

**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for October 17, 2023**

Call To Order

Mr. Tepper called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Mat Room of Ivy Hall School.

Roll Call

Present: Amy Feygin, José Rivera, Mike Burns, Dina Manka, Cynthia Zarkowsky, and Marc Tepper

Remote: None

Late: None

Absent: Renee Klass

Also in

attendance: Superintendent Katie Sheridan, Asst. Superintendent Jon Hitcho, Director Meg Bird, Director Jennifer Dunne, Director Bob Hanrahan, Director Jane Pedersen, Asst. Director Jessica Groncki, and Asst. Director Jason Keenon

Welcome to Visitors

President Tepper welcomed members of the faculty, community, and press to the meeting. Brigitte Cameron led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the audience introduced themselves. Mr. Tepper asked if anyone wished to address the Board. The following individual spoke:

Rachel Sapozhnikov

Mr. Tepper noted no comments had been submitted to Superintendent Sheridan via email.

Approval of Minutes

September 2023

A motion was presented by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Manka to approve the minutes of September 19, 2023, as corrected. All members present voted Aye; the motion carried.

Financial Statements

Mr. Hitcho presented the financial reports, noting that all reports were in order. He added the District made 11 investments in September ranging from 4.85% to 5.6%. With no questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Tepper directed the business office to place the following Financial Statements for the month of September 2023 appropriately on file in the business office: Treasurer's Report, Budget Reports, and Activity Report.

Board Reports

Finance Committee

Mr. Burns reported the Finance Committee reviewed the bills for October 2023 and recommend they be approved. The committee members also reviewed the solar field financials and the FY25 budget timeline. The committee members recommended the resolution for the estimated amount for the 2023 tax levy for be approved.

Policy Committee

Mrs. Zarkowsky reported the Policy Committee recommended 5:150 Computer Network System Use Policy – Resignation/Retirement be deleted. The committee discussed Policy 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools, and Mrs. Zarkowsky noted the policy is on the agenda for discussion among the full Board.

Legislative Update

Mr. Tepper noted the fall Veto session is approaching and there are 4 potential bills to watch.

- HB 4126 Invest In Kids Tax Credit is an extension and expansion of tax credits.
- HB 3690 applies to mandated teacher training reform.
- IL Election Code 10 ILCS 5/11-4.1 Optional use of school buildings as polling places.
- HB2822 would amend the school code to make New Arrival Student Grants available to school districts.

Mr. Tepper reported he is on a statewide panel of board members, superintendents and others looking at Vision 2030. The first meeting will be held October 18, 2023.

ELC Update

Mrs. Sheridan reported the ELC Board met on September 28, 2023. ELC members shared their approach to mentoring and job-alike collaboration. The ELC also provided annual disbursements to member districts for services sold outside the cooperative, and for underspent budget funds. District 96 will add these funds to the terminal reserve account with the ELC to cover future expenses.

Thought Exchange Partnership

Mrs. Bird reported the first in-person TEP meeting was held on October 10, 2023. The meeting was attended by veteran and new members.

Guiding Coalition of Interculturalism Update

Mr. Rivera reported the first GCI meeting was held on September 26, 2023, with 25 – 30 members in attendance. The next meeting will be held on November 7, 2023.

Space/Facilities/Innovation Committee – None at this time.

Lake Division Fall Meeting – October 11, 2023

Mr. Tepper reported Board members attended the Lake Division Fall Meeting in North Chicago CUSD 187 at the Neal Math and Science Academy. At the meeting, the Lake Division Executive Committee officers were elected, and Mr. Tepper was re-elected as Director for 2023-2025. Dr. Amy Feygin served on the nominating committee and was presented with a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Mike Burns, Mrs. Renee Klass, Mr. Marc Tepper, and Mrs. Cynthia Zarkowsky were also recognized as Distinguished Annual Merit Board Leaders, and the KCSD96 Board of Education was recognized as a recipient of the two-year School Board Governance Recognition.

Other – None at this time.

Administrative Reports

Benchmarking Update

Mrs. Sheridan introduced the benchmarking update as a data set that we analyze to understand trends. Illinois School Report Cards for 2023 will be made available at the end of October, and the District will use the benchmarking data along with the School Report Card data to plan for continuous improvement.

Mr. Keenon explained the report was generated by the ECRA Group using publicly available data from 2022. The report included data from nine peer districts similar in size and structure.

Mr. Keenon reviewed the highlights of the report, which indicate:

- *The district's proficiency rates in ELA, math, and science are significantly above the state average.*
- *The percentage of 8th grade students passing Algebra 1 is significantly above the statewide percentage and well above the average of the peer group.*
- *The district's instructional expenditure per pupil is below the peer group average while the proficiency rates for both ELA and math are above the peer group average.*
- *The district percentiles for growth in both ELA and math are in the top 15% of the state, and the percentiles for proficiency are in the top 5% of the state.*

Board members asked to see more information on several topics, which will likely be shared at the December meeting.

Priority Items for Consideration and/or Action

Executive Session

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was presented by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Rivera to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:
Aye: Burns, Manka, Zarkowsky, Feygin, Rivera, and Tepper
Nay: None

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:05 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:35 p.m.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Dr. Feygin to approve the minutes of the closed session. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:
Aye: Zarkowsky, Feygin, Rivera, Burns, Manka, and Tepper
Nay: None

Action Items

Employment, Appointment, and Dismissal – Certified Staff

Resignations

A motion was presented by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mrs. Zarkowsky to accept the resignation of the following individual with consideration and enforcement of Policy 5:210:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>FTE</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>
Rantis, Taleen	Social Worker	1.0	Willow Grove	10/10/2023

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:
Aye: Rivera, Burns, Manka, Zarkowsky, Feygin, and Tepper
Nay: None

Employment – None at this time.

Employment, Appointment, and Dismissal – Educational Support Personnel

Employment, Appointment, and Dismissal

A motion was presented by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Mr. Burns to approve the memo presented by Human Resources for the employment, appointment, and dismissal of certain educational support personnel as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:
Aye: Zarkowsky, Feygin, Rivera, Burns, Manka, and Tepper
Nay: None

Consent Agenda

A motion was presented by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Dr. Feygin to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

Presentation of Bills – October 2023 - to approve the October 2023 bills as presented in the following amounts:

Education	\$3,315,277.22
Operations	\$512,359.21
Debt Service	\$6,493.23
Transportation	\$613,526.83
IMRF	\$00.00
Social Security	\$00.00
Capital Projects	\$15,778.12
Working Cash	\$00.00
Tort Immunity	\$679.00
<u>Life Safety</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>
Totals	\$4,464,113.41

Approval of Resolution for Estimated Amounts for 2023 Tax Levy – to approve the resolution for estimate of taxes to be levied as presented;

Appointment of IASB Delegate – to designate Dina Manka to serve as the IASB delegate at the 2023 Joint Annual Conference;

Approval Policy – to eliminate Policy 5:160 Computer Network System Use Policy – Resignation/Retirement.

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Rivera, Burns, Manka, Zarkowsky, Feygin, and Tepper

Nay: None

Discussion Items

Board Workshop/Conference – November 17, 2023

The Board of Education members will participate in a district workshop on Friday, November 17, 2023. Mrs. Sheridan reported plans were being developed. All Board members have been registered to participate in the Joint Annual Conference sponsored by the IASA, IASB, and IASBO.

IASB 2023 Resolutions Committee Report

Mrs. Manka, the IASB Delegate for KCSD96, reported the Delegate Assembly offers an opportunity for school district representatives to share input on proposed resolutions. All board members could attend, and the delegates will participate in live voting.

Board Policy 7:50

Mrs. Zarkowsky introduced Policy 7:50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools. The Policy Committee is seeking feedback from the full Board on proposed language changes. The proposed policy language would provide age-appropriate enrollment for all. The revised policy would be effective with the 2025-26 school year, and notification would begin with registration for the 2024-25 school year. Dr. Pedersen asked that any further feedback be sent to Mrs. Zarkowsky or her.

Information Items

Principal Appreciation Week

Mrs. Sheridan noted this is Principal Appreciation Week as recognized by the Illinois Principal Association. She commended the Principals and Assistant Principals for all they do for students and families.

LEA Determination

Mrs. Dunne noted that District 96 has achieved **Meets Requirements**, the highest rating, on implementing all seven requirements of IDEA. This is an annual determination.

FOIA Requests

Since September 19, 2023, the District received six FOIA requests, all of which are being responded to appropriately.

Board Comments – None at this time.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Board of Education, a motion was presented by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Zarkowsky to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Burns, Manka, Zarkowsky, Feygin, Rivera, and Tepper

Nay: None

Mr. Tepper adjourned the October 17, 2023, regular meeting of the Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 Board of Education at 8:38 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for November 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Date Minutes Approved:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

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