



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
January 19, 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, January 19, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Addition to X: E - Pioneer Preschool

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 Member, Morgan Banasiak shared her statement: “About a year ago, I spoke about all the ways the district has worked to make decisions according to what was best for all students. I feel as though many great things have happened since then, and feel compelled to speak about this once again. In the past year, the Board and Administration have worked hard to address health, safety, and academic needs in the district. Air conditioning has been installed in the middle school, and a plan has been devised so that in the next two years, the entire district will have air conditioning. We've survived and continued to thrive after covid and have continued to address the lingering social and emotional needs that have come from the Covid issues. A sixth-grade retreat was set up to help the students acclimate to the middle school and make new friends.

Blue Point has been activated in all the schools to better address safety and to work more efficiently with the police department. More cameras have been added to help with the system as well. A relocation drill was implemented, so the community knows how to respond to active threats. A tip line was set up at the middle school to help with monitoring behaviors at the school, and Hazel Street has officially been made a one-way Street.

A Student Advisory Board was set up at the middle school, so the students have an opportunity to be heard and take part in their school decision process. The Board members of District 33 and District 94 had a joint meeting to discuss ways to work together and help the students achieve more. An activity bus was set up to help the grade school musicians come to the middle school for practice.

These are all wonderful additions that have been made to this District, and I know that the board and administration will continue to think outside of the box to improve the lives of ALL students in District 33.”

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Recognition

No recognition at this time.

Showcase

No Showcase at this time.

Presentation

IAR & Trimester 1

Beth Walrath, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented to the Board the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Strategic plan and goals for the district and the Trimester 1 results for MAP and IRLA.

Pioneer School

Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations, presented to the board the Pioneer School presentation to become a preschool beginning in the fall of 2023.

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: Sherry Lorenzi, Indian Knoll, ELS paraprofessional

Submitted by: Lesly Romero, Indian Knoll, LBS1

“Mrs. Lorenzi has been a big advocate to have our self-contained students be included in the general education setting. She supports special education students in the general education environment by helping to motivate students and helping all students interact and participate in activities together. She is great at making sure students are included in all classroom activities.”

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 -

No Superintendent news at this time.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approved the Board meeting minutes of December 15, 2022, and January 5, 2023;
- Approved the list of bills dated December 12, 2022, through January 17, 2023, in the amount of \$1,881,828.47;
- Approved payrolls of December 15, 2022, in the amount of \$1,915,238.44, and December 21, 2022, in the amount of \$1,892,761.90;
- Approved imprest account from December 9, 2022, to January 11, 2023, in the amount of \$1,020.00;
- Approved the disposition of audio tape of the Board of Education regular closed session dated June 17, 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:
 - 2 Classified: Karina Bucio, Secretary at Winfield, effective January 12, 2023; Sandra Gonzalez, Lunch Aide at Winfield, effective January 20, 2023;
 - 0 Position Change:
 - 0 Transfers:
 - 5 Resignation: Patrick Eversole, PE Teacher at LMS, effective January 5, 2023; Martin Johnson, Paraprofessional at Pioneer, effective January 3, 2023; Yuritzi Angeles, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective January 5, 2023; Arpita Sutaria, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective January 9, 2023; Adriana Rivas, LBS1 at ELC, effective January 13, 2023;
 - 0 Retirements:
 - 0 Leave:

Financial Reports

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of December 31, 2022, 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, \$330,355.10 for National School Lunch Program; \$150,419.77 for School Breakfast Program; \$149,688.00 for ESSR; \$26,132.00 for Title I- Low Income; \$5,900.00 for Title IVA- Student Support & Academic Enrichment; \$85,217.00 for Title IV- 21st Century Community Learning; \$23,376.00 for Title III- Language Instruction Program; \$20,876.00 for Title II - Teacher Quality; and \$168,534.00 for IDEA Special Education Flow Through;
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of December 31, 2022.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No follow-up at this time.
- *Board of Education Meeting dates 2023-2024*- The Board will review the dates and vote at the February 2, 2023 meeting.
- *IGA with the City of West Chicago (SRO)* - Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations, shared with the board information of the IGA. The Board will review and vote at the February 2, 2023, meeting.
- *Website Consultant* - The Board voted to approve the renewal contract with Blackboard for one additional year and the hiring of the recommended consultant.
- *Pioneer Preschool* - The Board will continue to review the information from the presentation and will vote at the February 2, 2023, meeting.

Action Items

No action items at this time.

Information Items

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

- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- The Board received information on County-Wide Institute Day 2023;
- Short term maternity leave report was shared;
- Student Chronic Absentee Report from December 8, 2022 to January 11, 2023, which showed the percentage of students chronically absent district-wide to be at 29.3%;
- Student Suspension Report for December 2022, indicated 6 out of school suspensions, 10 in-school suspensions, and 1 Bus suspension;
- Truancy Referral Report of December 2022 indicating 23 new students referred to the ROE, and 16 students continue to be listed on the ROE truancy referral report;
- 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 December 15, 2022;
- The Board of Education was provided with the vandalism report for 4th quarter.
- The Board of Education was provided with the School newsletters from the buildings;
- Suggested items: Karen Apostoli gave the board an updated the board regarding the possible flag football program.
- Board Outreach: Tom Doyle attended the honor roll night at LMS and it was a good turnout. Administrators did a great job separating grade levels after not being able to host since the pandemic.
- No parking lot at this time.
- The Board received information regarding the Martin Luther King Recognition in buildings.

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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