



**SPRING VALLEY COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT #99**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
KENNEDY LIBRARY, JOHN F. KENNEDY SCHOOL  
999 NORTH STRONG AVENUE, SPRING VALLEY, IL 61362  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025, 7:00 P.M.**



**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

**7:00 pm**

Board of Education Members Present-Ted Urbanski, Lindsay Ferrari, Tina Pienta, Jim Faletti, Lisa Ponce, Korby Kasperski and Nicky Olson-Left at 7:45 pm.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

MOTION by Ponce seconded by Kasperski that the Board of Education approve the Regular Meeting Agenda.

Roll Call: Ponce, Kasperski, Ferrari, Pienta, Faletti, Olson and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

**4. INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS** Chris Leonard was inducted into the Spring Valley Education Foundation Hall of Fame..

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT, CORRESPONDENCE, & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**6. CONSENT AGENDA**

**6.1 Approval of Previous Meetings Minutes**

**6.2 Approval of the Financial Reports**

**6.3 Approval of the Treasurer's Report**

**6.4 Approval of District Bills**

MOTION Pienta seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda.

Roll Call: Pienta, Ponce, Ferrari, Faletti, Kasperski, Olson and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

**7. REPORTS, UPDATES & INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**7.1 Cash Flow & Budget Watch** – Mr. Hermes gave a brief overview of Cash Flow & Budget Watch

**7.2 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Board Agreements and Protocols** –Let Mr. Hermes know of any changes or corrections that need to be made.

**7.3 Assistant Principal's Report** – Ryan reviewed the handbook changes.

**7.4 Principal's Report** – The 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation parent committee is hosting a Dodgeball Night on 3/20. PAWS is hosting Ties & Tiara on 4/4. There will be a Meet & Greet for Julie DeFore on 5/6, a time needs to be set. We do not qualify for the Title III RFP grant. Leadership Committee met today. We will be concentrating on Math, pre-assessments, needs and difficulty mastering. Kindergarten round was on 3/18; 31 families attended. We have 42 students signed up so far.

**7.5 Superintendent's Report** – The Locker Room is working on a banner for the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls 2<sup>nd</sup> place state basketball finish. We need more parent participation for the 5 Essentials Survey. IASB presented a Service Award to Ted Urbanski.

## **8. ACTION ITEMS**

### **8.1 Approve the Special Education Workload Plan for 2025-2026**

MOTION by Kasperski seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education approve the Special Education Workload Plan for 2025-2026.

Roll Call Kasperski, Ponce, Ferrari, Pienta, Faletti, Olson and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

### **8.2 Approve the Handbook Changes for 2025-2026**

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Olson that the Board of Education approve the Handbook Changes for 2025-2026.

Roll Call: Pienta, Olson, Ferrari, Faletti, Ponce, Kasperski and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

### **8.3 Approve 5-year Copier Contract with Digital Copy Services**

MOTION by Kasperski seconded by Olson that the Board of Education approve 5-year Copier Contract with Digital Copy Services

Roll Call: Kasperski, Olson, Ferrari, Pienta, Faletti, Ponce and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

## **9. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Reference: 5ILCS120(c) 1&14 Review closed session minutes, Personnel Matters**

**7:27 PM**

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education go into Executive Session.

Roll Call: Pienta, Ponce, Ferrari, Faletti, Kasperski, Olson and Urbanski all voted aye. No nays. Motion carried.

**BEGIN CLOSED: 7:28 pm**  
**END CLOSED: 8:02 PM**

## **10. ACTION ITEMS FOLLOWING CLOSED SESSION**

### **10.1 Approve Closed Session Minutes for March**

MOTION by Faletti seconded by Kasperski that the Board of Education approve Closed Session Minutes for March.

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried

### **10.2 Approve the Staff Moves: Carly Lopez 3<sup>rd</sup> to Art/ Interventionist; Sara Green 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>**

MOTION by Ferrari seconded Ponce that the Board of Education approve the Staff Moves: Carly Lopez 3<sup>rd</sup> to Art/ Interventionist; Sara Green 4<sup>th</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried.

### **10.3 Approve the hiring of: Maurissa Riahi-Secretary**

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education approve the hiring of Maurissa Riahi-Secretary.

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried.

### **10.4 Accept the resignation of Erica Currier**

MOTION by Ponce seconded by Kasperski that the Board of Education accept with regret the resignation of Erica Currier.

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried.

**10.5 Approve the Contracts for 1<sup>st</sup> year teachers: Mathew Perry, Math**

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Kasperski that the Board of Education approve the contract for 1<sup>st</sup> year teacher Matthew Perry, Math.

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried.

**10.6 Approve the Contracts for 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers: Carly Lopez, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Jasmine Gillan, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Caitlin Gerdes, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Candice Tennell, 7<sup>th</sup> ELA; Susan Spurny, Counselor; Allanah Harper, SPED; Alana Stuepfert, SLPA**

MOTION by Faletti seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education approve the contracts for 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers: Carly Lopez, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Jasmine Gillan, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Caitlin Gerdes, 2<sup>nd</sup>; Candice Tennell, 7<sup>th</sup> ELA; Susan Spurny, Counselor; Allanah Harper, SPED; Alana Stuepfert, SLPA

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried.

**10.7 Approve the Contracts for 3<sup>rd</sup> year teachers: Kaitlyn Schaede, 1<sup>st</sup>; Sydney Pederson, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Andrea Cruz, EL; Eliel Duran, Music**

MOTION by Pienta seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education approve the contracts for 3<sup>rd</sup> year teachers: Kaitlyn Schaede, 1<sup>st</sup>; Sydney Pederson, 3<sup>rd</sup>; Andrea Cruz, EL; Eliel Duran, Music

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried.

**10.8 Approve the Contracts for 4<sup>th</sup> year tenure teachers: Liz Gross, SPED and Kimberly Gilbertsen, 1<sup>st</sup> retroactive to March 2024.**

MOTION by Kasperski seconded by Ferrari that the Board of Education approve the contracts for 4<sup>th</sup> year tenure teachers Liz Gross, SPED and Kimberly Gilbertsen, 1<sup>st</sup>.

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried.

**10.9 Approve 2-Year Contract Extensions for Shelly Nauman and Ryan Geist**

MOTION by Kasperski seconded by Pienta that the Board of Education approve a 2-Year Contract Extension for Shelly Nauman and a 1-Year Contract Extension to Ryan Geist with same rate increase as the teacher contract.

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**8:05 pm**

MOTION by Ferrari seconded by Ponce that the Board of Education adjourn the March 19, 2025 Board of Education Meeting.

All voted in favor. No nays. Motion carried.