.M.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Tony Sparks, President, called to order the Special Meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Matthiessen Auditorium at LaSalle-Peru Township High School, 541 Chartres Street, LaSalle, IL 61301.

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Steven Wroblewski, Superintendent, Mr. Dwayne Mentgen, Director of the Area Career Center, Mr. Matt Baker, Director of Communications, Mrs. Lori Whalen, Business Manager, Attorney Mr. James Peters, Ms. Ali Braboy, WLPO, Mr. Jayce Eustice, News Tribune Reporter and Mrs. Julie Bleck, Board Secretary

ZOOM: Attorney Mr. Walter Zukowski

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Sparks asked the attending public if there were any community members that would like to speak and share their recommendations and thoughts on reopening school this fall- regarding wearing of masks and vaccination verification. There were 15-community members that addressed the Board:

Mr. Matt Becker	Ms. Amanda Hand	Ms. Elizabeth Linowski	Ms. Mary Jane Lueck
Ms. Gaby Bray	Ms. Eva Cervantes	Ms. Kylee Halm	Ms. Cynthia Grant
Mr. Jeff Grant	Ms. Nikki Knap	Ms. Angela Rundle	Ms. Tina Schiffbauer
Ms. Nikki Freeman	Ms. Teresa Schmidt	Ms. Leah Hopps	

BOARD DISCUSSION- REOPENING OF SCHOOL 2021-2022

Mr. Sparks spoke to the attending public and Zoom participants regarding tonight's agenda with Board discussion. Board Members issued the pros/cons of mask enforcement and vaccination verification. Mr. Sparks updated the public on a possible motion at this meeting to schedule a Special Board meeting on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. where a decision will be made. Dr. Wroblewski, Mr. Sparks and Board members held their discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to hire Ladzinski Cement Finishing Co. for Campus Beautification Phase 1 (Base Work: \$29,792.00 and Alternate #1: \$9,628.00 – Total \$39,420.00)

MOTION by Mr. Merboth, seconded by Mr. Sarver to approve to hire Ladzinski Cement Finishing Co. for Campus Beautification Phase 1 (Base Work: \$29,792.00 and Alternate #1: \$9,628.00 – Total \$39,420.00) as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Merboth, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Alcorn, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Taliani, Mr. Ferrari and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following employee transfers:

MOTION by Mrs. Taliani, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to approve of the following employee transfers as presented:

- a. Ms. Kristen Koukol, Title I Paraprofessional, effective for the 2021-2022 school year (replaces Mrs. Brenda Sadnick)

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

Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval of the following appointments:

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

- a. Mrs. Nicole Kowalczyk, Social-Emotional Interventionist, effective for the 2021-2022 school year (new position)
- b. Ms. Julia May, Special Education Teacher, effective for the 2021-2022 school year (replaces Mrs. Lori Turczyn)

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 retirements with regret:

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

- a. Mr. Ritchie Kowalczyk, Director of Building and Grounds, August 27, 2021
- b. Ms. Rhonda Willmer, Special Education Paraprofessional, at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year

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

Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

Approval to schedule August 3, 2021 at 5:30 pm as a Special Board Meeting

MOTION by Mr. Ferrari, seconded Mr. Merboth to approve to schedule August 3, 2021 at 5:30 pm as a Special Board Meeting as presented. Voting Aye: Mr. Ferrari, Mr. Merboth, Mr. Sarver, Mrs. Taliani, Dr. Lynch, Mrs. Alcorn and Mr. Sparks. Voting Nay: None. **The motion carried 7-0.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Mr. Sarver, seconded by Mrs. Alcorn to adjourn. All in favor, Aye:

The motion carried. Time: 6:58 p.m.



Mr. Tony Sparks
President



Julie Bleck
Secretary