WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Kristina Davis, Superintendent
January 16, 2020 Board Briefs

Brenda Vishanoff, Board President
Chad McLean, Board Vice President
Rita Balgeman, Board Secretary
Phebe Balzer, Board Treasurer

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 16, 2020 beginning at 7:02 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Tom Doyle, Kalpesh Dave, Phebe Balzer, Rita Balgeman, Chad McLean and Brenda Vishanoff.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda
Brenda Vishanoff added Student Issue to Closed Session.

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. Chad McLean reflected on Shared Agreement #5. Commit to shared leadership. "As a board we commit to shared Leadership. I attended the orientation meeting for our upcoming Strategic Planning. There I learned that two thirds of strategic plans are not followed. The first two reasons for failure are due to changes in district leadership. This tells me that our leadership needs to be shared with our predecessors as well as our current board and administration. We need to encourage one another to contribute and share in leadership. We also must hold each other accountable for past decisions and provide continuity to our students."

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation
Recognitions
National Board Certification - Jessica Wanzung received recognition by the Board of Education for becoming a National Board Certified Teacher. National Board Certification (NBC) is a voluntary, advanced teaching credential that goes beyond state licensure. NBC has national standards for what accomplished teachers should know and be able to do. The National Board certifies teachers who successfully complete its rigorous certification process.

KIDS Award – Michelle Lewis received the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) Award by the Board of Education for outstanding work with KIDS assessments and kindergarten teaching.

Showcase
Currier School 5th grade - Mrs. Leuer, teacher at Currier School and 5th grade students presented to the Board their Monarch Butterfly Project. The Students studied the evolution of the monarch butterfly and their migration to Mexico.

Presentation
Department Goal Update - The Board of Education received the Department Goals Update presentation.

E.T.A.W.C. Statement
No ETAWC statement at this meeting.

Public Comment
There were 3 public comments at this meeting. Robin Blamer, James Sennese and Melissa Kud, all parents of District 33 address the board with concerns of the new signage on bathrooms.

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 Indian Knoll School. Indian Knoll has recently focused on:
Goal 1: Student Growth and Achievement
In an effort to improve students' reading levels and close the gap, Indian Knoll holds Data Days. These specified days allow every staff member that works directly with students to meet and analyze the interventions used and determine if they have been effective. If we see that improvement is not being made, a collaborative effort is made to identify the student's individual needs. Data Days are scheduled every 6-8 weeks at Indian Knoll.
Goal 3: Family and Community Engagement
One focus this year at Indian Knoll is to create more parent involvement opportunities. December was a busy month with several opportunities for parents and families: Cookies with Santa and Secret Santa Shop hosted by the IK PTO - The winter concert hosted by our music teacher, Mrs. Kimmel and our band and orchestra directors and the Third Annual Posada presented by Dual Language Teachers. They had a wonderful turnout with wonderful feedback on all events.

Consent Agenda
The Board of Education conducted the following business on a consent agenda as follows:
- Approved the regular board meeting minutes of December 19, 2019 as presented;
- Approved the list of bills dated December 12, 2019, through January 9, 2020 in the amount of $1,454,863.18;
- Approved payrolls of December 13, 2019 $1,652,874.52 and December 20, 2019 $1,660,128.61;
- Approved imprest account December 12, 2019 to January 8, 2020 in the amount of $325.37;
- Approved the personnel report:
  1 Certified: Kevin Rahtjen, Music Teacher at Currier effective 1/6/20;
  3 Classified: Alexandra Savino, ELS Paraprofessional at LMS effective 1/6/2020 - Yajaira Pena, Lunchroom Supervisor at Pioneer effective 1/6/2020 and Bernadette Rodis, ELS Paraprofessional in Winfield effective 1/6/2020;
  1 Transfer: Monica Alanis, Lunchroom Supervisor to ELS Paraprofessional at Trinity effective 1/6/2020;
  1 Resignation: Rina Salguero, ELS Paraprofessional at Currier effective 12/20/19;
- Approved the disposition of audio tape of the Board of Education regular closed session meeting of June 21, 2018, which is at least 18 months old, which meets the State criteria.

Financial Reports
- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of December 31, 2019, along with financial charts.
- The Board received a summary of each school's monthly activity account as of December 31, 2019.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation(s) Follow-Up*
  The Board followed up with Joie Frankovich, Coordinator of Partnership, on how they can support WeGo Together for Kids.
- *Property Tax Abatement*
  The Board of Education continued the discussion on how excess fund balance (more than 3 months of expenditures) is going to be used going forward. If the board decides to abate, an amount will need to be determined at the February 6, 2020 board meeting.
- *Review Fees for FY21*
  The Board of Education approve the 0% increase in Student Fees for FY21.
- *Review 20-21 Board of Education Meeting Dates*
  The Board of Education reviewed next school years Board of Education meeting dates, times and locations.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

- Approved Resolution providing for Real Estate Tax Abatement for Midwest Industrial Funds.
- Approved the updated 403b documents.

Information Items

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

- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- Short term maternity leave report;
- Student Chronic Absenteeism report from December 10, 2019 – January 6, 2020 noting the percent of Elementary students chronically absent is 11.4% and Middle School student chronically absent is 14%.
- Student suspension report of December 2019, indicating 11 out of school, 0 in school suspensions, 21 students in LMS Pause Room and 0 bus suspensions;
- Truancy referral report of December 2019 indicating 3 new students referred to the ROE and 5 students continue to be listed on the ROE truancy referral report;
- Freedom of information report, noting that there were 2 request since the last board meeting;
- Special education student report indicating 41 students placed out of district as of January 8, 2020;
- Quarterly Vandalism report with no incidents to report;
- County Institute on February 29, 2020;
- Martin Luther King activities in each building;
- Received school newsletters;
- No suggested agenda items for the next board meeting;
- No Board outreach discussed;
- No parking lot items.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- PTO Council – Rita Balgeman attended and reported that Strategic Planning was discussed.
- MTSS – Brenda Vishanoff attended and reported that the committee reviewed their guidebook and action plan.
- Open Comments – 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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