



**Board of Director's Meeting**  
**APPROVED OPEN SESSION MINUTES**  
**Wednesday September 28, 2022 @ 7:00PM**  
**Vicky Ranney Library**  
**1591 Jones Point Road**  
**Grayslake, IL 60030**

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**Board Members Present**

Jim Mertz  
Nell Anen  
Demetri Georgatsos  
JoAnn Stewart

Ankur Bhatia  
Matt Earl

Rebekka Herrington  
Abe Janis

**Board Members Absent**

Stacey White

**Staff**

Geoff Deigan  
Tony Zamiar

**Public Present**

Katie Brzezinski, Laura Truax, Gabi White, Danielle Halverson, Jenny Diehl, & Melissa Roman

**Call to Order**

7:02pm. Vice President Jim Mertz

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Motion to Approve Agenda**

Motion by Nell Anen, seconded by Rebekka Herrington. On a voice vote, all "ayes". Motion passed.

**Motion to Enter in to Closed Session.**

Reason for Entering Closed Session:

*Discussion Related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(3) - The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.*

1. *Board-Appointed Candidate(s) Interview*

Motion to enter Closed Session by Rebekka Herrington, seconded by Matt Earl. On a roll call vote, all "yes". Motion passed. Closed Session entered at 7:04pm (Byron Colby Barn, 1561 Jones Point Rd, Grayslake, IL 60030). Closed Session exited at 7:33pm.

**Return to Open Session**

**Public Comment**

PSO President Katie Brzezinski highlighted the extensive activities at the upcoming PCCS Fall Fest event on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Laura Truax presented details on the October 2<sup>nd</sup> PCCS Golf Tournament and expressed concerns regarding transparency in competitive bidding process for construction. Jenny Diehl provided feedback on PE staff and burden of training on volunteers. Danielle Halverson provided comments on staff qualifications, volunteer training, meeting minutes, and landscaping.

## **Discussion Agenda**

### 2. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of the Transportation Policy

Rebekkah Herrington provided a summary of the policy and announced the addition of Leah Stender to the Governance Committee.

### 3. Bi- Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes and Recordings

Nell Anen & JoAnn Stewart provided a summary of the bi-annual review – No concerns.

### 4. ROE Annual Inspection

Geoff Deigan provided a summary of the inspection – Findings were “safe and meeting code”. Gave kudos to Operations Staff.

### 5. Committee Updates

Jim Mertz provided an update from the Elections Committee – Opening for board nominated position. Call for candidates on Sept 30, nominee packets due Oct 15, interviews to be completed by Nov 19, and seating of new member at Nov 29 board meeting.

Finance Committee meeting was postponed due to auditor delay.

Rebekkah Herrington provided an update from the Governance Committee – Transportation policy was reviewed, Leah Stender joined the committee, and the committee discussed prioritization of policy reviews and the potential to perform required board training as a group.

## **Consent Agenda:**

### 6. Financial Statements

Presented to the board by Geoff Deigan.

### 7. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes of Previous Board and Committee Meetings

Motion to approve by JoAnn Stewart, seconded by Nell Anen. On a voice vote, all “ayes”. Motion passed.

### 8. Motion to Accept Reports on Consent Agenda

Motion to accept reports by JoAnn Stewart, seconded by Rebekkah Herrington. On a voice vote, all “ayes”. Motion passed.

## **Closed Session:**

Reasons for Entering Closed Session:

*Discussion Related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.*

#### *9. Pending Litigation*

*10. Legal Bills: SPED \$ 110.00, GSL \$ 247.50, Lawsuit \$ 165.00*

*Discussion related to 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1) - The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.*

*New Employee(s)*

*Discussion related to 5ILCS 120/2(c) 21-Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes mandated by Section 2.06*

*Review Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings*

Motion to enter Closed Session by Rebekkah Herrington, seconded by Ankur Bhatia. On a roll call vote, all “yes”. Motion passed. Closed Session entered at 8:08pm (Byron Colby Barn, 1561 Jones Point Rd, Grayslake, IL 60030). Closed Session exited at 8:52pm.

## **Public Comment**

Danielle Halverson provided feedback on release schedule for walking students, broadcasting board meetings, and staff training, qualifications, salaries, & retention.

## **Action Agenda:**

### **1A. Approve Board Appointed Candidate**

Motion to approve Candidate JoAnn Stewart by Rebekka Herrington, seconded by Nell Anen. On a roll call vote, all “yes”, with JoAnn Stewart abstaining. Motion passed. Welcome Back JoAnn!

### **2A. Adopt the Amended Transportation Policy**

Motion to approve by Matt Earl, seconded by JoAnn Stewart. On a roll call vote, all “yes”. Motion passed.

### **3A/12A. Approve Action for Closed Session Archived Minutes**

Motion to approve by Nell Anen, seconded by Rebekka Herrington. On a voice vote, all “ayes”. Motion passed.

### **10A. Approve Legal Bills for \$ 522.50**

Motion to approve by JoAnn Stewart, seconded by Ankur Bhatia. On a roll call vote, all “yes”. Motion passed.

### **11A. Approve New Employee(s) Action**

Motion to approve offers to new employees Poornima Venugopalan and Jaqui Botello by Nell Anen, seconded by Rebekka Herrington. On a roll call vote, all “yes”. Motion passed.

### **12A. Approve Closed Session Minutes from Previous Board Meetings**

Motion to approve by JoAnn Stewart, seconded by Matt Earl. On a voice vote, all “ayes”. Motion passed.

## **New Business**

JoAnn thanked the Board. Rebekka asked the Board to watch for a poll for availability for training.

## **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Rebekka Herrington, seconded by Ankur Bhatia. On a voice vote all “ayes”. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:03pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Abe Janis  
Board Secretary [Retired]