WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Kristina Davis, Superintendent
March 5, 2020 Board Briefs

Brenda Vishanoff, Board President
Chad McLean, Board Vice President
Rita Balgeman, Board Secretary

Phebe Balzer, Board Member
Kalpesh Dave, Board Member
Christian Rivera, Board Member
Tom Doyle, Board Member

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday,
March 5, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

Phebe Balzer, Tom Doyle, Rita Balgeman, Brenda Vishanoff, Christian Rivera and Chad McLean.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda
Kristina Davis added a discussion item for closed session, Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5ILCS 120/2(c)(8), amended by P.A. 99-235.

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 – High-Quality Staff
Goal #3 – Family and Community Engagement
Goal #4 – Effective and Efficient 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 agreement is to help maintain a positive environment in which to conduct board work. Kalpesh Dave was absent, but had Dr. Brenda Vishanoff read his shared reflection. I would like to talk today about shared leadership. It is important for every board member to participate and contribute in board activities to achieve district goals. As a board of seven, every board member has equal voting rights and by having different board members serve on different committees is a great way to have shared leadership. We also should discuss among board members about how the order of voting get decided to provide equal opportunity to vote.

Every member also has the opportunity to be the board leader in each of the committees that he/she is part of. I served for facility committee in past and it has given me the opportunity to understand the needs of the district and how much maintenance and upgrade are needed to keep schools up to date to provide education to students and good work environment for district staff to achieve district goals. I am thankful to this board for the commitment to shared leadership.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Showcase – Indian Knoll 2nd and 5th grade teachers presented the use of Co-Teaching, collaboration, Metalinguistic Strategies, Data Analysis and Goal Setting. They discussed Freckle, Rocket Math, 2nd and 5th grade reading and then showed the results. Indian Knoll staff, students, parents, and aides gave testimonials to the excitement behind the strategies.

Showcase- Currier Kindergarten students presented their charts and research on their Ecology Research Lab. Students read statements from their charts and teachers discussed how the students were doing the research.

Presentation – 5 year Budget Forecast

John Haffner, Executive Director of Business and Operations, presented budget projections the data for Evidence Based Funding for the next 5 years to the board.

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

There was no ETAWC statement at this meeting.

Public Comment

There was no public comment at this meeting.

Superintendent News

The Superintendent News is to update the board and community on some of the many programs and activities occurring in the schools and the departments that are determined to help us accomplish the goals of the District Strategic Plan. Kristina Davis reported on Currier School's focus on

Goal 1: Student Growth and Achievement "Be Here, Be You, Belong"

We have implemented restorative circles as an effective strategy to respond to behaviors that may include bullying, social media and in general, unsafe practices. The restorative circles are used to:

• Understand the situation, • learn to empathize with all stakeholders • develop solid solutions that repair relationships among students and staff • allow the offenders to take responsibility for their actions

Results: Repeated behaviors are greatly diminished.

Literacy:

Staff and students are excited with the new ARC materials and have continued to develop job embedded PD that further refines teaching practices that have vastly improved instruction.

Math:

We are working to improve our implementation of the Eureka math curriculum, and continue to see our students improve in their ability to demonstrate math skills and increase math oracy.

New Club

Sr. Arvizu, a fourth grade teacher at Currier and a Master Latin dancer, started this dance troupe which will make its debut performance during the talent show on March 25, 2020.

On a final note, Currier is excited to reinvent how we explore literacy and science, especially in our newly renovated Innovation Center. We are very thankful for the vision that our district leaders and school board had for this new learning space. Our kids deserve the best and are very thankful for this unique learning space.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation(s) Follow-Up*
  No presentation follow up at this meeting.

- The Board of Education discussed and approved the request for Students in the Future Problem Solvers Competition in Normal, Illinois to spend the night on April 17th, 2020 due to the distance and timing of the event.

- The Board of Education discussed and approved the School Calendar Revision for 2019-2020 removing the emergency day on March 16th. The day is scheduled for Parent/Teacher Conferences only without student attendance.

- *Finance/Facilities*
  John Haffner, Executive Director of Business and Operations, reported that since the last meeting the district received 1 Evidence Based Funding payment of $1,137,755 which completes the total amount due for the 2019-2020 year totaling $15,937,588. Early Childhood grant payment of $347,110 and $199,039 in Title IV 21st Century Learning grant and $354,188 in Special Education IDEA grant funds.

- *Strategic Planning Committee Meeting –*
  The next meeting for The Strategic Planning Committee will be on Wednesday, April 22nd to discuss data.

- *Staffing Needs*
  The staffing needs list is a compilation of effort between Cabinet members to formulate the most important needs for staffing for the 2020-2021 school year.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

Approved the Personnel report:

1 CERTIFIED: Jaime DeYoung, Speech Language Pathologist at LMS, effective 2020-2021 school year;

1 CLASSIFIED: Liliana Medina Corona, ELS Paraprofessional at Turner, effective 02/20/2020;

2 TRANSFERS: Francisco Jimenez, transfer from Facility Engineer to Head Facility Engineer, Districtwide, effective 02/10/2020; Alyson Robbins, from Executive Secretary of HR to Executive Secretary to the Superintendent, effective 02/06/2020;

7 RESIGNATIONS: Monica Romero, ELS Paraprofessional at Winfield, effective 03/05/2020; Zayra Pedraza Loyola, ELS Paraprofessional at Winfield, effective 03/06/2020; Allison Bertany, Gen. Ed Teacher at IK, effective 06/10/2020; John Walter, Dual Language Teacher at Gary, effective 06/10/2020; Stacey Gaspar, Learning Behavior Specialist at LMS, effective 06/10/2020; Elliott Kallstrom, Student Services Coordinator at ESC, effective 06/10/2020; Lisa Spinelli, Learning Behavior Specialist at LMS, effective 06/10/2020

2 LEAVES: Stefanie Lindsey, Learning Behavior Specialist at LMS, effective 3/5/2020-6/10/2020; Rachel Ruschmeyer, Parental Leave of Absence at LMS, effective 11/20/2020-1/1/2021

Information Items

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

Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
WeGo Together Listening Tour
Superintendent Evaluation Timeline
Kelly Education Staffing – Substitute Teachers
No board outreach.
No Suggested agenda items for future board meetings.
Parking Lot item added: Restorative Circles added along with previous SEL parking lot item.

Report of District Committee Meetings

Facilities Committee - Fred Cadena, Executive Director of Buildings and Grounds discussed the first facilities meeting. The committee will look at needs and wants for our facilities.

SASED Governing Board – The Board talked about policy and budget and went into closed session. No open comments.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

The Board of Education members reviewed upcoming meetings and events including the Special Board Meeting on March 24, 2020 to be held at the Leman Middle School at 6:00 p.m.

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,
Superintendent of Schools

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