MATTESON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 162
Richton Park, Illinois 60471
AGENDA FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING TO BE HELD AT 6:30 P.M. IN THE BOARDROOM AT THE ADMINISTRATION CENTER 4601 SAUK TRAIL, RICHTON PARK
August 17, 2021

“Excellence Is the Expectation.”

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call Notation by the Secretary

III. Communications/Announcements/Schedules

Dates to Remember:
A. Teacher Institute, August 19–20, 2021
B. First Day of School, August 23, 2021
C. Early Dismissal at 1:25 p.m., August 23–27, 2021; August 30–September 3, 2021
D. Labor Day, No School, September 6, 2021
E. Board of Education Meeting, 6:30 p.m., September 21, 2021
F. Mid-Quarter Progress Reports, September 24, 2021

IV. Audience to Visitors Pertaining to Agenda Items Only

V. Approval of the Consent Agenda

A. Minutes

1. Regular Session, July 20, 2021

B. Personnel

1. Employment
   a. Approve the employment of Diane Murphy, teacher at Illinois School, effective August 19, 2021.
   c. Approve the employment of Sydney Grant, paraprofessional at Sauk School, effective August 23, 2021.
   d. Approve the employment of Linda McGill, executive assistant to the superintendent, effective July 16, 2021.
e. Approve the employment of Maya Brady, lunchroom staff, effective August 19, 2021.

f. Approve the employment of Kyle Kottwitz, teacher at Huth Middle School, effective August 19, 2021.

g. Approve the employment of Kimberly Weis, food service assistant at Illinois School, effective August 23, 2021.

h. Approve the employment of Brandon Williams, teacher at Matteson School, effective August 19, 2021.

i. Approve the employment of Tammy Baker, security officer, effective July 28, 2021.

j. Approve the employment of Larry Davis, security officer, effective July 26, 2021.

k. Approve the employment of Phillip Jackson, security officer, effective August 9, 2021.


m. Approve the employment of Rachel Resterhouse, teacher at Huth Middle School, effective August 19, 2021.

n. Approve the employment of Darnell Watson, Jr., percussion coach (.5) at Huth Middle School, effective August 19, 2021.

2. Contracts
   a. Approve the contract with Mary Ann Ragsdale, teacher (not to exceed 120 days of service), effective August 19, 2021, through June 3, 2022.

   b. Approve the contract with Orevia Stevenson-Holmes, teacher (not to exceed 120 days of service), effective August 19, 2021, through June 3, 2022.

3. Leaves
   a. Approve the leave of absence, under FMLA, of Maria Servin, custodian at the District Office, effective July 28, 2021, for up to six weeks.

   b. Approve the intermittent FMLA leave of Della Tucker, teacher at Matteson School, effective August 19, 2021, for up to sixty days.
4. **Retirements/Resignations**
   a. Approve the intent to retire of Debi Kerestes, vision and hearing technician, effective August 31, 2021.

   b. Approve the resignation of Tayla Strong, teacher at Huth Middle School, effective July 15, 2021.


   e. Approve the resignation of Michael Steward, teacher at Illinois School, effective July 28, 2021.

   f. Approve the resignation of Amreen Khadeer, teacher at Indiana School, effective August 12, 2021.

   g. Approve the resignation of Candace Cotton, cook at Arcadia School, effective August 13, 2021.

   h. Acknowledgement of the resignation without 30 days’ written notice and without the concurrence of the Board, of Natalie Johnson, teacher at Matteson School, effective August 5, 2021, with liquidated damages charged to the teacher in the amount of 4% of her 2020–2021 contracted salary or the amount available to be withheld from her final 2020–2021 paycheck, whichever is less, in accordance with Section 13 of the teacher’s contract.

   i. Acknowledgement of the resignation without 30 days’ written notice and without the concurrence of the Board, of Veronica Baldermann, teacher at Illinois School, effective August 3, 2021, with liquidated damages charged to the teacher in the amount of 4% of her 2020–2021 contracted salary or the amount available to be withheld from her final 2020–2021 paycheck, whichever is less, in accordance with Section 13 of the teacher’s contract.

   j. Acknowledgement of the resignation without 30 days’ written notice and without the concurrence of the Board, of Monica Serafini-Black, teacher
at Illinois School, effective August 13, 2021, with liquidated damages charged to the teacher in the amount of 4% of her 2020–2021 contracted salary or the amount available to be withheld from her final 2020–2021 paycheck, whichever is less, in accordance with Section 13 of the teacher’s contract.

C. Policy Matters

D. Annual Business

E. Bill Listing – Authorization for the administration to pay the schedule of bills payable and authorization for the District Treasurer to sign the checks dated August 17, 2021, in the amount of $1,885,088.22.

F. Imprest Fund Reimbursement – Authorization to reimburse the District Imprest Fund in the amount of $18,873.64.

G. Financial Statement – The July 2021 Financial Statement is presented for review.

H. Payroll Vouchers – Authorization for the District Treasurer to sign the payrolls dated September 15, 2021, and September 30, 2021, including all bills for payroll deductions and contributions by the School District.

I. Gifts/Donations

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

VI. Superintendent’s Report

VII. Legislation

VIII. New Business

A. The Board will consider approval of the promotion of Ms. Jaimie Goodley from her former position of assistant director of special education and student support services to the position of director of special education, effective August 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

B. The Board will consider approval of the promotion of Mrs. Rebecca Akridge-Dixon from her former position of special education administrator to the position of assistant director of special education, effective August 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
C. **The Board will consider approval of the extension of the Superintendent’s contract.**

IX. Old Business

X. Board Member Issues/Reports

XI. Audience to Visitors

XII. Adjournment

Minutes approved at this meeting are posted within seven days in the District Office and on the District’s Website and Schoolwires for 60 days. The approved minutes also are posted at the Matteson, Park Forest, and Richton Park Public Libraries.

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