



## BREMEN HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 228

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### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

#### HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL - TUESDAY, APRIL 18, 2023

- 1 President Resler called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.
- 2 Board of Education  
**Present:** Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Whitcomb, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Resler  
**Absent:** Mrs. Kampwirth, Mrs. List  
Central Office & Principals  
**Present:** Dr. Sikora, Dr. Williams, Dr. Goggins, Dr. Giglio-Byczek, Dr. Boswell, Mr. Baffoe, Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Dempsey, Mr. Towner, Dr. Rucinski, Dr. Couwenhoven
- 3 Mr. Whitcomb moved to approve the Regular and Closed meeting minutes of March 21, 2023. Mrs. Gleason seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:  
**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Mrs. Gleason, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Resler  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** Mr. Johnson  
  
Ms. Stearns moved to approve the Committee of the Whole and Closed meeting minutes of April 11, 2023. Mr. Whitcomb seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:  
**Ayes:** Ms. Stearns, Mr. Whitcomb, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Resler  
**Nays:** None  
**Abstain:** Mr. Johnson
- 4 Mrs. Resler opened the floor to the public for comments.  
  
There were no public comments, Mrs. Resler closed the floor to the public.
- 5 **Superintendent's Report**  
  
Dr. Sikora reported there are a lot of end of year events occurring and the facilitator of 3-Seeds mentoring is currently having a celebration at Hillcrest. Commended Jason Thomas.
- 6 **Freedom of Information Act Requests**  
  
Since the last regular Board meeting, we have received the following Freedom of Information Act request:
  - Sheri Reid, SmartProcure, requested all purchasing records from 12/09/2022 to current to include purchase order number, purchase date, line item details including quantity, and price, and vendor ID number, name, address, and contact information. This request has been completed.

#### Call to Order

#### Roll Call

#### Minutes

#### Communications

#### Superintendent's Report

#### FOIA Requests

- Michael Smith, requested all audio/video from hudl and or security Cameras of an altercation at a Girls Basketball Varsity Game December 13, 2022 at Tinley Park High School, and any write ups and or reprimands and any other documents dealing with this situation. This request has been completed.
- Vince Espi, Local Labs, requested a copy of the district's current mission statement and copies of any previous mission statements, provided they have changed in recent past. This request has been completed.
- Janie Jordan, Data Research Partners, requested a listing of all Bremen Community High School District 228's employee's first and last names, e-mail address, title/position, and primary campus/department location. This request has been completed.
- Melinda Creasy, Finishing Chicago, requested Bid Tabulations, Name of Awarded General Contractor, List of Subcontractors performing Painting, Drywall Finishing, Glazing and Signage for Bremen Community High School District No. 228 Welding Shop Remodeling. This request has been completed.

**1 Oak Forest** – Mrs. Dempsey introduced the candidate for the dean position at OF. She did a shout out to the alumni page created by Mr. Boniface touting the throwback Thursday photos being shared. The spring musical will be “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.” Four OF students are recipients of the Chick Evans scholarship. Senior activities include: 5/10 honors night, senior sunrise, rehearsal, and a parade. The cheer coach was named to the hall of fame, and Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller presented a resolution on behalf of the Cook County Board, to the OF Cheer team for their accomplishments.

**Delta Academy** – Mrs. Collins reported that six students have finished and are looking forward to participating in graduation. They are working to bring the TEP program to collaborate next year. Proud to see that the district logo now includes Delta and is seen on social media. The students will be connecting for a culminating project involving the clean-up of the forest preserve in Oak Forest, and invites are forthcoming for the End-of-Year picnic for the students.

**Bremen** – Dr. Rucinski reported that athletic director, Tom O’Shea, is connecting staff so that they can attend home spring sporting events. Water Polo had several accomplishments. The spring play Moana will be performed April 27-29. They will host a charity ‘students vs. staff’ soccer game, culinary food wars, senior honors night is May 10<sup>th</sup> and they will host senior sunrise among other events.

**Tinley Park** – Dr. Couwenhoven shared the school hosted a Ramadan dinner to celebrate and educate students and families. They also hosted their Jazz Café, and have a number of upcoming events. 4/26 - Taste of Tinley, 4/26-4/30 – BPA national competition in Anaheim, CA, 5/2 – Mental Health Awareness for families, and 5/4 Senior Honors night.

**Hillcrest** – Mr. Towner shared that two students took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the FCCLA competition. Mayor Alsbury of Hazel Crest assisted with spreading positive messages. The student who won the competition has their photo and motto displayed all over the village. Hosting a fundraiser for Muscular Dystrophy. Career Counseling being provided, and 9 Hillcrest students received the Ron Edmonds Scholarship from SCSDD. Teri Schrishuhn and Jennifer Winefka presented on the PE/SPED HRM collaboration. (attached)

**2** Mr. Johnson extended his condolences on the loss of the mother of retired Athletic Director, Lisa Wunar.

## Principals

## Board Member Reports

Mrs. Resler stated she attending the Jazz Café at Tinley Park HS and had an amazing time. She congratulated the jazz band on a wonderful performance and recommended that anyone who loves jazz should attend.

- 1 Mrs. Morrison presented item 5.1 – **Bills, Addendum to Bills, Payroll, and CDS Bills.** Mr. Whitcomb motioned to approve item 5.1. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Gleason, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

Mrs. Morrison presented item 5.2 – **FY 2024 Operating Budget.** Mr. Whitcomb motioned to approve item 5.2. Ms. Stearns seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

Dr. Williams requested to table item 5.3 – **D228 and D150 MOU for Welding.** Mr. Whitcomb motioned to table item 5.3. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Gleason, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

Dr. Williams presented item 5.4 – **SY24 Textbook and Supplemental Material Adoption.** Mrs. Gleason moved to approve item 5.4. Ms. Stearns seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mrs. Gleason, Ms. Stearns, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Whitcomb, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

Dr. Williams presented item 5.5 – **Overnight Field Trip Request.** Mr. Whitcomb moved to approve item 5.5. Ms. Stearns seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

Dr. Boswell presented item 5.6 – **Apple Purchase.** Mr. Johnson motioned to approve item 5.6. Mr. Whitcomb seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Johnson, Mr. Whitcomb, Mrs. Gleason, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

Dr. Boswell presented item 5.7 – **Replacement Desktop Purchase.** Mr. Whitcomb motioned to approve item 5.7. Ms. Stearns seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

Dr. Boswell presented item 5.8 – **Approval of Electric Vehicle Purchase via ComEd Grant.** Mr. Whitcomb motioned to approve item 5.8. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Gleason, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

Mr. Baffoe presented item 5.9 – **Bremen Chiller Bid Approval.** Ms. Stearns moved to approve item 5.9. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Ms. Stearns, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Whitcomb, Mrs. Resler

## New Business

**Nays:** None

Mr. Baffoe presented item 5.10 – **Parking Lots Seal Coating and Striping Approval**. Mr. Johnson moved to approve item 5.10. Ms. Stearns seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Johnson, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Whitcomb, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

Dr. Goggins presented items 6.1 – 6.16 – **Personnel**. Mr. Whitcomb moved to approve items 6.1 – 6.16. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Gleason, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

**Paternity Leave**

Justin Rivera	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian	Tinley Park HS
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**Retirement**

Matthew Peccia	Math Teacher	Hillcrest HS
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**Medical Leave**

Sharryn Smyth	Special Education Secretary	Bremen HS
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**Resignation**

Timothy Moriarty	Paraprofessional	Tinley Park HS
Jose Orta	2 <sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian	Oak Forest HS
Charles Thomas	Paraprofessional	Bremen HS

**Employment**

Briana Washington	School Psychologist	Bremen HS
Brooke Palmer	Math Teacher	Bremen HS
Natalie Harmening	Math Teacher	Bremen HS
Jane Morris	English Teacher	Hillcrest HS
Jacqueline Burgwald	Special Education Teacher	Oak Forest HS
Kelvin Potter	Permanent Substitute	Bremen HS
Margaret Simmons	Project Manager	Hillcrest HS
Matt Thrush	Reading Interventionist	Hillcrest HS
Gabriel Medina	World Language & EL Supervisor	District

**Change in Position**

Eugene Reyna	Building Chief	Bremen HS
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Mr. Whitcomb moved to approve items 6.17. – **Administrator and Non Union Support Staff Pay Raises**. Ms. Stearns seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Gleason, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

**Abstain:** Mr. Johnson

- 1 At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Whitcomb made a motion to move to closed session to discuss personnel and collective negotiation matters. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Gleason, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

At 8:24 p.m., Mr. Johnson motioned to return to open session. Ms. Stearns seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:

**Ayes:** Mr. Johnson, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Gleason, Mr. Whitcomb, Mrs. Resler

**Nays:** None

**Closed Session**

- 1 Mr. Whitcomb moved to terminate Jose Roque as discussed in closed session April 18, 2023. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Roll call vote indicated:
- Ayes:** Mr. Whitcomb, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Gleason, Ms. Stearns, Mrs. Resler  
**Nays:** None
- 2 Mrs. Resler announced the following:
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| Special Board Mtg/Reorganization/COW      | 5/2/23  | Oak Forest HS |
| Board Meeting                             | 5/9/23  | Oak Forest HS |
| Bremen HS & Oak Forest HS Graduations     | 5/16/23 | TPCC          |
| Hillcrest HS & Tinley Park HS Graduations | 5/17/23 | TPCC          |
- 3 At 8:25 p.m., Mr. Whitcomb made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion. Voice vote was unanimous.

**Action from Closed Session**

**Announcements**

**Adjournment**