

**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Minutes for September 6, 2022**

Call To Order

Mr. Tepper called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Mat Room.

Roll Call

Present: James Strezewski, Amy Feygin, Renee Klass, Dina Manka, Mike Burns, Cynthia Zarkowsky, and Marc Tepper
Remote: None
Late: None
Absent: None

Welcome to Visitors

President Tepper welcomed members of the faculty, community, and press to the meeting. Bob Hanrahan led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Tepper asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one responded. Mr. Tepper noted that Mrs. Sheridan did not receive any public comments via email.

Administrative Reports

Status of Opening of School year Activities

Presentation of Sixth Day Enrollments

Mrs. Jonas reported the sixth day of school was August 25, 2022. On that day the District had 3437 students enrolled and physically in the buildings. This is 134 students more than projected in February 2022. The District uses the 6th day enrollments to conduct enrollment comparisons year to year. All elementary schools except Country Meadows increased their enrollment over the projections. Willow Grove opened with 280 students, the same number as the 2021-22 school year. First grade enrollments increased about 50 students more than had attended District 96 kindergarten last year, which is similar to the 2021-22 school year. Both of these examples provide data indicating a trend, which will help with projections for the 2023-24 school year.

Status of Staffing and Vacancies

Mrs. Jonas reported there are 3 certified openings : 1 certified school nurse, 1 psychologist, and 1 social worker. She is meeting with a social worker this week. If she cannot fill the other 2 positions, the District will use an agency. There are 7 educational support personnel openings and principals continue to seek highly qualified candidates.

Status of District Transportation

Mr. Miranda stated the District has a new transportation provider for this school year and added that with a new provider some wrinkles are expected to be ironed out. Overall, transportation is going well. He is aware of the issues and is working with Safeway to solve them and will continue to keep stakeholders informed. Safeway has added some drivers and identified other routes that need to be supplemented. They are a higher-paying organization and have not had any trouble hiring. Safeway has been extremely receptive to all feedback.

Priority Items for Consideration and/or Action

Executive Session

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was presented by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Zarkowsky 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)
- 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, Zarkowsky, Strezewski, Feygin, Klass, Manka, and Tepper

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:14 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was presented by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mr. Burns for the meeting to reconvene in open session. On a roll call vote, the motion carried. The meeting reconvened in open session at 7:59 p.m.

Aye: Strezewski, Feygin, Klass, Manka, Burns, Zarkowsky, and Tepper

Nay: None

Approval of Closed Session Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Zarkowsky, and seconded by Mrs. Feygin to approve the minutes of the closed session. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Zarkowsky, Strezewski, Feygin, Klass, Manka, Burns, and Tepper

Nay: None

Action Items

Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Certified Staff

Resignations - None at this time.

Employment - None at this time.

Attainment of Tenure

With congratulations, Mr. Tepper announced the following staff members have attained tenure in the District:

Country Meadows

Almdale, Ashley

Matulef, Jessica

Ivy Hall

Carlson, Courtney

Mason, Nicole

Kildeer

Jaeckel, Erica

Wlodek, Nicolette

Prairie

McHugh, Morgan

Szafranski, Kelly

Twin Groves

Kile, Timothy

Ruchim, Marissa

Zajac, John

Willow Grove

Filippo, Gina

Weihe, Taylor

Woodlawn

Esmael, Breanna

Kopp, Leah

McRee, Nicole

Thut, Ryan

Warkenthien, Sarah

Leave of Absence Request

This item was discussed in closed session and no action was taken.

Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Educational Support Personnel

i. Recommendations for Employment, Appointment and Dismissal

A motion was presented by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Manka to approve the revised memo presented by Mrs. Jonas for the employment, appointment and dismissal of certain educational support personnel as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Burns, Zarkowsky, Strezewski, Feygin, Klass, Manka, and Tepper

Nay: None

Discussion Items

Curriculum Adoption

Mrs. Bird shared the recommendation of a novel for sixth grade Language Arts, *The Insignificant Events in the Life of a Cactus* by Dusti Bowling. The novel is being recommended by coaches and ELA teachers for instruction as part of the core curriculum. The novel will be placed on public review.

Information Items

Lake Division Meetings

Mr. Tepper reminded Board members of the 2022-23 school year IASB Fall Lake Division Meeting being held on October 12, 2022, at Lake Zurich High School. The agenda will focus on legislative issues. Please RSVP to Mrs. Rosenberg, who will make reservations.

Board Comments

None at this time.

Adjournment

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

Aye: Strezewski, Feygin, Klass, Manka, Burns, Zarkowsky, and Tepper

Nay: None

Mr. Tepper adjourned the September 6, 2022, regularly scheduled meeting of the Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 Board of Education at 8:18 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for September 20, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Date Minutes Approved:

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education