

President Stepp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following roll call:

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

**2. Communication/Public Comment**

- Aayla Holiday—Introduced herself as co-president of the South SEL club. She stated the SEL has been diminished over the past year and that many students are afraid of joining. The wish is to rebrand the SEL to Student Union. Current membership feels proud of strides made and find no shame in the activism.
- Dulce Gonzalez—Requested increase in cultural training for staff. She stated teachers make comments and mock students using racial and ethnic slurs with one teacher allegedly called a student ISIS.

**3. Buildings Grounds/Safety Committee--Member Townsend**

3.A.1. Building Usage Report—Mr. Stephan shared the monthly report. Discussion included what the success rate is for gathering payments and he stated it has improved. If an entity doesn't pay, it can't rent again and if a rental is over \$500, they have to give 50% deposit. He added the South track is now lined.

**4. Finance Committee--Member Jackson**

- 4.A. Vertical Bridge—Ms. Bishop stated Vertical Bridge is terminating the cel tower lease which has been in effect since 2005. It is a benefit for the district because of the upcoming construction at North. There are two cel tower leases left, one at North and South. It is anticipated the district will be asked to re-negotiate the one for South.
- 4.B. Calumet City Park District Agreement—Ms. Bishop provided an overview of the agreement which expired in 2019 and had been in place for 25 years. Both entities have been trying to work on a new agreement but there is uncertainty regarding ownership. What is being presented is a use agreement for through September 2025. Discussion included if the playground is included, and it is not because it is not district property. It is uncertain how much the appraisal would be. It was raised that the agreement is signed by the park district before the board has seen it. Ms. Bishop stated she had no idea they were taking it before their board. The concession building is in the agreement and the district might have construction students work on it.
- 4.C. First View--First Student parent app—Ms. Bishop shared the app is being currently piloted and it will roll out in two weeks. The administration is convening a meeting next week to determine how the internal pilots are going. There is no cost to utilize it.
- 4.D. Residency Verification—Ms. Bishop stated the district has used National Investigations for a 5-year term. The district is not happy with the company's services and Ms. Bishop has received good reviews of the company being recommended. Administration is a recommending one-year agreement. Discussion included that the

current staff member is retiring, and her job is being split and will be posted in a couple of weeks.

4.E. Special Education Transportation bid results—Ms. Bishop shared that Kickert is the lowest bidder. She met with representatives, and they seemed to have learned from their mistakes including having hired many new staff and raising salaries. The staff have gone through training, wear uniforms, will be rolling out an app and have cameras on buses. An extended conversation was had about the special education transportation equipment they have. They are willing to meet with students/families to make sure of outreach. References will be checked, and the board can approve a three-year contract with two one-year contract extensions. Administration will check into field trips. Members asked to have a cover memo for any agenda item, even if just a couple of sentences of explanation.

**5. Curriculum Committee--Member Ballard**

5.A. Resources for New Curriculum—Ms. Szuba shared her department always evaluates new curriculum resources as part of any curriculum re-write.

5.B. 2024-26 APEX/Edmentum Contract—Ms. Szuba shared it is the same product used for late start, seniors, and virtual summer school. A two-year contract is being proposed. Additionally at North and South AP pre-calculus is being added. Administration is working on AP calculus being dual credit.

**6. Behavior Intervention/Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee--Member Newman**

6.A. 2024-25 Student Handbook—Discussion focused on the dress code guidelines primarily on headgear. After a lengthy discussion, it was determined to add language stating a district authorized knit cap is acceptable to be worn. It was also commented that administration look at the inconsistency of enforcement as well as work more on educating students about presenting themselves that isn't rules oriented and is reinforced in a positive way. It was noted there is a typo on page 30 #1.

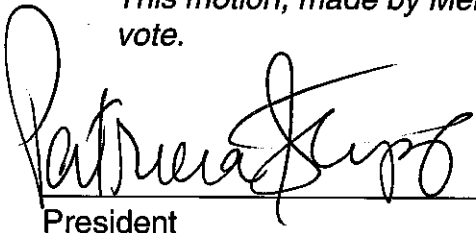
**7. Policy Committee--Member Newman**

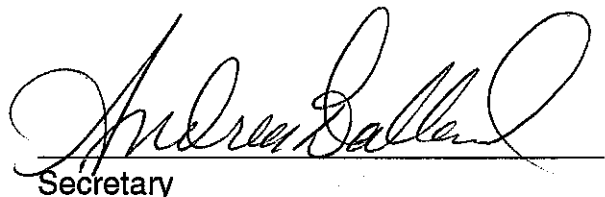
7.A. PRESS Issue 114—Ms. Newman and Ms. Howard reviewed the PRESS Issue 114 policies as well as the addition of policy 7:190 Isolated Time Out revision.

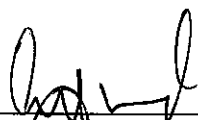
**8. Adjourn**

I move to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

*This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on voice vote.*

  
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President

  
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