MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 126
Prairie Junior High Cafeteria
11900 South Kostner
Alsip, IL 60803
Thursday, May 11, 2017

CALL TO ORDER
The meeting was called to order at 7:05p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Board and audience stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present:	Marigrace Sinnott-Snooks, President Joe LaChica, Vice President Lori Ann Pierce, Secretary Brian McLaughlin Harry Tannehill Therese Zaker
Also Present:	Craig Gwaltney, Superintendent Steve Gress, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations Lori Connolly, Director of Teaching and Learning Scott Uhler, Attorney Various visitors (see attached sign-in sheet)
Absent:	Kim Powers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To approve the minutes of the April 13, 2017 Board Meeting". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Harry Tannehill, "To approve the minutes of the Special Board Meeting on April 17, 2017". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

CONSENT AGENDA
Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To approve the Consent Agenda". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, McLaughlin. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT

In Curriculum, Lori Connolly reported on the following:

- Summer School update on number of students attending. Approximately 170 will be in attendance.
- Literacy committee has been working on the updated Benchmark Advance literacy program. A full day training is planned for the May 26th Institute Day.

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (continued)

In Technology, John Chapman updated the Board on the Dharma Ransomware that entered the District 126 network. John gave background information and spoke of preventative measures the District will take going forward.

Craig Gwaltney informed the board that we will need to hire a Social Worker for the upcoming school year.

Craig Gwaltney gave a report on the District 126 Discipline Committee meeting that was held earlier in the day. There are several updates that are being made to the Student Handbook this year.

Craig Gwaltney also reported that the enrollment in District 126 continues to be consistent with previous years.

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To direct the superintendent to prepare the 2017-2018 Budget". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Steve Gress reported that we received three FOIA requests in the past month and we responded to them within the proper timeframe.

PURCHASING

Brian McLaughlin moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To approve the bid from Mr. David's Flooring in the amount of $125,768." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker, Sinnott-Snooks, LaChica, McLaughlin. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Harry Tannehill moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To amend the 2016-2017 School Calendar to abate five Emergency Days." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, Zaker, LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To go into Closed Session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, McLaughlin, Tannehill, Zaker, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0 at 7:37 p.m.

Joe LaChica moved, seconded by Lori Pierce, "To suspend employee discussed in Closed Session for 5 days." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Pierce, LaChica, Sinnott-Snooks, McLaughlin, Tannehill, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

Lori Pierce moved, seconded by Therese Zaker, "To impose disciplinary sanctions discussed in Closed Session." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: LaChica, McLaughlin, Sinnott-Snooks, Tannehill, Pierce, Zaker. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

Brian McLaughlin moved, seconded by Joe LaChica, "To relieve employee from certain employee duties discussed in Closed Session." Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Sinnott-Snooks, LaChica, Tannehill, Zaker, McLaughlin, Pierce. Nay: none. The motion carried 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Therese Zaker moved, seconded by Brian McLaughlin, "To come out of Closed Session". Upon roll call, the vote was as follows: Aye: Tannehill, LaChica, McLaughlin, Pierce, Sinnott-Snooks, Zaker. Nay: none.
The motion carried 6-0 at 9:00 p.m.

Marigrace C. Sinnott-Snooks
President

Secretary