

# Township Trustees of Schools

TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST

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## Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Office December 17, 2024 – 6:00 p.m.

### Call to Order

President Kirksey called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

|                           | <u>In Attendance</u> | <u>Absent</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Ms. Shakana L. Kirksey    | X                    |               |
| Ms. Jessica A. Doherty    |                      | X             |
| Ms. Carol A. McGowan      | X                    |               |
| Mr. Zachary T. Stokes     | X                    |               |
| Ms. Tonisha Sibley        | X                    |               |
| Ms. Sara Andreas          |                      | X             |
| Mr. Steven J. Smidl       | X                    |               |
| Dr. Troy J. Whalen        | X                    |               |
| Ms. Catherine A. Hannigan | X                    |               |
| Mr. Griffin L. Sonntag    | X                    |               |
| Mr. Joseph M. Bonomo      | X                    |               |
| Mr. Ryan M. Leonard       |                      | X             |
| Dr. Joseph R. Rojek II    | X                    |               |

### Staff Members Present

Mr. Kenneth T. Getty, Treasurer

### Other Guests Present

Ms. Claudia E. Castro, Attorney for LTTO

Mr. David Jelonek, G.W. & Associates

Ms. Cynthia Schilsky, LaGrange

Dr. Michael Popp, Senior Director of Executive Support of West 40 ISC #2

Ms. Jayme Tighe, Assistant Executive Director of West 40 ISC #2

Ms. Christi Tyler, Chief School Business Official of West 40 ISC #2

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Public Comments—

No Comments.

Trustee Leonard joined the meeting at 6:25 p.m.





**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Employment Recommendation**

**Trustee Whalen motioned** to approve the hiring of Mrs. Heather Shepard for the vacant Senior Accountant position. **Trustee Stokes seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call: Ayes:** Kirksey, McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Whalen, Smidl, Hannigan, Sonntag, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Doherty, Andreas

**Abstain:** None

*Motion carried.*

**Review/Approval of Consulting Agreement – Kelly Bradshaw**

**Trustee Smidl motioned** to table the Consulting Agreement – Kelly Bradshaw to the January 21, 2025 Board Meeting. **Trustee Rojek seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call: Ayes:** Kirksey, McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Whalen, Smidl, Hannigan, Sonntag, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek

**Nays:** None

**Absent:** Doherty, Andreas

**Abstain:** None

*Motion carried.*

**IMRF Annual Contribution Rate – Calendar Year 2025**

Treasurer Getty informed the Trustees that the final IMRF employer contribution rate for the calendar year 2025, 3.44%, was released in November 2024.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**By-Laws on LTTO Membership**

Board Attorney Claudia Castro handed out a preliminary draft of By-Laws for the Trustees review, which the Trustees discussed and provided comments on. The Trustees agreed to bring an updated version to the Board at the January 21, 2025 meeting.

**Matters related to the possible withdrawal of Member Districts from the Township Trustees of Schools, Township 38 North, Range 12 East, County of Cook, State of Illinois at the conclusion of FY2025**

**Trustee Whalen motioned** to approve the Proposed FY2025 Billing for District 204 Uncollected Pro-Rata for Fiscal Years 2000 to 2012 in the amount of \$1,235,828.00, as presented. **Trustee Smidl seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call: Ayes:** Kirksey, McGowan, Stokes, Whalen, Smidl, Hannigan, Sonntag, Bonomo, Leonard, Rojek

**Nays:** Sibley

**Absent:** Doherty, Andreas

**Abstain:** None

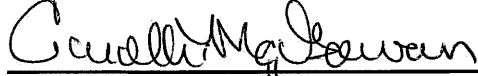
*Motion carried.*



The Board meeting was adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Minutes Approved by:

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President Shakana L. Kirksey



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Trustee Carol A. McGowan



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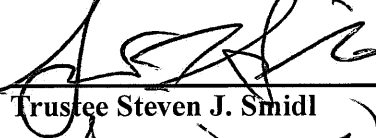
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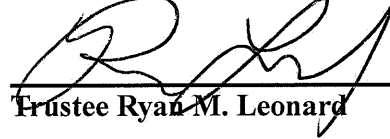
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Date: 01/21/2025

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

*December 17, 2024*

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

The Closed Session of the Lyons Township Trustees of Schools was called to order by President Kirksey-Miller at the Township School Treasurer's Office, 6438 Joliet Rd, Countryside, Illinois 60525, at 8:05 pm.

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

Taken by President Kirksey-Miller. Present were Trustee McGowan, Trustee Stokes, Trustee Sibley, Trustee Whalen, Trustee Smidl, Trustee Hannigan, Trustee Sonntag, Trustee Bonomo, Trustee Leonard, and Trustee Rojek. Also present were Treasurer Ken Getty, and Claudia E. Castro, Board Attorney. Absent from closed session were Trustee Doherty and Trustee Andreas.

### **3. Litigation.**

Treasurer Getty discussed the lawsuit between ICRMT and Lyons Township Trustees of Schools. (Case #22CH06828) Treasurer Getty was present at the motion for summary judgment hearing on October 23, 2024. The Judge said she was going to issue a written opinion two weeks after the hearing. However, the opinion had not been issued as of December 17, 2024. The auditors were holding off on issuing financial statements waiting on the ruling. Trustees discussed possibly holding monies back for payment of the pro rata share in case the ruling came back not in favor of the LTTO. No action was taken on this matter.

### **4. Personnel.**

Board attorney Claudia Castro presented on the idea of an RFP for the search of a new Treasurer to replace Ken Getty. The Trustees preferred to get quotes directly from search firms. Board attorney agreed to bring quotes at the next board meeting. No action was taken on this matter.

**5. Compensation**

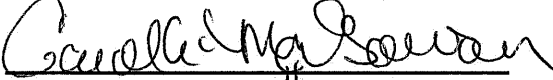
Treasurer Getty discussed an issue regarding his IMRF maxed out contributions. He indicated he would have a staff member come to the December 23, 2024 meeting to explain. No action was taken on this matter.

**6. Adjournment.**

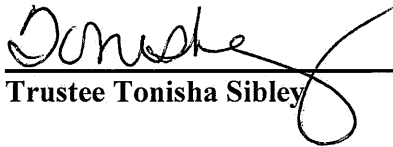
Trustee Smidl, moved to adjourn the Closed Session. Trustee Rojek seconded the motion. Closed session was adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:23 pm.

Minutes Approved by:

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President Shakana L. Kirksey

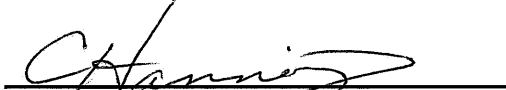


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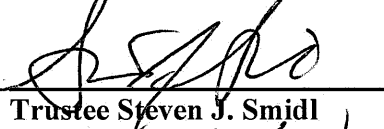
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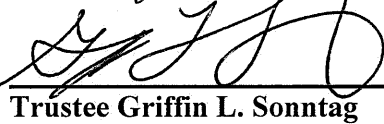


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