

**League of Women Voters
Observers Report**

Board meeting attended: District 99

Date and Location of meeting: 5/15/17 Administrative Service Center

Meeting started: 7:31 p.m. Meeting adjourned: 8:20 p.m.

League Observer(s): Robin Bollinger and Linda Derring

Board Members/Trustees present (P) not present (NP) tardy (T):

All Present
Nancy Kupka, President
Terry Pavesich, Vice President
Michael Davenport
Sherell Fuller
Daniel Nicholas
Rick Pavinato
Don Renner
Dr. Hank Thiele, Superintendent

Estimated Number Attending (excluding Board and Staff):

7

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

No comments.

No comments on either reception of visitors.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

The Superintendent reported on parent feedback given at the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee Meeting. He liked the feedback from parents in the small group. Approving

the meeting notes was questioned by Michael Davenport. Answer: it was a committee meeting.

Revisions to the discipline code were discussed. Superintendent reviewed updates to the student handbook which include a provision, called for by SB100, which requires the elimination of zero tolerance in the language code. This change provides a wider option for Deans to use in discipline issues.

The next item concerned a late start change for 2017-2018 school year. Over 2000 responses to the school's survey were received, 58% from students and 42% from parents. Eighty percent of the respondents saw the benefit of the change to be a more consistent schedule. Transportation concerns came up through the surveys. Consistency needs were stressed. Meeting and looking at student performance on a weekly basis and responding immediately is the effective way to meet student needs. The superintendent recommended they move forward with every Monday being a late start. This would begin after Labor Day. Moving the late starts to Monday would increase the number of days that they currently do this year. An official vote was not taken, but all members said they were in favor of the change.

The 2017-18 recommended calendar was presented. This year they formed a very large committee across the district and after each meeting the updated draft calendar went out to the staff. Transparency in building the calendar was important. The first draft was asked to be approved but not voted on. Currently, the proposed calendar has 85 days in first semester and 90 days in second semester. The superintendent said that there is state mandated testing in second semester, so these dates work out. Don Renner was in the minority, stating he'd prefer to start after Labor Day. The main push for the calendar change was to have finals before Christmas break.

PRESENTATIONS

None

INFORMATION ITEMS

Committee assignments will be as follows:

Policy committee: Daniel Nicholas and Rick Pavinato

IASB: Mike Davenport

SASED: Nancy Kupka (Terry Pavesich is the alternate)

The Foundation: Terry Pavesich, Sherrell Fuller and Don Renner

Concern was brought up by Terry Pavesich about three board members being on one committee. However, Don Renner is there as a private citizen, not as a board member.

CONSENT AGENDA

Terry Pavesich moved to approve the consent agenda and Michael Davenport seconded the motion.

RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION

Mark Staehlin reviewed a resolution providing for the issue of approximately \$2,000,000 in bonds for fire prevention and safety, energy conservation, and school security purposes. He stated that BMO bank, like a lot of other banks, did not bid because of the state of financial affairs in Illinois. JPMorgan gave the best bid/very competitive, at \$2,309,000. All cost of issuance is in this one time cost, no extras added on. The board was asked to approve the issuance of the bonds and the bid from JP Morgan. The motion to approve was made by Rick Pavinato, and Terry Pavesich seconded. The motion carried.

Other items approved by the Board included:

Student discipline code

\$79,900 bid for Legion Baseball Field safety netting

\$63,021 bid for 23 marching band instruments for South High
2017-2018 school calendar

COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

LEND

SASED no report

Nothing to report on from the District 99 Education Foundation

Nothing to report on IASB.

TRUSTEE DISCUSSION

Comments/Concerns:

Looking at random drug testing for activities and athletes, but the cost looks to be about \$50,000.00 so they want to bring it up on the policy committee. It's not dropped but it appears cost prohibitive at this time.

June 9th will be graduation.

General Features

	Yes	No	Comments
Did the meeting start on time?	x		
Were members attentive and prepared?	X		

Were members courteous to each other?	x		
Were members attentive to the publics' comments?	x		
Was the facility adequate?	x		
Could the audience see and hear?	x		
Were visual aids easily visible to the audience	X		
Were the meeting facilities handicapped accessible	X		

Illinois Open Meetings Act requirements

	Yes	No	Comments
Was the agenda posted 48 hours before the meeting? If yes, note where	x		
Did the agenda items clearly describe what was to be discussed?	x		
Were background materials made available to the public?	x		
Was there adequate discussion of the issues?	x		
Was there a closed session before, during or after the meeting?	x		Before
If there was a closed meeting, was any action taken after the closed session? If so, what action?		X	

Date Submitted: 5/21/17

By: Robin Bollinger