



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
February 16, 2023, Board Briefs

Rita Balgeman, Board President
Felicia Gills, Board Vice President
Tom Doyle, Board Secretary
Phebe Balzer, Board Member

Chad McLean, Board Member
Morgan Banasiak, Board Member
Sandra Garcia, Board Member

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at Lemay Middle School on Thursday, February 16, 2023, beginning at 7:20 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

Rita Balgeman, Tom Doyle, Phebe Balzer, Chad McLean, Sandra Garcia, Felicia Gills, and Morgan Banasiak were present.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

V.A.I-Turner Superintendent for the Day, V.B.I-Turner Showcase, V.C.I-Winter Benchmark & School Goals, and VIII.A-Superintendent News were postponed for a later Board of Education meeting, and close session was not held due to weather conditions.

Shared Agreements:

1. *Make decisions according to what is best for ALL District 33 students.*
2. *Respect staff and other board members and their opinions.*
3. *Be willing to see things from the eyes of seven (7) people, not just one (1).*
4. *Allow everyone to complete their thoughts.*
5. *Commit to shared leadership.*
6. *Respect confidentiality.*
7. *Adhere to our belief in our students' full potential and successful future.*

Strategic Plan Goals

Goal #1 – Student Growth and Achievement

Goal #2 – Learning Culture of Equity, Engagement & Agency

Goal #3 – Professional Culture of Teamwork & Continuous Improvement

Goal #4 – Family Engagement & Community Partnerships

Goal #5 - Effective and Innovative Use of Resources

Shared Agreements Reflection

At the July 18, 2013 meeting, the Board of Education finalized their “shared agreements” and agreed to begin each regular board meeting by reflecting on one agreement. The Board revised the shared agreements on November 6, 2014. The purpose of the shared agreement is to help maintain a positive environment in which to conduct board work. Board President Rita Balgeman shared her statement: “Tonight, I want to reflect upon our shared agreement to make decisions according to what is best for all students.

We often talk about having a “student-centered approach.” That means for every decision we make; we understand how that will impact students. Will it impact their ability to achieve academically? Will it impact their safety? Will it impact them socially or emotionally? We need to understand both the positive impacts as well as any negative impacts. And this is true

even for decisions that are not directly about students. For example, decisions that we make about staff contracts have to have a student-centered approach. What is offered in the contract impacts our ability to recruit and retain staff which directly impacts our student's academic success.

We approved a strategic plan two years ago that was built with the input of all stakeholders, including community members and students, truly reflecting the vision of our community for our student's education. These goals guide our decision-making when faced with difficult decisions. We ask questions and gather as much information as possible to make an evidence-based decision. We cannot and do not make decisions arbitrarily based on our personal preferences or based on emotions.

I think it is sometimes difficult to understand the board's process. It is usually not quick; we often take several meetings to think about the same topic, and by the time we come to a vote, there is often little discussion at that meeting. I think it is helpful for the community to understand our approach as it helps them understand the decisions we make."

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Recognition, showcase, and presentations were postponed at this meeting.

Board Salutes -

The Board Salutes will be a standing item on the agenda starting with the February 3, 2022, board meeting. The Board of Education would like to recognize individuals of the District 33 community - which includes all staff members, students, bus drivers, parents/guardians, and guardians - for actions that build a positive culture and climate in District 33. This "shout-out" will become part of the official Board minutes under Board Salutes on the bi-weekly agendas.

Salute to: Lori Murphy, district nurse; Jodi Neece, school nurse; Donna Siefert, paraprofessional; Wegner Elementary School,

Submitted by: Jamee Kenney, Principal, Wegner Elementary School

"Wegner has an amazing staff who work closely with our children who have medical needs. Donna, Jodi, and Lori know our students and their needs incredibly well. All three remain professional, caring, and supportive even during the most stressful situations. During a recent medical emergency with a student, these three staff members remained professional and calm and attended to the extreme medical situation with ease. I am proud to have Donna, Jodi, and Lori as part of our Wegner family, and I am honored to work alongside them every day."

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

No E.T.A.W.C. statement at this time.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Superintendent News -

Superintendent news was postponed at this meeting.

Consent Agenda

The Board of Education conducted the following business on a consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the Board meeting minutes of January 19, 2023, and February 2, 2023;
- Approved the list of bills dated January 18, 2023, through February 15, 2023, in the amount of \$1,399,102.01;

- Approved payrolls of January 13, 2023, in the amount of \$2,004,760.69, and January 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,914,934.66;
- Approved imprest account from January 11, 2023, to February 8, 2023, in the amount of \$1,495.00;
- Approved the disposition of the audio tape of the Board of Education's regular closed session dated August 5, 2021. Meetings that are at least 18 months old, and meet the State criteria, are disposed of;
- Approved the personnel report:
 - 0 Administration:
 - 0 Certified:
 - 4 Classified: Maria Fernandez, Lunchroom Supervisor at LMS, effective February 10, 2023; Liliana Terrazas, Lunchroom Supervisor at Gary, effective February 17, 2023; Aalyah Guerrero, Lunch Aide at Winfield, effective February 10, 2023; Sevdije Shaipi, Lunchroom Supervisor at Currier, effective February 10, 2023;
 - 0 Position Change:
 - 0 Transfers:
 - 2 Resignation: Diana Saucedo, Nurse at Trinity, effective February 17, 2023; Cathleen Major, Nurse at LMS, effective January 29, 2023;
 - 1 Retirement: Soona Farag, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective end of 2022-2023 School year;
 - 1 Leave: Alexia Garcia, Choir Teacher at LMS, effective 23-24 School Year.

Financial Reports

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of January 31, 2023, along with the financial charts;
- The Board of Education received a financial report from Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations, stating that since the last meeting, the District received \$1,188,210.00 payment for Evidence-Based Funding;
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of January 31, 2023.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No follow-up at this time.
- *Middle School Student Supervisors*- The Board will review the information provided by Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations, to offer all Lunchroom Supervisors full-time Student Supervisor positions. The Board will vote at the March 2, 2023, board meeting.
- *Preliminary Enrollment/Staffing Projections*- Mark Truckenbrod, Director of Human Resources, provided the Board with preliminary information regarding staffing and possible enrolment. Information will change once registration starts and closes. He will continue to provide the Board with updates.
- *Pre-purchase of Playground Equipment* - The Board voted to approve the pre-purchase of playground equipment and poured surface for the Pioneer Preschool. Both current playgrounds will remain at Pioneer School.
- *Ratification of Issuance of No Trespass Notice*- The Board voted to approve the No Trespass notice issued.

Action Items

- *2nd Reading of Policies* - The Board voted to approve the 2nd reading of the Board Policies.
- *School Resource Officer (SRO)* - The Board voted to approve a 2nd School Resource Officer for the 2023-24 school year.

Information Items

The Board of Education received/reviewed/discussed the following informational items:

- Academic Leadership Council (ALC) update;
- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- The Board of Education received the Freedom of Information Act Report noting there were 2 new requests since the last board meeting;
- Out of District placement of Students with Disabilities report stating that 20 special education students and 4 general education students have been placed out of district as of February 10, 2023;
- The Board of Education was provided with the School newsletters from the buildings;
- Short term maternity leave report was shared;
- Student Chronic Absentee Report from January 11, 2023, to February 8, 2023, which showed the percentage of students chronically absent district-wide to be at 27.6%;
- Student Suspension Report for January 2023, indicating 8 out of school suspensions, 13 in-school suspensions, and 0 Bus suspension;
- Truancy Referral Report of January 2023 indicating 4 new students referred to the ROE, and 4 students continue to be listed on the ROE truancy referral report;
- No suggested items at this time;
- No Board outreach at this time;
- No parking lot at this time.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- No open comments at this time.
- Committee Updates: Board members were provided with the committee update slideshow.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

The Board of Education members reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Adjournment

The above review of action taken by the Board of Education at their regular meeting is provided in an attempt to keep you informed. If you have any questions regarding any of the information provided or wish to discuss any of the items, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

Kristina Davis, Ed. S.

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Superintendent of Schools

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