

# Township Trustees of Schools

TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST

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BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES  
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## *Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Office September 23, 2019 – 5:30 P.M.*

<u>Board of School Trustees</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>
Mr. Michael Thiessen	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Michael Dickman	<u>X</u>	—
Mr. Nicholas Kantas	—	<u>X</u>

### Staff Present

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

### Others Present

Ms. Davina Hughes, Attorney  
Ms. Kathleen Graffam, League of Women Voters  
Cynthia Schilsky, League of Women Voters

### Call to Order

President Thiessen called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Public Comments

Kathleen Graffam inquired on the status of litigation between Lyons Township High School #204 and the Board of School Trustees. Trustee Dickman reported litigation is ongoing and that the judge has asked both parties to not make any public statements or speak to the media at this time.

### Approval of the August 26, 2019 – TTO Open Session Minutes

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the August 26, 2019 open session minutes as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Approval of the August 26, 2019 – TTO Closed Session Minutes**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the August 26, 2019 closed session minutes as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Lyons Township Treasurer’s Financial Reports**

Treasurer Getty reviewed the Lyons Township School Treasurer’s financial statements with the Board of School Trustees for the following month:

- August 2019

**Approval of September 3, 2019 Payables**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the September 3, 2019 in the amount \$ 5,462.40 as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Approval of September 23, 2019 Payables**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the September 23, 2019 in the amount \$ 89,984.26 as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Review School Districts Official Records**

The Board of School Trustees reviewed the Lyons Township Member District’s financial records for:

- August 2019

Treasurer Getty reported all member districts financial records are current through August 2019 except LaGrange School District #102. LaGrange School District #102 August financials are pending district level review.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Comcast – Contract Approval**

Treasurer Getty reviewed a negotiated contract to upgrade its current internet service with Comcast Business Services, while also reducing its monthly cost. The two-year agreement will increase the LTTTO’s internet bandwidth by 50% and reduce its cost by 25%.

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the two-year Comcast Business Services contract as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**First Communication – Contract Approval**

Treasurer Getty reviewed a negotiated contract to convert its current services with First Communication, while also reducing its monthly cost. The one-year agreement will convert the LTTO’s phone system from a Primary Rate Interface to a Voice over IP interface system. The First Communication bill will reduce by over 40% per month.

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the First Communication one-year contract as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Review/Approval of Depositories**

Treasurer Getty reviewed the Authorized Depository listing with the Board of Trustees. The listing has been updated to reflect depository changes that have transpired this fiscal year. Community Bank of Oak Park River Forest was acquired by Byline Bank in April 2019 and officially merged their operations under the Byline Bank brand & charter on September 9, 2019.

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

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

*Motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Approval of Dissolution of the Lyons Township Elementary School Districts’ Employee Benefit Cooperative (LTESDEBC)**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the dissolution of the Lyons Township Elementary School Districts’ Employee Benefit Cooperative. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**District 204 Litigation Update**

The Trustees reported there is a status meeting scheduled for October 1, 2019.

**West 40**

Treasurer Getty reported West 40’s line of credit is still projected to be paid off in FY20.

**Motion to suspend the Special Meeting for the purpose of entering closed session:**

**Motion at 6:24pm 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 President Thiessen.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Motion to reconvene the Special Meeting of the Board of School Trustees**

**Motion by President Thiessen to reconvene the Special Meeting at 6:50pm. Seconded by Trustee Dickman.**

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

*Motion Carried.*

**Adjournment**


**Motion by President Thiessen to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees at 6:50 P.M. Seconded by Trustee Dickman.**

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

*Motion Carried.*

**Minutes approved by:**

  
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**President, Michael Thiessen**

  
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**Trustee, Michael Dickman**

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**Trustee, Nicholas A. Kantas**

**Date:** 10-21-19

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## ***MINUTES OF THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE LYONS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS***

***September 23, 2019***

### **1. Call to Order.**

The Closed Session of the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools was called to order by President Thiessen at the Township School Treasurer's Office, 22 Calendar Court, LaGrange, Illinois at 6:20 pm.

### **2. Roll Call.**

Taken by President Thiessen. Present were President Thiessen and Trustee Dickman. Also present were Ken Getty, Treasurer; Brigid Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations; and Davina Hughes, Attorney.

### **3. Motion to allow Trustee Kantas to attend via tele-conference.**

Trustee Dickman made a motion to allow Trustee Kantas to attend closed session via tele-conference. President Thiessen seconded. Motion passed 2-0. Trustee Kantas attended the closed session via phone conference.

### **4. 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 a 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. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11).**

The Trustees discussed the status of pending litigation, upcoming status hearings, possible settlement options and considered the impact of the litigation on the Districts.

### **5. Discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).**

The Trustees and the Treasurer discussed the appointment and compensation of a candidate to the open staff accountant position. The trustees discussed the performance of certain employees of the office.

**5. Adjournment.**

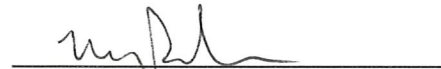
President Thiessen moved to adjourn the Closed Session, seconded by Trustee Dickman. Closed session was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Minutes Approved by:



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President, Michael Thiessen

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Trustee Nicholas Kantas

  
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Trustee Michael Dickman

Date: 10-21-19