

# 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 November 30, 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 November 30, 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: 825 527 83#

#### **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

#### **Call to Order**

President Thiessen called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **Public Comment**

Ms. Graffam read the statement below from the League of Women Voters:

“The lawsuit between Lyons High School District 204 and the TTO is finally being heard in court. Over the last 6 years of legal back and forth between the two entities over \$3,000,000 was spent in legal fees. That is \$3,000,000 in education tax dollars that is lost forever for the residents of the elementary school districts that feed into 204.

Whatever the outcome, we urge 204 and the TTO to accept the ruling and not to appeal the decision. We also urge that no other lawsuits regarding this issue be initiated.”

**October 26, 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.*

**October 26, 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, Kantas  
Nays: None  
Abstained: Dickman

*Motion carried.*

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Getty stated that he has been sending a significant amount of time both during the week and on weekends, preparing for the upcoming trial. He commended the staff for their continued commitment to the office and ensuring that needs of our member districts are met. Treasurer Getty also updated the Trustees on the health of TTO staff and their families since the last meeting and in relations to the Covid-19 pandemic.

**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 October 2020.

**Review School Districts Official Records**

Board of School Trustees discussion and review of the Lyons Township Schools and Coop’s financial records for September 2020 and October 2020. Treasurer Getty noted that the Health and Dental Cooperative

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Review/Approval of Insurance Policy Coverage (12/01/2020 – 11/30/2021)**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the commercial insurance and workers compensation policy renewal beginning December 1, 2020. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**November 30, 2020 Payables**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to approve the October 26, 2020, payables in the amount \$143,834.82 as presented. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas.**

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

*Motion carried.*

**FY2021 Board of School Trustees Future Meeting Dates**

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to cancel the December 16, 2019 meeting and schedule the below future meeting dates. **Seconded by Trustee Kantas**

December 21, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.

January 25, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

February 22, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

March 22, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

April 26, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

May 17, 2021 at 6:00 P.M.

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

*Motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Cook County Tax Distribution – FY2021**

Treasurer Getty reported that the Cook County Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to waive for two months the 1.5 percent per month late fee on all Tax Year 2020 property taxes payable in 2021. The First Installment of 2020 taxes will be due March 2, 2021, and late fees will be waived until May 3, 2021 and the Second Installment of 2020 taxes will be due August 2, 2021, and late fees will be waived until October 1, 2021. Treasurer Getty stated that the amount of property tax collections the TTO has down approximately 1% from the same time last year. The TTO will continue to closely monitor the tax collections and distributions of property taxes by the Cook County Treasurer’s Office and maintain sufficient liquidity to meet payment obligations of our member districts..

**IMRF Election**

As a member of the IMRF the TTO received the 2020 Official Ballot to elect the Executive Trustee for a Five-Year term to the IMRF Board. Treasurer Getty gave the Trustees a summary of each candidates’ biographies that was included with the ballot and publicly available. The Trustees unanimously agreed and asked Treasurer Getty to submit the TTO’s vote for DuPage County Treasurer Gwen Henry.

**District 204 Litigation Update**

President Thiessen informed the Trustees and wanted to place on the public record there are items to be discussed in Closed Session that may help to find closure with the litigation. The results of the discussion could cause potential action to be taken at the LTTO’s December 2020 Board Meeting to help streamline litigation items and help to bring relief to the LTTO

Member Districts. Any action taken at the December 2020 Board meeting would require a vote to be taken by the Trustees in in Open Session with any opportunity for taxpayer comment. Additional trial dates have been set for 1/12/21, 1/13/21, 1/26/21, 1/27/21, 2/2/21, and 2/3/21 via Zoom. The updated Zoom information for the trial will also be posted on to the TTO Litigation page along with any new court filings.

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

**Motion by Trustee Dickman** to keep the following closed session minutes sealed:

<b><u>Date of Closed Meeting Minutes:</u></b>			
12/21/2012	3/16/2016	9/25/2017	7/29/2019
2/6/2014	4/25/2016	11/28/2017	8/26/2019
2/24/2014	6/27/2016	1/8/2018	9/23/2019
8/25/2014	8/22/2016	2/21/2018	10/21/2019
10/29/2014	9/26/2016	4/23/2018	11/25/2019
12/11/2014	10/31/2016	6/11/2018	2/6/2020
2/12/2015	11/28/2016	6/25/2018	4/27/2020
3/23/2015	1/9/2017	1/7/2019	5/18/2020
5/26/2015	3/13/2017	2/4/2019	6/22/2020
10/2/2015	4/24/2017	3/14/2019	6/30/2020
11/9/2015	5/22/2017	4/8/2019	7/30/2020
12/17/2015	6/26/2017	5/28/2019	8/24/2020
2/3/2016	8/14/2017	6/24/2019	9/28/2020

**Seconded by President Thiessen.**

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 6:46pm 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: 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 7:45 P.M. **Seconded by President Thiessen.**

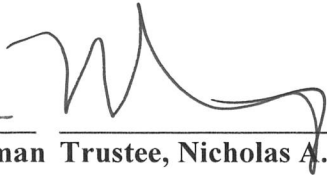

Roll Call: Ayes: Thiessen, Dickman & Kantas  
Nays: None  
Absent: None

*Motion carried.*

**Minutes approved by:**



**President, Michael Thiessen**



**Trustee, Michael Dickman Trustee, Nicholas A. Kantas**

**Date:** 12/21/2020

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

*November 30, 2020*

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

The Closed Session of the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools was called to order by President Thiessen at 6:46 PM.

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

Taken by President Thiessen. Present were President Thiessen, Trustee Dickman, and Trustee Kantas. Also present were Treasurer Ken Getty, Brigid 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, including December status dates and additional trial dates that are scheduled to take place in January and February 2021.

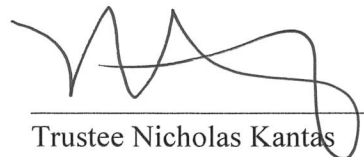
### **4. Adjournment.**

Trustee Dickman moved to adjourn the Closed Session, seconded by Trustee Kantas. Closed session was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

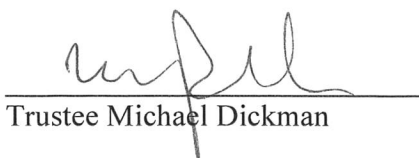
Minutes Approved by:



President Michael Thiessen



Trustee Nicholas Kantas



Trustee Michael Dickman

Date: 12/21/2020