

**Board of Education Meeting
 September 26, 2023
 Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology
 1605 Wentworth Ave.
 Calumet City, IL 60409
 MINUTES**



1. Call to Order/Roll call

Present: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Wilson **Absent:** Stepp

2. Communication/Informational

A. Public Comments

1. Elvis Slaughter—Requested the board to review the statement he submitted.
2. Connie Simon—Voiced opposition to the flying of the pride flag. She asked the board to not allow it because it would mean changing flag poles, would raise issues for other groups and that sexuality is not a nationality.

B. Freedom of Information Report

DATE	REQUESTOR	REQUEST	DATE RESPONDED
8/23/23	Melanie Jongsma	any and all documentation regarding the discipline approved for Jake Gourley at the May 25, 2023, regular board meeting and the August 9, 2023, special meeting.	8/30/23
9/12/23;9/19/23	Janine Asmus	Please identify (by employee name and work email address) each and every District employee who is certified as a school librarian (meaning they have the school library licensure and/or endorsement in library media) and who is currently working in that capacity in your District's library/libraries/media centers this academic school year.	9/21/23

C. Monthly Suspension Reports

D. Annual Salary Reports

E. Future Meetings--October 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole; October 24, 2023 Regular meeting

F. Building Reports

Reports given by principals.

G. Superintendent's Report/New Teacher Pinning

New teachers were introduced and recognized.

3. Closed Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific independent contractors, specific volunteers, or District legal counsel.

I move to recess to closed session at 6:21 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employee(s), specific independent contractors, specific volunteers, or District legal counsel. This motion, made by Newman and seconded by Wilson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Wilson Absent: Stepp

4. Consent

I move to approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Jackson, passed.

- A. Approve Minutes from the August 22, 2023 Open and Closed Sessions and the September 13, 2023 Committee of the Whole meeting and the September 13, 2023 Special meeting.
- B. Approve Personnel Report
 1. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the **resignation of Wanda Brown**, 12-Month Guidance Secretary at T.F. North, effective October 2, 2023.
 2. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the **resignation of Mark McGinnis**, Cafeteria Aide at T.F. South, effective September 8, 2023.
 3. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **dismissal of Ronald Lee, Jr.**, Custodian at T.F. South, as approved in closed session.
 4. It is recommended that the Board of Education accept the report of the **retirement of Fred Seibel**, Math Teacher at T.F. South, effective the last day of the 2025-2026 school term.
 5. It is recommended that the Board of Education **rescind the employment of Dellion Brown** as a Custodian at T.F. North, effective September 5, 2023.
 6. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment of Jessica Benjamin** as a Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. South, effective September 27, 2023.
 7. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment of Makela Bradford** as a Cafeteria Aide at T.F. North, effective September 27, 2023.
 8. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **re-employment of Kelly Hasse** as a Conflict Resolution Specialist, effective October 2, 2023.
 9. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment of Chastity Jackson** as Purchasing Clerk, effective October 10, 2023.
 10. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **employment of Cody Kelly** as a Special Education Paraprofessional at T.F. North, effective September 27, 2023.
 10. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary, part-time employment of Waynemoond Cotton** as a Drama Program Clinician at T.F. North, effective September 27, 2023 through May 31, 2024 (\$4,600).
 11. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary, part-time employment of Khristopher Granados Paredes** as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. South, effective September 27, 2023 through May 31, 2024 (\$4,000).
 13. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary, part-time employment of Adam Nigh** as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. South, effective September 27, 2023 through May 31, 2024 (\$6,000).
 14. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary, part-time employment of Joseph Ogunbode** as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. South, effective September 27, 2023 through May 31, 2024 (\$4,000).
 15. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary, part-time employment of Zachariah Sperstad** as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. South, effective January 8, 2024 through May 31, 2024 (\$2,000).

16. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the **temporary, part-time employment of Alex Willhite** as a Music Program Clinician at T.F. South, effective September 27, 2023 through May 31, 2024 (\$4,000).
17. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **FMLA leave** for **Teresa Bishop**, Executive Director of Finance & Operations/CSBO, effective September 19, 2023 through September 28, 2023.
18. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent **FMLA leave** for **Houston Cantrell**, Chef at T.F. Center, effective September 12, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
19. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **FMLA leave** for **Maria Chavez**, Social Worker at T.F. North, effective August 17, 2023 through September 1, 2023.
20. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent **FMLA leave** for **Nancy Dillon**, Special Education Teacher at T.F. South, effective September 7, 2023 through December 7, 2023.
21. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve **FMLA leave** for **Elba Gonzalez**, IT Systems & Support Manager, effective August 7, 2023 through August 15, 2023.
22. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent **FMLA leave** for **Pamela Leonard**, Math Teacher at T.F. South, effective for the 2023-2024 school term.
23. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent **FMLA leave** for **Anita Martinez**, Cafeteria Aide at T.F. North, effective for the 2023-2024 school term.
24. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve intermittent **FMLA leave** for **Sandy Pohlman**, Building Control Secretary at T.F. South, effective August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
25. It is recommended the Board of Education **rescind** the **sixth assignment** for **Sean Coultas** to teach Project Lead the Way (PLTW) at T.F. South for the 2023-2024 school term.
26. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Family Support Specialist** for the 2023-2024 school term:
T.F. Center – Maria Vicki Torres.
27. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Curriculum Team Members** for the 2023-2024 school term:
Review Team – Kimberly Praser, Karla McDaniel
Writing Team – Emily Biegel, Brandy Briggs, Aaron Bugajski, Elizabeth Carey, NaTasha Emerson, Susan Gilhooly, John Haney, Cynthia Krusza, Pamela Leonard, Jordan Oliva, Pietro Pisello, Ann Pittman, Douglas Schlessner, Cathleen Stadt, Steven Traversa, Carrie Zegarac.
28. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Academic Recovery** staff for the Fall 2023 semester:
T.F. North
 Saturday Program Supervisors (rotating) – **Verneisha Gair, Christin Passarelli, Brian Rucinski, DeVale Stubbs**
 Virtual Learning Facilitators – **Roshunda Cook, Tynesha Cunningham, Taylor Galvin, Michelle Jones, Sheri Murawski, Rindi Ortiz**
 Secretaries (rotating) – **Jessica Paez, Josefina Santos**
 Deans Assistant – **Joshua Moore**
T.F. South
 Saturday Program Supervisors (rotating) – **Brian Bergthold, Cassandra Brackenridge, Marc Brewe, Paula Nardi, John O'Rourke**

Virtual Learning Facilitators – **Jillian Altenburg, Tameka Fowler, Twana Frelix-Lloyd, Yasmie Hill, Chiralaine Natschke, Rae Williams**
Secretaries – **Carmen Akers, Leah Clancy**

29. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Homework Center Tutors** for the 2023-2024 school term:

T.F. North – **Catherine Hood, Michelle Lencioni, Cameron Martin, Rindi Ortiz, Michelle Potter, Jennifer Ramos**

T.F. South – **Margaret Blahunka, Tracy Burt-Lydon Kelli McCullough, Kimberly Praser, Lauren Senter, Nicole Streit.**

30. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Driver Education Behind-the-Wheel Teachers** for the 2023-2024 school term:

T.F. North – **Centrese McGee, Anthony Pignatiello.**

31. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **extra-curricular appointments** for the 2023-2024 school term:

Da'Shun Brown, *Esports Club Co-Sponsor*, T.F. South

Othia Coates, *Girls Basketball Volunteer Assistant Coach*, T.F. North

Franklin Hogan, *Esports Club Co-Sponsor*, T.F. South

Jennifer Gross, *Best Buddies Co-Sponsor*, T.F. South

Julie Kersaan-Potsic, *Auditorium Co-Manager*, T.F. South

Kelly Ruckert, *Best Buddies Co-Sponsor*, T.F. South

Monica Townes-Hudson, *Softball Assistant Coach*, T.F. South.

32. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Substitute Teachers** for the 2023-2024 school term: **Mozella Brown, Connie Jeka, Jenette Pogvara, Kyle Ruckert.**

33. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Student Workers** for the 2023-2024 school term:

T.F. Center

Randy Ackerman, Zion Blanton

T.F. North

Mariah McReynolds, Felicity Nichols, Joi Terrell

T.F. North

Savonna Henry.

34. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Technology Student Workers** for the 2023-2024 school term:

T.F. North

Fernando Cervantes, Christopher Guzman, Mia Romo

T.F. North

Tavares Baker, Glory Ike, Alan Menendez, Khristian Watson.

35. It is recommended that the Board of Education approve the following **Volunteers** for the 2023-2024 school term: **William Anderson, Michael Blalock, Daryll Golladay, Leon Guyton, Alexis Harrison, Judy Henry, Christopher Ingram, Kimberly Jackson, Omia Lang, Bliss Like-Jones, John Ruiz, Oautumm Sands, Danielle Terry, Kisha Wells.**

A. Approve/Accept the following Financial Items

1. Accept August 2023 FTD Monthly Financial Statements

2. Approve August/September Payables, \$3,584,928.70

Accounts Payable - List of Bills - Aug 2023/Sep 2023

Fund		Amount
Educational	\$	1,249,592.00
Special Education	\$	-
Operations and Maintenance	\$	793,005.15
Debt Service	\$	11,677.02
Transportation	\$	92,384.75
Capital Projects	\$	1,421,883.71
Tort Liability	\$	16,386.07
Total	\$	3,584,928.70

3. Approve August/September Activities Bills, \$11,728.47

Student Activities - List of Bills - Aug 2023/Sep 2023

Activity Fund		Total
TF North Activities	\$	9,002.09
TF South Activities	\$	2,648.76
Admin/TF Center Activities	\$	77.62
Totals	\$	11,728.47

4. Approve August Payroll, \$2,017,801.20

Monthly Payroll Report-- August 2023

Fund		Amount
Education	\$	1,826,225.23
Operations and Maintenance	\$	190,332.29
Transportation	\$	1,243.68
Total	\$	2,017,801.20

5. Approve August/September 2023 Imprest, \$4,076.86

Imprest - List of Bills - Aug 2023/Sep 2023

Fund		Amount
Educational	\$	3,910.61
Special Education	\$	-
Operations and Maintenance	\$	-
Debt Service	\$	-
Transportation	\$	-
Capital Projects	\$	-
Tort Liability	\$	166.25
Total	\$	4,076.86

- D. Approve Vendor Contract for Maria Cornelious in the amount of \$1,200
- E. Approve Vendor Contract for DeMario Tribett in the amount of \$1,200
- F. Approve Vendor Contract for Dr. Kimberly Carlos not to exceed \$1,500
- G. Approve Vendor Contract for Swagga DJ AJ in the amount of \$1,800
- H. Approve Donation of Retired TF United Boys Soccer gear
- I. Approve SAT Prep for Students
- J. SAT Prep for Staff
- K. Approve Agreement with Chicago Balfour as TFS Graduation Supplier
- L. Approve MOU with Gloria J. Taylor Foundation
- M. Approve Letter of Agreement with Local 683 regarding Anime Club Sponsor Lane Placement
- N. Approve TFD215 Participation in IASB Administrative Procedures Project (AAP)
- O. Approve Reciprocal Crime Reporting Agreement with Village of Burnham Police Department
- P. Approve Reciprocal Crime Reporting Agreement with Village of Lansing Police Department
- Q. Approve Reciprocal Crime Reporting Agreement with Village of Calumet City Police Department
- R. Approve destruction of closed session recordings for March 9, 2022 and March 22, 2022 in accordance with Policy 2:220

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Wilson Absent: Stepp

5. Action

- A. Approve 2023-24 Budget

I move to adopt the 2023-24 budget as presented. This motion, made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Wilson Absent: Stepp

- B. Approve MOU with BeWell Tools

I move to approve the MOU with BeWell Tools for student social-emotional support services as presented. This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Newman passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Wilson Absent: Stepp

- C. Approve Voice Services Contract

I move to approve the ATT voice services contract for 24 months as presented. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Jackson, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Wilson Absent: Stepp

- D. Approve Addition of Two CTE Division Leaders

I move to approve the addition of two CTE division leaders. This motion, made by Member Terrazas and seconded by Member Newman, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Wilson Absent: Stepp

E. Approve Post Secondary Success Grant Vendor

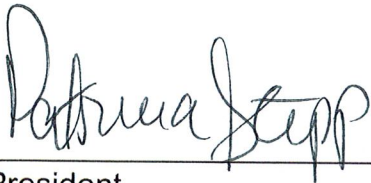
I move to approve the agreement with Pentegra Systems, LLC as presented for the CTE TV production studio. This motion, made by Member Jackson and seconded by Member Newman, passed.

Upon Roll Call Vote:

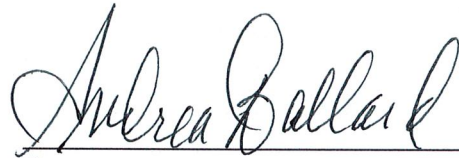
Ayes: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Terrazas, Wilson Absent: Stepp

F. Adjourn

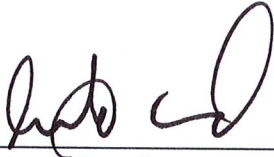
I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. This motion, made by Member Newman and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on voice vote.



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary