

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

**December 21, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Township Trustees of Schools, Range 38 North, Range 12 East, Illinois (Lyons Township) have called a special meeting on December 21, 2020, at 6:00 P.M. Pursuant to Governor Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-07, the special meeting will be a virtual meeting.

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

**[Click Here to Join Meeting](#)**

To Join Meeting via Phone, Dial +1-872-810-3297,

and enter Conference ID: 606 323 857#

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

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

#### **VIRTUALLY PRESENT**

X  
X  
X

#### **ABSENT**

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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  
Guest – no name or phone number displayed

#### **Call to Order**

President Thiessen called the meeting to order at 6:14 P.M.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Public Comments** – None

**November 30, 2020, TTO Open Session Minutes**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the October 26, 2020, open session minutes as presented. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**November 30, 2020, TTO Closed Session Minutes**

**Motion by Trustee Kantas** to approve the October 26, 2020, closed session minutes as presented. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Getty reported that there were two candidates that filed for the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools Trustee position in the upcoming April 6, 2021 Consolidated General Election: Brian Anderson & Shakana Kirksey-Miller.

**Review the Lyons Township Treasurer’s Financial Report**

Board of School Trustees discussion and review of the Lyons Township School Treasurer’s financial statements:

- November 2020

**December 21, 2020 Payables**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the December 21, 2020, payables in the amount \$212,239.59 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 financial records:

- November 2020

**NEW 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**

Legislation that was passed in FY2017 allows for Lyons Township High School District 204 to withdraw from the jurisdiction and authority of the LTTO at the of the fiscal year in which final judgement of current litigation is resolved. In anticipation of District 204's withdrawal and comments made by the presiding judge in the current litigation the LTTO will begin a comprehensive analysis of the interest & expense allocations for the LTTO Member Districts for the period covered by the litigation to determine the if any bookkeeping entries should be considered to protect the interests of all the LTTO Member Districts.

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** In anticipation of the withdrawal of D204 from the TTO at the conclusion of litigation, the Board requests that the Treasurer undertake an examination of the LTTO's books and records, for all years under litigation, to determine if there are any corrects that may be required to address the allocation or misallocation of interest earnings and/or expenditures; and to further determine if/how these corrections would affect not only D204 but any/all of the LTTO Member Districts and to present his finding to the Trustees at the January Board meeting.

**Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**FY2021 Board of School Trustees Future Meeting Date - April 26, 2021**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to change the April 26, 2021 Board meeting to April 27, 2021 at 6:00 PM CT. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**District 204 Litigation Update**

A status hearing was held on December 15, 2020 confirming the following additional trial dates:

1. January 12, 2021 at 1:00 PM CT
2. January 13, 2021 at 1:00 PM CT
3. January 26, 2021 at 1:00 PM CT
4. January 27, 2021 at 1:00 PM CT
5. February 2, 2021 at 1:00 PM CT
6. February 3, 2021 at 1:00 PM CT

**Motion to suspend the Regular Meeting for the purpose of entering closed session**  
**Motion at 6:44pm 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 6:58 P.M. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**Minutes approved by:**



**President, Michael Thiessen**



**Trustee, Michael Dickman**

**Trustee, Nicholas A. Kantas**

**Date:** 01/25/2021

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## *MINUTES OF THE CLOSED MEETING OF THE LYONS TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS December 21, 2020*

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

The Closed Session of the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools was called to order by President Thiessen at 6:45 PM.

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

Taken by President Thiessen. Present were President Thiessen, Trustee Dickman, and Trustee Kantas. Also present were Treasurer Ken Getty, Bridgid Murphy, Director of Finance and Operations, and Amy L. Purham, Attorney.


### **3. 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.

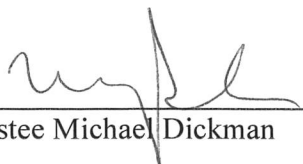
### **4. Adjournment.**

Trustee Dickman moved to adjourn the Closed Session, seconded by Trustee Kantas. Closed session was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

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: 01/25/2021