

**Minutes of Regular Session Meeting
The Board of Education
Summit Hill District 161**

December 20, 2023

The regular session meeting of the Board of Education of Summit Hill District 161 was held December 20, 2023, beginning 7:00 PM at the Administrative Center.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Martin, Secretary Katie Campbell called roll. Members in attendance were: Jim Martin, Joy Murphy, Katie Campbell, Stefanie McCleish, Amy Berk, and John Winter. Matthew Carey arrived at 7:02 pm. Others in attendance were: Dr Paul McDermott, John Snipes, Leslie DeBoer, Julie Stearns and community members.

Summit Award

Dr. McDermott presented the Summit Award to Dr. Julian Rogus School TIP Teacher Meaghan Gallagher and Director of Technology Brian Skibinski.

Freedom of Information Request

FOIA requests were made by Katharine Casey, Mike Gibson, Parents for Protection and Patrick Lee and were completed in the appropriate timeframe.

Approval of Consent of Agenda

Mr. Martin read the items on the consent of agenda. Mrs. Murphy motioned, and Mrs. Campbell seconded.

4-A-1a – Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023

4-A-1b – Buildings/Grounds Usage Committee Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2023

4-A-2 – Approval of October and November Treasurer's Report/Financial Report

4-A-3 – Approval of Bills List of December 20, 2023

4-A-4 – Approval of Resignation of Staff

Julie Carda, effective December 26, 2023

4-A-5 – Approval of Family Medical Leave

None at this time.

4-A-6 – Approval of Employment of Staff

Kimberly Lammers, paraprofessional at Dr. Julian Rogus School

Brienne Lowry, paraprofessional at Hilda Walker School

4-A-7 – Approval to go out to Bid for Summer Projects

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of November 15, 2023

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education approve the regular session meeting minutes of November 15, 2023, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Building/Grounds Usage Committee Meeting Minutes of November 29, 2023

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education approve the November 29, 2023 buildings/grounds usage committee meeting as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of October and November Treasurer's Report/Financial Report

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education approve the October and November Treasurer's Report/Financial Report as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Bills List of December 20, 2023

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education approve the December 20, 2023 Bills List as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Resignation of Staff

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education accept the resignation of staff Julie Carda, effective December 26, 2023. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Family Medical Leave

None at this time.

Approval of Employment of Staff

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education approve the employment of:

Kimberly Lammers, paraprofessional at Dr. Julian Rogus School
Hourly Rate: \$16.88
Brienne Lowry, paraprofessional at Hilda Walker School
Hourly Rate: \$16.88

Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval to go out to Bid for Summer Projects

A motion was made by Mrs. Murphy and seconded by Mrs. Campbell that the Board of Education approved the administration to go out to bid for summer projects as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

2023 Audit Presentation

Lauri Pope presented the 2022 audit for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

Acceptance of the 2022-2023 Audit

A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Murphy that the Board of Education accept the Fiscal Year 2023 audit as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

2023 Levy Hearing (7:30 PM)

Mr. Martin declared the 2023 levy hearing open at 7:30 pm and asked if there were any questions or concerns for the public or the Board of Education. No questions or concerns were noted.

A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mr. Carey the 2023 levy hearing be closed. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Murphy that the Board of Education accept the Fiscal Year 2023 audit as presented. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of 2023 Levy Adoption

A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Murphy that the Board of Education adopt a certificate of tax levy resolution for the 2023 levy in the amounts of Education Fund \$31,000,000; Operations & Maintenance Funds \$4,345,000; Transportation Fund \$593,000; Working Cash Fund \$20,000; Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$310,000; Social Security Fund, \$610,000; Tort Immunity Fund \$440,000; Special Education Fund, \$580,700; fund for a total levy in the amount of \$37,898,700 plus Bond and Interest. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval of Certificate of Compliance for Truth in Taxation Act

A motion was made by Mrs. McCleish and seconded by Mrs. Murphy that the Board of Education authorize the President to sign the Certification of Compliance with the

Truth in Taxation Act for the 2023 Levy. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Acceptance of Gifts from School Organizations

A motion was made by Mrs. Berk and seconded by Mr. Winter that the Board of Education approve with appreciation of the Board of Education, the gifts for Summit Hill Jr. High/Hilda Walker Athletic Boosters (SHHWAB), gifts in the amount of \$12,000. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by Bridget Washburn, Tara Tomsek, Greg Sand, Tara Tomsek spoke for Vicky Kruch, Dominique Wnuk, Carrie Bunda, Tara Tomsek spoke for Leila Tomasek, Harley Brace, Quinn Brace, Lisa Brace, Patrick Oliphant, Dan Butler, Kim Ward, Jessica Diaz, Katie Seitz, John Lettiere and Carl Ervick.

Public Hearing Regarding Possible School Closings, Arbury Hills School, 19651 S. Beechnut Dr. Mokena Il, 60448, Frankfort Square School, 7710 W. Kingston Dr. Frankfort, Il 60423

Mr. Martin read in the Public Hearing Regarding Possible School Closings, Arbury Hills School, 19651 S. Beechnut Dr. Mokena Il, 60448, Frankfort Square School, 7710 W. Kingston Dr. Frankfort, Il 60423 and motioned to come out of the public hearing.

Resolution Authorizing the Closure of Arbury Hills School, 19651 S. Beechnut Dr. Mokena, Il 60448 and Frankfort Square School, 7710 W. Kingston Dr. Frankfort, Il 60423

Mrs. Berk motioned to table this item Mr. Winter seconded Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell nay, Mrs. McCleish nay, Mrs. Murphy nay, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin nay. Motion does not carry: 3 ayes, 4 nays.

Mr. Martin read in the Resolution Authorizing the Closure of Arbury Hills Elementary School, 19651 S. Beechnut Drive, Mokena Il 60448 and Frankfort Square Elementary School, 7710 W. Kingston Drive, Frankfort Il 60423 as attached in the minutes.

After a full and complete discussion thereof, Board of Education member Mrs. Murphy moved that the foregoing Resolution be adopted and Board of Education member Mrs. Campbell seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk nay, Mr. Carey nay, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter nay, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 3 nays.

The Board of Education took a recess at 8:58 pm and returned at 9:19 pm.

Approval of Proposed Instructional Model – Grade 1-4 Buildings

A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Murphy that the Board of Education develop two 1-4 buildings at Dr. Julian Rogus Elementary School and at Indian Trail School. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell

aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays.

Approval to Move Early Childhood (EC) and Preschool to Mary Drew Elementary

Mr. Winter motioned to table this item and Mrs. Berk seconded. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye, Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell nay, Mrs. McCleish nay, Mrs. Murphy nay, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin nay. Motion carried: 3 ayes, 4 nays.

There was a discussion on the above matter.

A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Murphy that the Board of Education direct the Superintendent to move the EC and Preschool Programs to the Mary Drew Elementary School beginning in the 2024-2025 school year. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk nay, Mr. Carey nay, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter nay, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 4 ayes, 3 nays.

Public Comments

Public comments were made by Lisa Brace, Lauren Thiel, Tara Tamborski, Carrey Bunda and Joshua Hutchings.

Notice to the Board of Unpaid Suspension of Employee 2023-1

Dr. McDermott notified the Board of Education of a 7-day unpaid suspension of employee 2023-1 as per Board Policy 5:240.

Technology and Learning Task Force Presentation

Mr. Skibinski updated the Board of Education on their findings during their site visits to other schools within the area.

ESY Dates for Summer 2024

Mrs. DeBoer stated that the Extended School Year Program (ESY) would run from June 11, 2024 through July 17, 2024.

District 843 Meeting Report

Mr. Martin gave an update on the November 28, 2023 and December 19, 2023, District 843 meeting.

Board Member Building Reports

Each board member liaisons shared highlights of what is going on in the school buildings.

Closed Session

A motion was made by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. McCleish to go into closed session as printed and publicly posted on the agenda. Roll Call Vote: Mrs. Berk aye,

Mr. Carey aye, Mrs. Campbell aye, Mrs. McCleish aye, Mrs. Murphy aye, Mr. Winter aye, Mr. Martin aye. Motion carried: 7 ayes, 0 nays. The time was 10:20 pm.

Adjournment of Meeting

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. After a voice vote the motion carried. The time was 10:35 pm.

President

Secretary