

Minutes of the 2021-2022 BUDGET MEETING and REGULAR MEETING
OF THE UNION RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 86 BOARD OF EDUCATION
Thursday September 16, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.
Union Ridge School Conference Room

President Klopotoski led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon roll call by Secretary the following were found to be physically present at 4600 N. Oak Park Ave, Harwood Heights Il: Mrs. Pissios, , Mr. Biel, Mr. Notardonato, Mrs. Giannakaris, Mrs. Perna, Mrs. Klopotoski.

No member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following members were absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Mr. Styliaras

Also in attendance: Mr. Maguire, Superintendent, Mrs. Borner, Principal, Mrs. C. Martin recording secretary and Mrs. Kyne, Business Manager. A quorum was met. Meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

2021-2022 Budget Meeting

The 2021-2022 Budget was presented by Mrs. Kyne to the Board.

Recommended by the Superintendent

Be it resolved by the Union Ridge School District 86 Board of Education to approve the 2021-2022 budget as presented.

Motion by: Pissios

Seconded by: Biel

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Mrs. Pissios, , Mr. Biel, Mr. Notardonato, Mrs. Giannakaris, Mrs. Perna, Mrs. Klopotoski

Nays: 0

Absent: 1

Motion Passed

President Klopotoski then indicated that the Budget meeting was closed and the board entered into the regular meeting

Regular Meeting

The President called the meeting to order and directed the Secretary to call the roll.

Upon the roll being called, Jolanta Klopotoski, the President, and the following members were physically present at said location: Mrs. Pissios, , Mr. Biel, Mr. Notardonato, Mrs. Giannakaris and Mrs. Perna

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The President announced that in view of the current financial condition of the District, the Board of Education would consider the adoption of a resolution declaring its intention to issue \$650,000 working cash fund bonds pursuant to Article 20 of the School Code and directing that notice of such intention be published.

Whereupon Member Perna presented and the Secretary read by title a resolution as follows, a copy of which was provided to each member of the Board of Education prior to said meeting and to everyone in attendance at said meeting who requested a copy:

RESOLUTION declaring the intention to issue \$650,000 Working Cash Fund Bonds of School District Number 86, Cook County, Illinois, for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of said School District, and directing that notice of such intention be published in the manner provided by law.

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto (the "*Code*"), a fund to be known as a Working Cash Fund (the "*Fund*") may be created and maintained in and for School District Number 86, Cook County, Illinois (the "*District*"), in the manner prescribed in the Code, for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes; and

WHEREAS, the District has heretofore created and maintained such Fund in the manner prescribed by the Code; and

WHEREAS, under the provisions of the Code, the Board of Education of the District (the "*Board*") is authorized to incur an indebtedness and issue bonds as evidence thereof (the "*Bonds*") for the purpose of increasing the Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined and does hereby determine that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of the District that the Fund be increased and that the District incur an indebtedness and issue Bonds as evidence thereof in the amount of \$650,000 for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, before such Bonds may be issued for said purpose, the Board must adopt a resolution declaring its intention to issue such Bonds for said purpose and direct that notice of such intention be published as provided by law:

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It and It Is Hereby Resolved by the Board of Education of School District Number 86, Cook County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Board hereby finds that all of the recitals contained in the preambles to this Resolution are full, true and correct and does incorporate them into this Resolution by this reference.

Section 2. Declaration of Intent. The Board hereby declares its intention to avail of the provisions of the Code, and to issue Bonds in the amount of \$650,000 for the purpose of increasing the Fund and enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

Section 3. Notice of Intent. In accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, notice of said intention to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the Code and to issue Bonds for the purpose of increasing the Fund shall be given by publication of such notice at least once in the *Norridge-Harwood Heights News*, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the District.

Section 4. Form of Notice. The notice of intention to issue the Bonds shall be in substantially the following form:

**NOTICE OF INTENTION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 86,
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
TO ISSUE \$650,000
WORKING CASH FUND BONDS**

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on the 16th day of September, 2021, the Board of Education (the "*Board*") of School District Number 86, Cook County, Illinois (the "*District*"), adopted a resolution declaring its intention and determination to issue bonds in the aggregate amount of \$650,000 for the purpose of increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District, and it is the intention of the Board to avail of the provisions of Article 20 of the School Code of the State of Illinois, and all laws amendatory thereof and supplementary thereto, and to issue said bonds for the purpose of increasing said Working Cash Fund. Said Working Cash Fund is to be maintained in accordance with the provisions of said Article and shall be used for the purpose of enabling the District to have in its treasury at all time sufficient money to meet demands thereon for expenditures for corporate purposes.

A petition may be filed with the Secretary of the Board (the "*Secretary*") within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, signed by not less than 371 voters of the District, said number of voters being equal to ten percent (10%) of the registered voters of the District, requesting that the proposition to issue said bonds as authorized by the provisions of said Article 20 be submitted to the voters of the District. If such petition is filed with the Secretary within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this notice, an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the 28th day of June, 2022. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to said election date pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. If no such petition is filed within said thirty (30) day period, then the District shall thereafter be authorized to issue said bonds for the purpose hereinabove provided.

By order of the Board of Education of School District Number 86, Cook County, Illinois.

DATED this 16th day of September, 2021.

Selena Giannakaris
Secretary, Board of Education,
School District Number 86, Cook County,
Illinois

Jolanta Klopotoski
President, Board of Education,
School District Number 86, Cook County,
Illinois

Section 5. Further Proceedings. If no petition signed by the requisite number of voters is filed with the Secretary of the Board within thirty (30) days after the date of the publication of such notice of intention to issue the Bonds, the Board shall, by appropriate proceedings to be hereafter taken, fix the details concerning the issue of the Bonds and provide for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the same.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Resolution shall be held to be invalid or unenforceable for any reason, the invalidity or unenforceability of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the remaining provisions of this Resolution.

Section 7. Repealer and Effective Date. All resolutions and parts of resolutions in conflict herewith be and the same are hereby repealed and that this Resolution be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Adopted September 16, 2021.



President, Board of Education

President Kłopotowski thanked Administration and teachers for the continued good work. Member Perna reported on the staff breakfast hosted by the School Board which was much appreciated by the staff, and Starbucks donated the coffee. PTA also hosted a snack spread for the 2nd Teacher institute day at the beginning of the school year.

Principal's Report

Board of Education Meeting – Thursday, September 16, 2021

1. Enrollment - 648
2. Transportation - none
3. Administrative Goals

Goal 1:

A. Improvement of Academic Achievement

- Teacher Institute Days, September 1 and September 2 – staff was briefed on Covid protocol, running lunches, talked about our Tiered support systems, grade level team meetings. Supporting all students – transition from home or half days to full days for Kindergarten.
- Fall Assessments – looking to see where all of our kids are at. K-2 Math and Reading Aims Web, grades 3-8th MAP, we will be using the data during our next TI and we will see which students need support.
- Virtual Open House – Open House will be virtual again this year due to Covid protocols.

Goal 2:

A. Teaching, Learning, and Working with Technology

- Online Learning Tools for 2021-2022 – still getting AUP's in for students to go with insurance on their devices so devices are covered. Online learning tools are being set up and students are starting to take their devices home.

Goal 3:

A. Maintain a Positive, Supportive Environment for Students and Staff

- PAWSitive Expectations for In-Person Learning
K-5th grades 2nd step program
- Virtual Welcome Back Assembly – For students will be on the 22nd, will be broadcast throughout the school at the same time.
- Weekly Morning Announcements – recorded announcements will be done once a week.
- New Families Night – was last week facilitated by the Peer Leaders, who gave tours of the building and answered questions of the parents. Families were paired with students who spoke the same first language. There was a large group of families.

Upcoming school events:

- Concert Band begins 9/14
- Jazz Band begins 9/20
- Extracurricular Athletic Events resume
- Morning Exercise Program begins 9/13
- Teacher Institute Day – September 24th
- Flu Shots for staff – September 24th

Superintendent's Board Report

September, 2021

1. District Finances

- a. Update – doing well. The HVAC and roof project is financed over 20 years but with the bond we could pay it out quicker.
- b. Proposed Budget
- c. Bonds

2. School and Community

- a. COVID-19 Update –Nurse Kelly is busy. Hoping to keep this momentum. The district hired more support staff to assist in bringing the students back to the level of learning and to allow social distancing during lunch times.
- b. Transportation: Athletics and Activities – our bus company went out of business. Mrs. Casteel went above and beyond to get us a bus company, Conway Bus Company.
- c. Community Leaders Meeting – Mayors, Police Chiefs, Fire, Superintendents to talk about what is going on in the Villages. Police mentioned an uptick in car jackings. New business coming in to the neighborhood. We are seeing an influx of families coming in to the neighborhood. SpEd team, EL team as well as all our teachers are known in the surrounding areas for their excellence which could contribute to the number of new students. Social workers – dealing with some issues of school phobia in students. Maintenance staff are going above and beyond as they usually do, with the construction project the normal cleaning over the summer was a challenge for all. Rodney – is, as usual, doing an excellent job getting staff and student technology up and running. Nurse Kelly is extremely busy, in order to assist her with some of the clerical duties we have offered extra hours to our parttime nurse. Harwood Heights police department helpful with arrival and dismissal during the hectic beginning of the school year.

3. Buildings & Grounds

- a. Construction Finalized – project is completed a couple of the uni-vents in classrooms need to be adjuste. New boilers and new chillers were installed. Air flow in the building is better. There is more maintenance and upkeep, Midwest Mechanical will be available for the next year.
Morten Arboretum came and planted additional trees this week, 8th graders assisted in the planting of the trees.
- b. Street Paving - Harwood Heights police department extremely helpful with arrival and dismissal. The repaving should be completed by next week.

4. Other

Correspondence

- a. Enrollment Tally 648
- b. Response to FOIA requests:
 - Name: Angel Tormis
 - Phone Number: 936-298-6500
 - Organization: SteepSteel, LLC
 - Address: 1095 Evergreen Circle, Suite 200 The Woodlands, TX 77380
 - Email Address: records@steepsteelgov.org

Request:

Please send us copies of all active leases/licenses for cell towers, rooftop antennas, or other wireless installations on property owned or managed by Union Ridge School District 86, Illinois along with 24

months of associated payment histories.
Best Regards, Angel Tormis
Sent copy of FCC – Radio Station Authorization

Members of the audience who attended the meeting chose at this time to address the board regarding Illinois Senate Bill 0818 which Governor Pritzker signed into law this year. This Bill amends the school code and requires school districts to provide students in grades Kindergarten through 5th grade with new personal health and safety education standards. The Bill also requires school districts to provide an age and developmentally appropriate sexual health education program aligned with the National Sex Education Standards in grades 6-12. Parents express concerns over what their children were going to be taught and what curriculum would be. They showed the Board a book that is being circulated on digital media as a possible book which would be used at Union Ridge. Mr. Maguire assured the audience members that that book would not be used and that all curriculum would be available to parents when such curriculum is selected by the school district.

For the Good of the District
No Items

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Perna and seconded by Mr. Notardonato to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of appointments, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of a specific employee at 7:20 pm.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

Adjournment of Executive Session

Motion Mrs. Perna and seconded by Mrs. Giannakaris to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular meeting at 8:00 pm.

Ayes: 6 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 Motion Carried

There being no further business to come before the Board member Perna made a motion to adjourn seconded by member Pissios.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 pm.

October 21, 2021
Date Approved


Jolanta Klopotoski, President


Selena Giannakaris, Secretary

Meeting of the Union Ridge School District 86 Board of Education
September 16, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.
Union Ridge School Gymnasium
Visitor Log

1. Violetta Surdziel
2. Talib Talib
3. Anna Jakub
4. Eleanor Rodriguez
5. Martha Desjardins
6. Magdalena Cich
7. Agnieszka Ploske
8. Joanna Cholewa
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