

**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE  
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Minutes for November 14, 2023**

**Call To Order**

Mr. Tepper called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Mat Room of Ivy Hall School.

**Roll Call**

Present: Amy Feygin, José Rivera, Dina Manka, Renee Klass, Cynthia Zarkowsky, and Marc Tepper

Remote: None

Late: None

Absent: Mike Burns

Also, in

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

**Welcome to Visitors**

President Tepper welcomed members of the faculty, community, and press to the meeting. Aska Lempke led the Pledge of Allegiance. Members of the audience introduced themselves and no one addressed the Board for public comment. Mr. Tepper noted no comments had been submitted to Superintendent Sheridan via email.

**Approval of Minutes**

**October 2023**

A motion was presented by Mr. Rivera and seconded by Mrs. Manka to approve the minutes of October 17, 2023, as presented. 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 7 investments. With no questions or comments forthcoming, Mr. Tepper directed the business office to place the following Financial Statements appropriately on file in the business office: October Treasurer's Report and Budget Reports, and September Activity Fund Report.

**Board Reports**

**Finance Committee**

Dr. Feygin reported the Finance Committee reviewed the bills for November 2023 and recommend they be approved. The committee members also reviewed the Capital Project Proposal for 2024.

### Policy Committee

Mrs. Zarkowsky reported the Policy Committee had reviewed a number of policies from PRESS Issue 113, and others. Nineteen policies will be placed on public review, and five will be updated with legal references.

### Legislative Update

Mr. Tepper noted the fall Veto session ended November 9, 2023, with very little action.

- HB 4126 Invest In Kids Tax Credit will sunset in January 2024.
- HB 3643 Religious Dietary Food In Schools did not come back for action.

Mr. Tepper reported the Vision 2030 committee met October 18, 2023. A survey conducted by ECRA will be sent to Board members, and he asked that District 96 Board members participate.

### ELC Update

Mrs. Klass reported the ELC Board met on October 19, 2023 to conduct usual business. The ELC continues to provide excellent parent workshops. The next meeting will be November 17, 2023.

### Thought Exchange Partnership

Mrs. Klass reported the next meeting of TEP will be December 5, 2023.

### Guiding Coalition of Interculturalism Update

Mr. Rivera reported the GCI met on November 7, 2023. The focus of the meeting was the formation of three subcommittees: Curricular Resources and Physical Space, Elevation and Communication, and Student Representation. The next meeting will be January 9, 2024.

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

### Partnership Committee

Mrs. Klass reported, as part of the KEA collective bargaining agreement, a partnership committee of board members, administrators, and KEA leadership will meet twice a year in place of the annual KEA/Board of Education meeting. The first meeting was held on October 25, 2023, and was very positive.

Other – None at this time.

**Administrative Reports** – None at this time.

### **Priority Items for Consideration and/or Action**

#### School Board Members Day

Mrs. Sheridan noted that the IASB has declared November 15 of every year as School Board Members Day. She thanked the Board members for their volunteerism and governance on behalf of the students of KCSD96. She added that US News & World Report announced the 2024 Best Schools, and 6 of the District 96 schools were on the list as Best in Illinois. The only school not recognized was Willow Grove, which is an Early Childhood-Kindergarten school and cannot be considered without standardized testing. Mrs. Sheridan noted that this recognition was a reflection of the guidance and support provided by the Board members.

## Executive Session

### Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was presented by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Mrs. Klass 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: Zarkowsky, Feygin, Rivera, Manka, Klass, and Tepper

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:29 p.m.

### Reconvene in Open Session

The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:21 p.m.

### Approval of Closed Session Minutes

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

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

Nay: None

## **Action Items**

### Employment, Appointment, and Dismissal – Certified Staff

Resignations – None at this time.

Employment – None at this time.

Employment, Appointment, and Dismissal – Educational Support Personnel

Employment, Appointment, and Dismissal

A motion was presented by Dr. Feygin and seconded by Mrs. Klass 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: Feygin, Rivera, Manka, Klass, Zarkowsky, and Tepper

Nay: None

Presentation of Bills – October 2023 –

A motion was presented by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Mrs. Manka to approve the November 2023 bills as presented in the following amounts:

Education	\$3,444,139.85
Operations	\$542,714.29
Debt Service	\$4,099.98
Transportation	\$1,728,662.82
IMRF	\$00.00
Social Security	\$00.00
Capital Projects	\$267,605.65
Working Cash	\$00.00
Tort Immunity	\$400.00
<u>Life Safety</u>	<u>\$00.00</u>
Totals	\$5,987,621.69

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

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

Nay: None

**Discussion Items**

Status of Joint Annual Conference Planning

All Board members have been registered to participate in the Joint Annual Conference sponsored by the IASA, IASB, and IASBO being held in Chicago November 17-19, 2023. Board members and administrators will participate in a planning meeting on Friday morning, November 17, 2023. Mrs. Sheridan and Mr. Tepper will be joined by Dr. Magrane in presenting a panel on Saturday, November 18, 2023, and Mrs. Manka will participate in the Delegate Assembly that morning.

**Information Items**

Illinois School Report Card and Summative Designation

The Illinois School Report Cards are available at the ISBE website. The Report Cards are based on academic data from the prior year and financial data from the current year and are publicly accessible through the KCSD96 website.

Lake Division Legislative Breakfast – December 2, 2023

The IASB Lake Division will host a legislative breakfast meeting with Board members and local legislators on Saturday, December 2, 2023. All Board members are invited to attend.

**FOIA Requests**

Since October 17, 2023, the District received two FOIA requests, both of which have been responded to appropriately.

**Board Comments** – None at this time.

**Adjournment**

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

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

Nay: None

Mr. Tepper adjourned the November 14, 2023, regular meeting of the Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 Board of Education at 8:42 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for December 12, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

Date Minutes Approved:

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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