WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Kristina Davis, Superintendent
February 6, 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, February 6, 2020 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda
Brenda Vishanoff added Board Governance under Discussion of New/Ongoing Business with Possible Action as #G. Also, under Recognition as #A, Michelle Fortman retirement.

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. Rita Balgeman shared her reflection. "Today, I am going to be acting as "timekeeper" for our meeting. Our goal is to ensure that we have meetings that are reasonable in length, but I also want to be thoughtful about how we enact this timekeeping role. Two of our shared agreements: *Allow everyone to complete their thoughts* and *Be willing to see things from the eyes of 7 people, not just one* must also be considered. If we reach the end of the time, and there are any board members who are not ready to end the conversation; if there are any members who feel that there are outstanding questions or items to address, then I think we need to be flexible in our timing to allow for those conversations to happen. Cutting off a discussion simply for the sake of following estimated times may not allow us to truly understand other's perspectives or the issue at hand. I am hopeful that we can enact this timekeeping role with care and consideration for these shared agreements."

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Recognition – Michelle Fortman

The Board of Education recognized the retirement of Michelle Fortman, Executive Administrative to the Superintendent of Schools and School Board Recording Secretary, for her 22 years of service in District 33.

Showcase - Wegner Elementary

Laura Anderson, Media Specialist at Wegner School shared a presentation about Alfie, the *Turtle That Disappeared* by Thyra Heder. There is a joke in the book without the punchline- Why Does a Walrus Wear Pants? Ms. Anderson reached out to the author via Twitter for an answer, which there was none. Ms. Anderson walked her students through the process of creating a punchline and submitted them to the author.

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

There was no ETAWC statement at this meeting.

Public Comment

Dayna Gallian, student at Indian Knoll School, addressed the Board of Education regarding longer lunch periods for student to be able to eat lunch.

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 Wegner School.

Covering Goal 1: Student Growth and Achievement

Wegner's grade level PLTs have been using data from ARC/School Pace to guide problem solving to meet individual student needs. The impact of these discussions can be seen in the building data:
Reader Engagement: Up from 38% in October to 54% in January, students reading at grade level: Up from 19% in October to 46% in January (IRLA), Average Growth: 0.4 years for IRLA and 0.3 years ENIL School Wide Book Group. We just completed the first school-wide book reading. Every student and staff member received a copy of George's Marvelous Medicine, by Roald Dahl. Students read at home each night (or listened to their teachers read prerecorded chapters online). The book was discussed in class the next day. We are looking forward to our second book in April. Book Vending Machine. Hundreds of new and gently used books have been given away in Wegner's Book "Vending Machine". Students turn in tokens earned from passing reading power goals.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

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

- *Property Tax Abatement*
  The board agreed to propose a property tax abatement of $400,000. This will be voted on at the February 20, 2020 board meeting.

- *1st Reading of Policy Manual for Pending Adoption*
  The Board reviewed the 1st reading of the Districts Policy Manual.

- *Review/Approve 2020-2021 School Calendar*
  The Board of Education approve the 2020-2021 School Calendar.

- *School Maintenance Grant*
  The Board of Education approved to apply for the School Maintenance Project Grant (SMPG). SMPG is a dollar for dollar state matching grant program providing awards up to $50,000 to grantees exclusively for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes.

- *Strategic Planning*
  The Strategic planning committee has been formed and the first meeting is an orientation meeting that is being held at Leman School on February 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

- *Board Governance*
  On January 30, 2020, the Board of Education attend a board governance training which they review and updated two agreements: *Expectations- Board of Education and Superintendent* and *Board Protocol*. They will vote to approve these on the February 20, 2020.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

- *Approve Policy Sub-Committee Minutes*
  The Board of Education approve the Policy Sub-Committee minutes of January 10, 2020 and January 27, 2020.
- *Approved the Personnel report:*
  1 Administrator: Maurice McDavid, Principal at Turner effective 2020-2021 SY;
  1 Classified: Ariadnna Ballines, Lunchroom Supervisor at LMS effective 1/13/2020;
  2 Resignations: Claudia Arias-Barajas, ELS Paraprofessional at ELC effective 1/30/2020 and Ana Aviles, Clerical Aide at Wegner effective 2/13/2020;
  1 Retirement: Dolores Miller, ELS Paraprofessional at Wegner effective 3/31/2020.
- *Approve 2020 – 2021 School Board Meeting Dates*
  The Board of Education approved the meeting dates for the 2020-2021 school year.

Information Items

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

- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33.
- Kindergarten registration information was received for next school year. Kindergarten registration will be held on February 26th and March 4th this year from 9:00am - 6:00pm at the ARC Center in West Chicago.
- No suggested board items for the next meeting.
- Board outreach – Kristina Davis asked the Board of Education to write a letter to State Superintendent, Dr. Carmen Ayala, to advocate for adding a state indicator – a 5-point Art Indicator.
- No Parking Lot item.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- ALC – Rita Balgeman reported that the committee reviewed data, discuss needs and support that Teachers need and equity training.
- SASED Board of Control – Kristina Davis reported discussions around financing
- LEND – Kristina Davis reported that the discussion was based on property tax relief grant.
- No open comments.

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,
Superintendent of Schools

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