

## MINUTES

The Minutes of the First Regular Meeting  
of the Month of July of the Board of Education  
Township High School District 214 held on July 15, 2021  
at the Forest View Educational Center,  
2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois  
at 7:00 p.m.

President Dussling called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and L. Keyes called the roll. The following members were present:

William Dussling	President
Mark Hineman	Member
Alva Kreutzer	Member
Mildred Palmer	Vice President
Dan Petro	Member
Andrea Rauch	Member

Absent at roll call:

Leonard Walker	Member
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Also present at the meeting were: D. Schuler, superintendent; C. Johnson, associate superintendent for finance and operations; K. Kraft, associate superintendent for human resources; P. Mogge, director of community engagement and outreach; K. Roiland, director of operations; T. Schlorff, director of instructional technology and technology services; C. Uhle, director of administrative services; M. McCullough, assistant director of operations; L. Lopez, associate superintendent for teaching and learning; M. Kelly, director of academic programs and pathways; P. Kelly, Elk Grove HS; J. Kim, Prospect HS, F. Mirandola, Prospect HS; D. Weidner, Wheeling HS, L. Keyes, executive assistant to the school board and superintendent; staff members; parents; and citizens.

### 1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Dussling led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Kreutzer and seconded by Palmer that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 10, 2021 and the Closed Session of June 10, 2021.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch

Nays: None

### 3. STUDENT RECOGNITION, HOWARD LESTER AWARD

Howard Lester Awards

- Mary Kate Fahey, JH
- Max Christie, RM (not in attendance)

Perfect Score ACT

- Meghan Paral, junior - PHS

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- L. Dammann, parent, spoke for masks optional
- S. Bachar, parent, spoke for masks optional, no vaccines required
- A. Ellingsen, community member, spoke against vaccines
- M. Taylor, community member, spoke for masks optional
- E. Bauer, parent, spoke against the de-tracking pilot expansion
- G. Garland, parent, spoke against block scheduling
- K. Ahn, community member, spoke in favor of Critical Race Theory
- E. Kalaway, parent, spoke against vaccines, testing and masks; congratulated Prospect's women's track 4 x 800 relay team, state champions; and spoke against Critical Race Theory

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Schuler reported the following Freedom of Information Act Requests were received and compiled, and consistent with school code:

- E. Gill/Deltek, Inc. requested bid information
- P. Dedi/Chicagoland Construction requested bid information
- E. Lubarda requested bid information
- K. Holdren requested personnel information, financial information, electronic communications
- J. Hart/IEA-NEA requested personnel information
- E. Bauer requested student academic information
- M. Jankowski requested financial and operational information
- L. Moore requested curriculum information
- G. Fritz/Millard requested personnel information
- S. Hillstrom requested electronic communications
- K. Murschel requested FOIA responses
- K. Bellows requested electronic communications
- M. Henry/Hansen & Cleary requested student services information

Superintendent Schuler indicated that the summer construction projects are ahead of schedule and under budget.

6. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

M. Hineman reported that this year's Summer Musical had a full crowd for all four of its performances this past weekend at Lions Park in Mount Prospect. More than 50 students from across the District were involved in the production of "Disney's Descendants: The Musical". This was the first year the District partnered with the Mount Prospect Park District to use their outdoor venue. Many outside community members came to support as well.

M. Hineman reported that Elk Grove High School's annual summer camp was held last month at the Oasis Mobile Home Park. The group of Ed-prep students and Spanish heritage students served as mentors to run the camp. The kids participated in a variety of traditional summer camp activities like sports and arts and crafts, but a heavy emphasis was also placed on developing reading skills. Funds provided by the D214 Education Foundation and Elk Grove High School helped advance this goal with the construction of a mobile library, filled with donated books in both English and Spanish.

A. Kreutzer reported that she would like to thank the Mount Prospect Park District for their partnership

in presenting the summer musical.

A. Kreutzer reported that after participating in last month's D214 Startup Showcase, the team from Buffalo Grove High School went on to compete in the National INCubatoredu Student Pitch competition. They were named one of five finalists for their product, Clog Cop, a solution for clogged drains. The virtual finals take place July 21.

D. Petro reported the Foundation will have it's annual golf outing September 13th.

A. Rauch reported that 2013 Prospect High School graduate David Kendziera, who went on to star in track and field at the University of Illinois, will compete in his first Olympic Games, having earned his spot in Tokyo with a 3rd place finish in the 400-meter hurdles in the U.S. track and field trials last month in Eugene, Oregon. As a senior at Prospect in 2013, he was state champion in the 300-meter hurdles and second-place finisher in the 110-meter hurdles. He will compete in the 400-meter hurdles at the Games. Round one begins July 30.

M. Palmer reported that Rolling Meadows Spanish teacher, Heidi Huck, was awarded this year's Liz Ennis Award for her work in creating a curriculum to inspire and energize Spanish heritage students. The curriculum includes in-class presentations by counseling professionals and Latino role models who have overcome struggles to be successful in work and life. During the pandemic, she hosted virtual seminars with acclaimed Mexican-American author, Francisco Jiménez, and world-renowned muralist, Héctor Duarte. She also helps set up her students for the future with classroom visits from an admissions specialist from Harper College and a college visit field trip to Northeastern Illinois University in 2016. Heidi has been awarded more than \$14,000 in combined grants to support her programs, and aims to find creative solutions and opportunities to support her students.

M. Palmer mentioned she's reading the book "Lightning Flowers," written by Prospect High School graduate Katherine Standefer.

B. Dussling reported that he and M. Hineman had been to Hersey HS to see the new CTE rooms including welding and construction.

7. APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR

2021-113 through 2021-115

Items 2021-113 through 2021-115 appearing on the Consent Calendar were presented for the Board's consideration.

It was moved by D. Petro and seconded by A. Kreutzer that the Board of Education approve Items 2021-113 through 2021-115 appearing on the Consent Calendar as presented.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch

Nayes: None

A. Approve Accounts Payable

2021-113

Actual June 10, 2021 listing:

Educational Fund Listing	2,996,345.09
Operations and Maintenance	171,160.00
Transportation Fund	233,711.24

Capital Projects	2,570.25
TOTAL	3,403,786.58

Checks Dated: June 10, 2021  
 Check Numbers: 744322-744669

Actual June 24, 2021 listing:	
Educational Fund Listing	3,640,681.87
Operations and Maintenance	887,757.32
Transportation Fund	1,318,452.95
Capital Projects	225,522.80

Checks Dated: June 24, 2021  
 Check Numbers: 744675-745098

Actual June 30, 2021 listing:	
Educational Fund Listing	2,812,913.87
Operations and Maintenance	7,076,138.57
Transportation Fund	191,027.01
Capital Projects	97,868.86
TOTAL	10,177,948.31

Checks Dated: June 30, 2021  
 Check Numbers: 745106-745393

B. Personnel Transaction Report 2021-114  
 Approved Personnel Transaction Report attached to these minutes.

C. Destruction of Closed Meeting Audio Recordings 2021-115  
 Approved the destruction of closed session audio recordings for the following meetings:  
 December 12, 2019

8. DISCUSSION ITEM: RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN 2021-116

L. Lopez and C. Uhle presented the proposed Learning Renewal Plan for 2021-2024. Key priority areas include: reimagine the school day, enrollment and re-engagement, out of classroom learning experiences, improve quality of learning through layered classroom structures, academic support and behavioral counseling resources, structured engagement in transition periods, education workforce strategy and health and safety.

Public Comments:

- E. Bauer, parent, asked questions about staffing, budget and the public comment format
- M. Greydack, parent, asked questions about quarantine, home instruction
- L. Dammann, parent, asked what “all in” means, suggested no masks would help read facial expression of the kids for mental health
- L. Schillmoeller, parent, pleased with the proposal but why not seminar intervention for all students, not just at risk?
- E. Kalaway, parent, requested teacher training in mental health, better parent contact for struggling students and a citizen advisory board

D. Kozlowski, parent, remarked board decisions gave students mental health issues, not the COVID pandemic. Guidelines are guidelines and do not have to be followed

A. Ellingsen, community member, remarked his students loved the block schedule and don't teach Critical Race Theory

J. Alametto, community member, commented block schedule was hard for him as a student and addressing mental health is great

M. Vitalia, parent, asked where Critical Race Theory is hidden in the curriculum?

9. DISCUSSION ITEM: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2:220: 2021-117  
RECORDING & BROADCASTING MEETINGS

D. Schuler presented the proposed changes to Board Policy 2:220 that would allow for the Board to record and broadcast regular Board meetings. After the Board meeting, the recordings would be posted online the following week for a minimum of 60 days.

Public Comments:

L. Dammann, parent, requested videos remain posted longer than 60 days

A. Ellingsen, community member, requested videos be posted to YouTube, with presentations slides incorporated, for longer than 60 days

L. Schillmoeller, parent, requested videos stay up longer, asked what metrics will determine success and why haven't we done it already?

K. Glasnek, parent, requested videos be archived and available after 60 days

E. Bauer, parent, requested videos remain online indefinitely

J. Alametto, community member, commented videos should be posted to YouTube and kept up indefinitely

10. CLOSED SESSION

- 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459;
- The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6);
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

It was moved by D. Petro and seconded by M. Palmer that the Board of Education go into closed session.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch

Nays: None

M. Palmer left the meeting at 9:25 pm.

11. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

- 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), amended by P.A. 101-459;
- The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the District. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(6);
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(10).

It was moved by D. Petro and seconded by A. Kreutzer to reconvene in open session.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Petro, Rauch

Nayes: None

12. RESOLUTION ADOPTING AND APPROVING THE SALE OF CERTAIN PROPERTY 2021-118

It was moved by A. Rauch and seconded by D. Petro that the Board of Education approve the Resolution Adopting and Approving the Sale of Certain Property as presented.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Petro, Rauch

Nayes: None

13. PERSONNEL TRANSACTION REPORT II 2021-119

It was moved by A. Kreutzer and seconded by D. Petro that the Board of Education approve Personnel Transaction Report II attached to these minutes, including the following appointments:

Morgan Vogel	Health Services Supervisor	Elk Grove High School
Leizel Serowka	Health Services Supervisor	Specialized Schools
Catherine Veller	Community Ed. Program Manager	Forest View Ed. Center

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Petro, Rauch

Nayes: None

14. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by A. Kreutzer and seconded by A. Rauch to adjourn. The motion carried.  
The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

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William J. Dussling, President

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Mildred Palmer, Vice-President