

# Township Trustees of Schools

TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST

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## *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Office February 22, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.*

The Board of Township Trustees of Schools, Range 38 North, Range 12 East, Illinois (Lyons Township) have called a regular meeting on February 22, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-73, the regular meeting will be a virtual meeting.

### **Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting Information**

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Mr. Michael Thiessen	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>
Mr. Michael Dickman	<u>          </u>	<u>  X  </u>
Mr. Nicholas Kantas	<u>  X  </u>	<u>          </u>

#### **Staff Virtually Present**

Mr. Kenneth T. Getty, Treasurer  
Ms. Brigid Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations

#### **Others Virtually Present**

Mr. Ed Wong, TTO Attorney  
Ms. Cynthia Schilski, League of Women Voters  
Ms. Kathleen Graffam, League of Women Voters  
Two Guests with no names displayed

#### **Call to Order**

President Thiessen called the meeting to order at 6:01 P.M.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments** - None

**Review/Approval of Minutes**

**Motion by Trustee Kantas** that, due to his absence at the January 25, 2021 meeting and Trustee Dickman's absence at this meeting, the approval of the January 25, 2021 open and closed session meeting minutes be tabled until the next scheduled Board of Trustee meeting.

**Seconded by President Thiessen.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Thiessen & Kantas  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dickman

*Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Getty updated the Trustees on the health of LTTO staff and their families since the last meeting and the recent snowstorms. Treasurer Getty reported that the LTTO allocated \$1,000,000 in investment interest to member districts for the second quarter of FY2021. Additionally, Treasurer Getty reported that he followed up on the public comment that was made at the last board meeting requesting that the audio recording of TTO Board Meetings be made publicly available by posting them on the internet. The LTTO's attorney stated that posting of the meeting minutes is legally required and although posting the meeting audio is not required, there is nothing prohibiting the LTTO from doing so. Treasurer Getty the Trustees for direction on the Board Meeting audio policy regarding the LTTO's website. President Thiessen stated that he would like to discuss this when all the Trustees are present at the next meeting.

**Review the Lyons Township Treasurer's Financial Reports**

Treasurer Getty reviewed the Lyons Township School Treasurer's January 2021 financial statements with the Board of Trustees noting that expenses are in line with the budget, except for the litigation expenses.

**February 2021 Payables**

President Thiessen asked if TTO expense details are available to the public on LTTO's website. Treasurer Getty confirmed that for security and/or privacy reasons the actual invoices are not posted publicly, but the Voucher Detail reports are posted which provides detailed information about each payment. The same information that is posted to the LTTO website is also sent directly to every Lyons Township Board of Education member each month when they are sent a link to the LTTO's Agenda Packet via email.

**Motion by Trustee Kantas** to approve the February 22, 2021, payables in the amount \$246,914.21 as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Thiessen & Kantas  
Nays: None  
Absent: Dickman

*Motion carried.*

**Review School Districts Official Records**

Board of School Trustees reviewed and discussed summary info of member district revenues, expenses, and fund balances for the month of January 2021. Treasurer Getty noted that member district fund balances are approximately \$23 million higher year-over-year. He also noted that year-over-year increase will be challenging for the LTTO to find depositories willing to take additional deposits and pay a competitive rate of interest.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Matters related to the possible withdrawal of Lyons Township High School District 204 from the Township Trustees of Schools, Township 38 North, Range 12 East, County of Cook, State of Illinois at the conclusion of FY2021**

Treasurer Getty reported that he has not yet completed the expanded analysis of the LTTO’s books and records to identify if there were any allocations or misallocations of interest earnings and/or expenditures and if/how making adjustments/corrections would affect each of the LTTO Member Districts. This analysis will be presented at the March Board Meeting.

**District 204 Litigation Update**

Trial and witness testimony has been concluded and closing arguments are scheduled for Friday, March 12, 2021 at 11:00am. Closing arguments will be held via Zoom and the log in information for this date has been posted on the LTTO’s website. Treasurer Getty to send another communication to member districts prior to March 12, 2021.

**Motion to suspend the Regular Meeting for the purpose of entering Closed Session**  
**Motion at 6:21pm by Trustee Kantas to enter closed session under:**

- *Illinois Open Meetings Act, (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(11)*, “Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.”
- *Illinois Open Meetings Act, (5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1)*, “Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body.”

**Seconded by President Thiessen**

Roll Call: Ayes: Thiessen & Kantas  
 Nays: None  
 Absent: Dickman

***Motion carried.***

**Special Meeting reconvened following Closed Session**

**Motion by Trustee Kantas** to resume the Special Meeting of February 22, 2021.

**Seconded by President Thiessen.**

Closed session was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Trustee Kantas** to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:34

P.M. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

Roll Call:       Ayes:           Thiessen & Kantas  
                  Nays:           None  
                  Absent:         Dickman

*Motion carried.*

**Minutes approved by:**

\*\*\*Minutes have been approved at the 03/31/2021 Meeting and will be signed when the current COVID-19 precautions allow

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**President, Michael Thiessen**

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**Trustee, Michael Dickman**

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**Trustee, Nicholas A. Kantas**

**Date:** 03/31/2021