

CHESTER COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 139 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Budget Hearing/Regular Meeting June 16, 2022

The Board of Education of Chester Community Unit School District No. 139 held their Regular Meeting on June 16, 2022, in High School FACS Classroom B217. President Vasquez called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Fricke motioned, Davitz seconded to enter into executive session at 6:00 p.m. for the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Roll call vote. Ayes: Davitz, Malley, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Davitz and seconded by Malley to return to open session at 7:38 p.m. Roll call vote. Ayes: Davitz, Malley, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Pasero presented an update to the amended budget as the year comes to a close, indicating revenues above and expenditures above what was adopted in the fall.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment:

- Alicia Ebers requested that the board consider allowing students that have registered for military service the opportunity to be recognized at graduation with either a stole or otherwise. Board members responded mentioning the varying degrees of factors that go into these types of decisions and that the school does have in place already a recognition for students' post-secondary education or careers.
- Tiffany Bryant requested the board consider allowing students having registered for military service be recognized at graduation. Tiffany also voiced her concerns with this year's Senior Recognition ceremonies, hoping it would be moved back to a time when more parents are able to attend. Tiffany concluded with a request for responses to specific questions from public commentary brought up at previous meetings. Board members responded, they understand the request but are not certain of the best way to provide this type of response. It was also mentioned that board member emails are a good way to personally get responses from an individual member. Pasero reminded everyone that the board can only conduct business and make decisions when they meet as a board. Meyer also reminded everyone that specific concerns are best to go through the chain of command and a person can often receive an answer to his/her question quickly.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to approve the amended consent agenda and items as listed. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

- Agenda and Items as listed;
- Agenda was amended to consider IHSA membership renewal and adopt by-laws for the 2022-2023 SY;
- Minutes of the May 18, 2022 regular meeting and executive session;
- Bills in the amount of \$309,384.22 and payroll in the amount of \$481,567.43;
- Financial reports.

Grade School Athletic Report:

- Attended Jr SW Egyptian conference meeting. Discussed schedules for upcoming year.
- Working on getting everything ready to go for the upcoming school year.

High School Athletic Report:

- Ashlyn Colvis, Kylie Fortner, and Elaina Lutman made the Cahokia All Conference Softball Team.
- Chance Mott and Ethan Stumpe made the Cahokia All Conference Baseball Team.
- August 8th is the first day Football, Volleyball, Cross Country and Golf can begin official practice.
- Volleyball and Cheerleading summer camps in June.
- Boys Basketball summer camp in July.
- IHSA previously discussed expanding playoff brackets. Due to travel distance and expenses, brackets are remaining as is.

Grade School Principal's Report:

- Cleaning is moving along nicely.
- On-line registration is set to open on July 25th. In person registration is set for Tuesday, August 2nd from 9 p.m.–3 p.m. and on Wednesday, August 3rd from 1 p.m.–7 p.m.
- Kindergarten screenings will take place August 16th–19th.
- August 22nd is meet the Kindergarten teacher's night at 5 p.m.
- First day for Kindergarten will be August 23rd.
- The schedule for next year is in the process of being finalized.
- The ELL committee has met several times this month to work on materials for all teachers.
- Kindergarten–3rd grade teachers will be working on Foundations curriculum/training in July.

High School Principal's Report:

- Graduation was Sunday, May 22nd.
- Summer custodian staff are doing a great job with moving classrooms around and getting them ready for the new school year.
- Schedules are being checked for errors.
- Summer school started June 13th and will run for three weeks, four days a week.

Superintendent's Report:

- FOIA request for upcoming Positive Connections Transportation Services agreement with SWIBCO.
- Starting right training scheduled for June 22nd from 6 p.m.–9 p.m. Due to several board member schedule conflicts, training will need to be rescheduled for July.
- State and Federal stakeholder meeting was on June 7th. It gives opportunity for staff directly involved with our many different grants we participate in, to share about their program and obtain parental input.
- Finalizing amendments for our grants that will finish up in the end of June.
- There's another year to finish expenditures with CARES II and to years to expend from the ARP (CARES III) grant. Applied for two small ARP-IDEA grants. Some money would be used for HVAC repairs at Perandoe and to offset expenses in preparing the high school teacher workroom for a living skills lab.
- Building and Grounds Committee met on June 2nd. Baysinger explained the Construction Development grant process that they expect could come out as early as this month. Baysinger also indicated they are working on a plan to address the subsidence issue at the grade school and may need to be addressed as early as summer 2023.
- Looking for approval to accept Korando Heating and Cooling proposal of \$13,059 to replace high school weight room HVAC.
- Red Dot submitted proposal for placing hand rails in Colbert Gym at a cost of \$48,521. It's on the agenda if the board would like to get it started sooner rather than later.
- Track resurfacing has concluded. Midwest Track Builders have submitted their pay application of \$81,000 for approval tonight. We used a \$50,000 maintenance grant to supplement this work.
- Working with PSIC on a claim from the damage to the grade school as a result from the storm on May 19th. They have indicated the claim will be approved after we are able to get quotes in, mainly from the window, fencing and a small area on the roof.
- New district website is now up and running. Information is still in the process of being added and trying to determine individual responsibilities for keeping website information up to date for each school moving forward.
- Registration dates and fee information attached for 2022-2023 school year. Note the increase in fees (\$30) for grades 7–12 to help offset computer replacements and repairs as those grades transition into a one-to-one learning environment.
- Inviting lower grade teachers in to do some training and work within the reading curriculum and another group of teachers to help prepare EL materials for different grade levels.
- Conduct second reading of PRESS Plus Policy 109.

Conduct second reading of the 2022–2023 Athletic Code of Conduct. The Board tabled approval pending clarification of wording and will revisit at July meeting.

Davitz motioned, Malley seconded to approve the second reading of the 2022-2023 High School Student/Parent Handbook. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

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Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to approve the second reading of the PRESS Policy 109 as presented. Upon roll call all member voted aye. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Malley seconded to approve membership and adopt the constitution by-laws of the IHSA for the 2022-2023 school year. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to adopt the FY22 amended budget of Chester School District #139 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Malley seconded to adopt the final amended FY22 District School Calendar. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Fricke seconded to approve the renewal of PSIC Property Casualty Insurance at an annual premium of \$67,490.83. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Davitz seconded to approve the renewal of PSIC Workers Compensation Insurance at an annual premium of \$63,607.27. Roll call vote. Ayes: Fricke, Davitz, Malley, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Fricke seconded to approve the District Restraint Time-Out (RTO) Plan as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Fricke seconded to approve the Consolidated District Plan for FY23 as presented. Roll call vote. Ayes: Davitz, Malley, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Malley seconded to accept proposal from Korando Heating & Cooling to replace the High School Weight Room HVAC unit in the amount of \$13,059. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Davitz seconded to accept proposal from Brad Lankford to modify a door entrance within the District Office in the amount of \$5,737.56. Roll call vote. Ayes: Fricke, Davitz, Malley, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to accept proposal from Red Dot for the addition of hand rails for Colbert Gym in the amount of \$48,521. Roll call vote. Ayes: Fricke, Davitz, Malley, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Malley seconded to accept paper bid from Contract Paper Group in the amount of \$43.25 per case for 2022-2023 SY. Roll call vote. Ayes: Fricke, Davitz, Malley, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Davitz seconded to accept bread bid from S & L Produce as submitted for the 2022-2023 SY. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Davitz seconded to accept the escalator milk bid from Prairie Farms as submitted for the 2022-2023 SY. Roll call vote. Ayes: Fricke, Davitz, Malley, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Malley seconded to approve payment to Midwest Track Builders in the amount of \$81,000. Roll call vote. Ayes: Fricke, Davitz, Malley, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Davitz seconded to approve Registration Dates, Fees and Meal Prices for the 2022-2023 SY as presented. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Malley seconded to approve Summer Camps as presented. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Davitz seconded to accept the resignation of Brooke Komoromi as Grade School Paraprofessional effective May 24, 2022. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Fricke seconded to accept the resignation of Kristin Wolter as High School Guidance Counselor effective June 6, 2022. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Davitz seconded to accept the resignation of Viola Mennerich as Grade School Cafeteria Personnel effective June 8, 2022. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to accept the resignation of Trevor Kelkhoff as High School Baseball Coach effective June 13, 2022. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Davitz seconded to approve Christopher Roth as Volunteer Football Coach for the 2022-2023 SY. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to approve to employ Jenny Cartwright as Grade School Athletic Director for the 2022-2023 SY. Roll call vote. Ayes: Davitz, Malley, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Malley seconded to approve to employ Alexandria Bierman as First Grade Teacher for the 2022-2023 SY. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Davitz seconded to approve to employ Kristin Uhrhan as 3 hour Grade School Cafeteria Personnel for the 2022-2023 SY. Roll call vote. Ayes: Davitz, Malley, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to approve wage increase of \$1.35 for non-certified positions including school nurse, secretaries, custodians, bookkeeper and accounts payable for 2022-2023 for those employed during the 2021-2022 SY. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Fricke seconded to approve to reassign Susan Hughey to 8 hour Grade School Head Cook. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Fricke seconded to approve to reassign Tammy Brockhouse to 8 hour Grade School Cafeteria Personnel. Roll call vote. Ayes: Davitz, Malley, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Davitz motioned, Fricke seconded to approve to reassign Elena Hamilton to 5 hour Grade School Cafeteria Personnel. Roll call vote. Ayes: Malley, Davitz, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Malley motioned, Davitz seconded to approve to reassign Rachel Vasquez to 5 hour Grade School Cafeteria Personnel. Roll call vote. Ayes: Fricke, Davitz, Malley, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Fricke motioned, Malley seconded to approve to reassign Mary Schroeder to 4 hour Grade School Cafeteria Personnel. Roll call vote. Ayes: Davitz, Malley, Fricke, Vasquez. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion by Davitz and second by Fricke to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Upon roll call all members voted aye. Motion carried.

The next REGULAR MEETING of the Board of Education will be held **Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. (Executive Session at 6:00 p.m.)** in the Chester High School FACS Classroom B217, 1901 Swanwick Street, Chester, IL 62233.