

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
MARCH 22, 2021
4:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

ROLL CALL: (4:02 p.m.)

Mr. Spaan called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present:

Present: Ms. Alpert Knight, Mrs. Detlefsen, Mr. Hayes, Mrs. Peterson, Mr. Spaan

Absent: Mr. Subeck, Mr. Welch

Also Present: Ms Dee Molinare (IASB Representative), Dr. Stange, Mrs. Styczen, Mrs. Joseph, Mr. Zeidler

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Spaan began the meeting by welcoming Ms. Dee Molinare (Representative from the Illinois Association of School Boards), Mrs. Abigayil Joseph and Mr. Holt Zeidler (Board Candidates), and thanking them for their participation in the training session.

2.1 Public Comment

Dr. Stange noted that two public comments were received. One from Mrs. Carolyn Torres Kelley and one from Ms. Sara Generes. He noted that these comments would be shared at the April 13, 2021 Board meeting.


2.2 Board Open Discussion

There was no open discussion.

2.3 IASB Presentation – Basics of School Board Governance

Ms. Molinare facilitated a presentation regarding the core principals of school board governance. She noted the core roles for the board as a) providing clarity of purpose, b) connecting with the community, c) employing the superintendent, d) delegating authority, e) monitoring progress towards district goals and, d) taking responsibility for themselves. She emphasized how the board is responsible for defining the districts core values/beliefs, mission, and goals while the superintendent is responsible for defining the action plans and procedures to attain the goals. She emphasized the importance of trust, communication, respect, and mutually agreed upon protocols for conducting business. She illustrated the role of the board versus superintendent with the analogy of the board living on the balcony and staying off the dance floor, while the superintendent navigates between the dance floor and the balcony.

ADJOURNMENT:


President, Board of Education

It was moved by Ms. Alpert Knight and seconded by Mrs. Peterson to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m. All were in favor.

Approved  , 2021
Secretary, Board of Education