

Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice School District #428
Board of Education Meeting Minutes
Minutes of May 20, 2022

- CALL TO ORDER 1.0** The regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Heidi Mueller on Friday, May 20, 2022, at 9:40 a.m. via WebEx Video Conference.
- ROLL CALL 1.1** The following Board Members answered Present: President Heidi Mueller; Member Jennifer Vidis; Member Willa Taylor; Member Patrick Griffin; Member Shawn Jackson; and Member David Green.
- Not Present: Member Heather Dalmage.
- Others Present: Dr. Tresa Dunbar, Superintendent of Schools; Dr. Bambi Bethel-Leitschuh, Assistant Superintendent of Schools/Director of Special Education; and NeAngela Dixon, Chief Legal Counsel.
- CONSENT AGENDA 2.0** As follows.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA 2.1** Quorum was confirmed. Member David Green motioned for approval. Member Jennifer Vidis second the motion. Motion passed.
- APPROVAL OF MNUTES 2.2 of March 2022 MEETING** Tabled until July 2022 Board Meeting
- PUBLIC PARTICIPATON 3.0** None
- PRESIDENT’S REPORT- 4.0** President Heidi Mueller stated that the architects are currently working with the II Youth Center at Warrenville. Member Patrick Griffin asked if the intent at Warrenville will include a focus on Trauma Informed. He also asked if IYC Warrenville will include painting of the facility and new widows. A positive response was provided by President Mueller.
- The Lincoln City Council are in the process of vacating the Lincoln property to allow for rerouting of the road. President Mueller indicated that groundbreaking at the Lincoln site should begin in a couple of months.
- President Mueller explained the purpose of the Mobile Intake Unit and provided an update. She stated that it is currently in a pilot format. It assists in a faster intake process with more parent engagement.
- New youth uniforms are hopefully expected to be available this summer or fall.

IDJJ recently hosted two different out-of-state Juvenile Justice cohorts. One cohort was from Racine, Wisconsin and the other was from Phoenix, Arizona. They visited IYC Chicago and IYC Warrenville to observe the PBIS Program, the use of Behavior Intervention, and Juvenile Justice Programming. Each of the two cohorts were in the early stages of developing reforms because they were still using solitary confinement with juveniles.

During the President's Report, Chief Legal Counsel, NeAngela Dixon, also addressed the Board of Education members. Chief Dixon introduced the Assistant Chief Counsel, Mike Walters. Referencing the RJ Consent Decree filed in 2021, she indicated that the area of Education was the area of concentration with a focus on CTE programming, Literacy Services, and personnel staffing. It was reported that Dr. Peter Leonne, former Court Monitor, retired and a new monitor candidate is in the process of onboarding. Chief Dixon indicated it will be approximately another year working with the new monitor.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S 5.0
REPORT**

**ALL DISTRICT RETREAT 5.1
UPDATE
DR. TRESA D. DUNBAR**

Superintendent Dr. Dunbar provided an update regarding the April All-District Staff Retreat held April 13, 2022, through April 15, 2022, at IYC St. Charles – Sam Sublett Alternative High School. The event was well attended by district educators, Executive Staff, and IYC St. Charles Administration. The speakers included a Wellness Activity by Coach Melody McClellan; Marci Johnson and Kristina Valentine of the Department of CTE & Innovation, Illinois State Board of Education; author and educator Dr. Don Parker, *Building Bridges: Working with At-Risk Students*; and Mr. Ernesto Matias, Education Director, Illinois State Board of Education. The School District's Curriculum Council presented as did other educators with an intense focus on curriculum engagement and enhancement. Daily breakfast and lunch were provided by Dr. Dunbar.

**PERSONNEL UPDATE 5.2
DR. TRESA DUNBAR**

Dr. Dunbar provided a brief overview of the current open positions. She explained that she meets every two weeks with the DJJ HR Representative to discuss the status of the position postings. She also shared that some of the candidate interviews are still to be conducted through the former RUTAN process with Shared Services and some are transitioning through the new RUTAN process. She expects by early June that the process for all district interviewing of potential candidates will be conducted through the new process to include the DJJ HR Dept. This process should then facilitate the process to more quickly.

ASST. SUPT/DIR. of SPECIAL ED. UPDATE DR. BAMBI BETHEL- LEITSCHUH	5.3	Dr. Bethel-Leitschuh presented one action item for Board Approval; External Course Work Administrative Directive. Motion for approval was made by Board Member Green and the second motion was submitted by Board Member Taylor. Motion passed. Dr. Bethel-Leitschuh shared information about Professional Learning Communities with the core curriculum educators during the 22/23 school year. The teachers were given a PLC overview at the recent All School District Retreat held April 2022. Lastly, Dr. Bethel-Leitschuh updated the status of the PSAT/SAT Assessment Program provided to the enrolled youth during April 2022. A total of 49 youth completed the either the PSAT or the SAT exam.
BOARD DISCUSSION- ITEMS	6.0	No discussion items were presented.
ADJOURNMENT- PRESIDENT HEIDI MUELLER	7.0	President Mueller thanked everyone for their support and asked for a motion to adjourn the January 21, 2022, Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice School Board of Education Meeting. A motion to adjourn was made by Board member Patrick Green. Board member David Green then followed with a second to the motion. The motion was passed. President Mueller concluded the meeting at 10:35 a.m.