

# Township Trustees of Schools

TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST

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## NOTICE

### *Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Office*

**September 28, 2020 – 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 August 24, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, the special meeting was held virtually via Microsoft Teams

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

Conference ID: 934 534 762#

#### **Board of School Trustees**

#### **VIRTUALLY PRESENT**

#### **ABSENT**

Mr. Michael Thiessen  
Mr. Michael Dickman  
Mr. Nicholas Kantas

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#### **Staff Virtually Present**

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

#### **Others Virtually Present**

Ms. Amy Purham, Attorney  
Ms. Cynthia Schilski, League of Women Voters  
Ms. Kathleen Graffam, League of Women Voters

#### **Call to Order**

President Thiessen called the meeting to order at 6:15 P.M.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Public Comment**

Ms. Graffam asked if any of the Treasurer's Office Trustee's terms would be expiring in April 2021 and if the TTO currently has the nomination petitions available for pick up. Trustee Dickman answered that his term was expiring in April 2021 and Treasurer Getty

ensured that nominating petitions would be available once the Cook County Clerk's Office provided the information to the Treasurer's Office.

**August 24, 2020, TTO Open Session Minutes**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the August 24, 2020, open session minutes as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Thiessen, Dickman  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: Kantas

*Motion carried.*

**August 24, 2020, TTO Closed Session Minutes**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the August 24, 2020, closed session minutes as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Thiessen, Dickman  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstained: Kantas

*Motion carried.*

**Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Getty updated the Trustees on the health of TTO staff and their families since the last meeting and in relations to the Covid-19 pandemic. Treasurer Getty commended the TTO staff for continuing to meet the needs of member districts amidst these trying times. Treasurer Getty noted that the Treasurer's Office FY20 Audit has been completed, member districts have been notified and the audit has been posted on the TTO website. The TTO auditors, Miller Cooper, will be attending the October Board meeting to answer any questions. Additionally, Treasurer Getty notified the Board of the Tyler Tech security breach and the steps that TTO staff took over the past weekend to protect against unauthorized access to the Infinite Visions.

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

Treasurer Getty reviewed the Lyons Township School Treasurer's financial statements with the Board of School Trustees for August 2020.

**September 28, 2020 Payables**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the September 28, 2020, payables in the amount \$65,701.56 as presented. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Review School Districts Official Records**

Board of School Trustees discussion and review of the Lyons Township Schools and Coop's financial records for July 2020.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Approval of Surety Bond on behalf of Argo Community High School District 217:**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the Argo Community High School District 217 Surety Bond in the amount of \$668,750.00 School District 217 is responsible for the cost of the Surety Bond. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

Roll Call: Ayes: Theissen, Dickman & Kantas,  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

*Motion carried.*

**Review/Approval of Depositories**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the Authorized Depositories as presented.

**Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Pro-Rata Receivables - FY2019**

Treasurer Getty provided an update on the FY2019 Pro-rata receivables. All member districts have paid in full with the exception of the partial payment made by District 204.

**Cook County Tax Distribution – FY2021**

The TTO is closely monitoring the current tax collection/distribution of the second installment of 2019 property tax collections by the Cook County Treasurer's Office. As of the end of August 2020 we are seeing an approximate 10% year-over-year decrease in tax distributions as of the date of this meeting. There is one additional distribution due on September 30, 2020, and this information will be sent to all member districts.

**District 204 Litigation Update**

Trail dates have been set for 11/9/20, 11/10/2020, 11/12/20, 11/16/2020 and 11/17/2020 via Zoom. Zoom will allow for maximum participation from member districts and the public. All filings are current and available on the TTO's public website. The Trustees remain willing to participate in settlement discussions.

**Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to postpone the semi-annual review of closed session minutes until the next meeting. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Motion to suspend the Regular Meeting for the purpose of entering closed session**  
**Motion at 6:50pm by Trustee Dickman 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 Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Adjournment**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to simultaneously adjourn the closed session and the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 7:28 P.M. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Minutes approved by:**

\*\*\*Minutes have been approved at the 10/26/2020 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:** 10/26/2020