

REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Joel Barlow High School - Library Learning Commons

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January 12, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Board members: Graziano, Johnston, O'Brien, Pampel, Thompson, Stinson, Parkin, (Denny- via remote link)

Administration: Scrofani, D'Agostino

CALL TO ORDER

C. Graziano called the Region 9 Board of Education Special meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: C. Graziano introduced M. D'Agostino to speak on the issues with the chiller units at JBHS not functioning properly. Previously Region 9 approved the funds to have a company investigate the problems with the chillers. It was discovered that both units are in disrepair. One unit has so much deposit that it must be replaced as it cannot be repaired. The other unit needs cleaning and can be repaired. An insurance claim has been filed and the manufacturer contacted. Insurance has agreed to pay for the cost of replacing the non-working chiller; including all associated costs for installation as well as reimbursing the district for the cost of the initial investigation. In order to proceed and get the new chiller ordered in time, the district must pay now through the capital reserve fund and then get reimbursed through the insurance company. There is a twenty week lead time for the new chiller unit so it needs to be ordered asap. Currently looking at a mid-June 2024 installation.

Motion: Move that the Region 9 Board of Education authorize the Director of Finance, Operations and Technology to fund the chiller replacement using the Capital Reserve Fund. Total cost to be reimbursed by our insurance carrier. Payment estimated to be approx \$181,000 (Stinson, Graziano). Approved. Unanimous.

Discussion regarding the replacement followed: K. O'Brien asked why the other chiller isn't covered by our insurance policy. M. D'Agostino responded that since the second chiller wasn't a "catastrophic failure" it therefore wasn't covered. K. Thompson asked if going forward water treatment to the chiller units to resolve the sediment issue will be addressed. M. D'Agostino replied that a new filtration system will be in place before the installation of the new chiller. S. Scrofani expressed gratitude to M. D'Agostino for his diligence in getting this issue resolved in a timely manner (as the original estimate for delivery of the new chiller was 50 weeks).

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (prior to Officer elections). C. Graziano gave a presentation regarding team building along with a review of Region 9 Bylaws regarding Officers

and elections bylaws and committees. Board discussion of qualifications and criteria for officers followed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON

Sara Scrofani presided over the elections and asked for nominations for a new Chairperson of the Board; M. Pampel nominated T. Johnston and C. Graziano nominated J. Stinson. C. Parkin suggested the Board have a discussion about what kind of leader the Board wants. Discussion followed. T. Johnston felt that further discussion was unfruitful and asked to move forward with a vote.

S. Scrofani distributed ballots to Board members and read the results, which were: 4 votes for T. Johnston and 4 votes for J. Stinson.

As the vote resulted in another tie between J. Stinson and T. Johnston. It was decided that the tie would be broken by lot. S. Scrofani flipped a coin and Todd Johnston was chosen as Chairperson of Region 9 Board of Education. Election of the other officer positions followed by written ballots.

The results were:

Vice Chairperson: Cheryl Graciano

Treasurer: Chris Parkin

Secretary: Kathy Thompson

Congratulations to the new officers.

ADJOURNMENT

M. Pampel made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion: move that the Region 9 Board of Education meeting be adjourned.
(Pampel/O'Brien). Approved. Unanimous.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by Karen O'Brien

Secretary, Region 9 Board of Education