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Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Lyons Township School Treasurer's Office February 18, 2025 – 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order

Trustee McGowan called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m.

	<u>In Attendance</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Ms. Shakana L. Kirksey	<u>@6:28PM</u>	
Ms. Jessica A. Doherty		<u>X</u>
Ms. Carol A. McGowan	<u>X</u>	
Mr. Zachary T. Stokes	<u>X</u>	
Ms. Tonisha Sibley	<u>X</u>	
Mr. William G. Channell	<u>X</u>	
Dr. Troy J. Whalen		<u>X</u>
Mr. Steven J. Smidl	<u>X</u>	
Ms. Catherine A. Hannigan	<u>X</u>	
Mr. Griffin L. Sonntag	<u>X</u>	
Mr. Joseph M. Bonomo		<u>X</u>
Mr. Ryan M. Leonard	<u>@6:36PM</u>	
Dr. Joseph R. Rojek II	<u>X</u>	

Staff Members Present

Mr. Kenneth T. Getty, Treasurer

Other Guests Present

Ms. Claudia E. Castro, Attorney for LTTO

Ms. Cynthia Schilsky, LaGrange

Ms. Kathleen Graffam, Indian Head Park

Mr. Paul Bellisario, Proviso Township Treasurer

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comments—

Paul Belisario, Proviso Township Treasurer, presented potential options for treasurer services and office consolidation. The Trustees acknowledged receipt of a handout detailing options.

President Kirksey joined the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

Trustee Leonard joined the meeting at 6:36 p.m.

Trustee Sonntag motioned to approve the December 23, 2024, Closed Session meeting minutes. **Trustee McGowan** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Motion carried.

Treasurer Getty informed the Trustees that the Village of Bridgeview had closed all accounts as of December 31, 2024. He also noted that Cook County tax receipts would arrive later in the week. Additionally, Treasurer Getty announced that he could not attend the March 18th meeting. A discussion followed regarding the possibility of rescheduling the meeting to March 11th or March 25th, and the Trustees will revisit the decision later in the meeting.

Review the Lyons Township Treasurer's Financial Reports
The Board of School Trustees reviewed and discussed the Lyons Township School Treasurer's January 2025 financial statements.

Trustee Sibley motioned to approve February 18, 2025, LTTO payables in the amount of \$22,061.24, as presented. **Trustee Hannigan** seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

The Board of School Trustees reviewed and discussed the Member Districts' November and December 2024 financial statements. Treasurer Getty informed the Trustees that the missing District 102 Deposit information for October, November, and December 2024 was impacting the second-quarter interest distribution.

Trustee Smidl motioned to approve the following closed session Board Meeting Minutes available to the public:

Roll Call: **Ayes:** Kirksey, McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Channell, Smidl, Hannigan, Sonntag, Leonard, Rojek
Nays: None
Absent: Doherty, Whalen, Bonomo
Abstain: None

Treasurer Getty presented the Trustees with a Resolution from the Western Springs Elementary School District 101 Board of Education intending to withdraw from the LTTO as of 07/01/2025.

OLD BUSINESS:

By-Laws on LTTO Membership

Board Attorney Claudia Castro informed the Trustees that she will present an updated draft at a future meeting.

Intergovernmental Agreement – West 40

Board Attorney Claudia Castro informed the Trustees that she will present an updated draft at a future meeting.

Search Firm Proposals – Action Item

The Board Attorney Claudia Castro summarized the remaining proposals, noting that HYA and BWP offered comprehensive services at approximately \$18,000. HYA's proposal included a base fee of \$12,000 with additional advertising and background check charges, while BWP's fee was all-inclusive. Additionally, BWP recently conducted a treasurer search for a nearby township, making it more familiar with regional treasurer candidates and potentially expediting the hiring process.

Several Trustees raised concerns about time constraints, noting that the deadline to appoint a new treasurer is July 1, 2025. Some members expressed interest in pausing the search and instead pursuing an interim solution with Paul Belisario of Proviso Township, who had offered to serve in an interim or transitional capacity. Board Attorney Claudia Castro advised that an interim agreement would still need to comply with statutory requirements, ensuring a treasurer was in place by July 1, 2025. It was agreed that President Kirksey would reach out to Proviso Township.

Trustee Hannigan motioned to reschedule the March 18, 2025 Lyons Township Trustees of Schools Board Meeting to March 11, 2025. **Trustee Rojek** seconded the motion.

Roll Call: **Ayes:** Kirksey, McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Channell, Smidl, Hannigan,
 Sonntag, Leonard, Rojek
 Nays: None
 Absent: Doherty, Whalen, Bonomo
 Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Sibley motioned to table the Search Firm Proposals – Action Item to the March 11, 2025 meeting. **Trustee Leonard** seconded the motion.

Roll Call: **Ayes:** Kirksey, McGowan, Stokes, Sibley, Channell, Smidl, Hannigan,
 Sonntag, Leonard, Rojek
 Nays: None
 Absent: Doherty, Whalen, Bonomo
 Abstain: None

Motion carried.

Trustee Hannigan made a motion at 7:48 p.m. to suspend the Open Session Board Meeting for the purpose of entering Closed Session.

- ***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.”
- ***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

