WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Kristina Davis, Superintendent
September 19, 2019 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, September 19, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Changes to Agenda
Kristina Davis, Superintendent, added to agenda item X. Discussion of New / Ongoing Business with Possible Action, J. Potential Marijuana Sales in West Chicago.

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.* "Tonight I will talk about Commitment to Shared Leadership. This Shared Agreement is the only agreement that allows us to work effectively with our Superintendent. Can you imagine having seven bosses instead of one voice!
Shared Leadership is also a challenge to each school board member's ability to function as a parent and as a citizen. We as elected officials have a duty to avoid undermining the decisions of the board. This is easier to adhere to for district functions. The way the members interface with the larger community is much more complicated. How do we speak as a parent or citizen without being seen as speaking for the board? We need to consider our role as school board members but boldly err on the side of being parents and citizens."

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation
Presentation – Department Goals
The Board of Education reviewed each Department Goals. Gina Steinbrecher, Community Relations Specialist, presented her Goals to the Board of Education.

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

Public Comment
Lisa Raff addressed the Board of Education inquiring on class sizes between English speakers and Dual Language classrooms and inquired on the plan to install air conditioning or a plan for hot days.

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

- Approved the special board meeting minutes of August 7, 2019, August 14, 2019, September 5, 2019 and the regular meeting minutes of August 15, 2019 and September 5, 2019 as presented;
- Approved the list of bills dated August 8, 2019, through September 12, 2019, in the amount of $4,917,678.84;
- Approved payrolls of August 15, 2019 $281,372.85 and August 30, 2019 $351,646.25;
- Approved imprest account August 8, 2019 to September 11, 2019 in the amount of $700.00;
- Approved the personnel report:
  1 Certified: Karen Ochoa Fernandez, Bilingual 3rd Grade Teacher at IK effective 9/16/2019;
  6 Classified: Rebecca Almer, ELS Paraprofessional at IK effective 8/28/2019 - Miriam Arrellanes, ELS Paraprofessional (Interventionist) at Currier effective 9/10/2019 - Gabriela Cruz, Family Liaison at St. Michael's effective 9/10/2019 - Aric Rybacki, Utility Custodian at IK/Turner effective 9/11/2019 - Nelson Lopez Baez, Utility Custodian at Pioneer/Wegner effective 9/11/2019 and Donna Siefert, ELS Paraprofessional at IK effective 9/27/2019;
  5 Resignations: Gretchen Rowenhorst, ELS Paraprofessional at Currier effective 6/12/2019 - Gabriela Hernandez, Family Liaison at IK effective 10/9/2019 - Elizabeth Perez, Lunchroom Supervisor at Currier effective 6/11/2019 - Annabel Perez Guevara, Lunchroom Supervisor at Currier effective 6/11/2019 and Lesbia Molina, ELS Paraprofessional (Reading Aide) at Currier effective 8/30/2019;
  1 Leave: Tanya Miller, GATE Teacher at IK, Parental Leave of Absence effective 3/23/2020 - 3/27/2020;
- Approved the disposition of audio tapes of the Board of Education regular closed session meeting of March 1, 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 August 31, 2019, along with financial charts.
- Revenue received from the State since the last board meeting include Evidence Base Funding payment of $1,137,755 for a total of $4,551,023 this fiscal year.
- John Haffner presented a Finance Timeline, which tentatively schedules presentations on an array of financial topics.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

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

- *Information for State Capital Projects*
  John Haffner explained how future capital projects could possibly be funded by the State instead of funded by existing Fund Balance. At the special September 5, 2019 board meeting, State Representative Karina Villa discussed state funding with the board. With the passage of a new state law, future District 33 Capital Projects could be funded in part by the State. In some cases, it would be a 50/50 match, in other cases it would be a 90/10 match with the State funding 90% of the cost. In addition, there may be State funds available for a new Early Learning Center building. With this in mind, Administration will be bringing its recommendations for Summer 2020 Capital Projects to the October 3, 2019 Board meeting as well as a new long term Capital Project recommendation that would be added to the Long Term Facilities Plan, namely Air Conditioning for all District 33 classrooms.

- *Approve Reciprocal Reporting System Agreement between the West Chicago Police Department and the Board of Education of West Chicago School District 33*
  The Board of Education approve the reciprocal agreement between the City of West Chicago and District 33, specifically related to safety enhancements and new legislation related to school resource officers.

- *Approve Alton Industries Property Tax Abatement*
  The Board of Education approve the partial property tax abatement for Alton Industries to encourage new development in West Chicago and additional property tax revenue for D33.

- *Review Educare Bylaws and Operating Agreement*
  The original bylaws of Educare included a partnership with D33 as the landowner and landlord of Educare. District 33 has been providing maintenance (custodial, routine repairs and maintenance) to the Educare building since 2010. Now that Educare is fully sustainable, Educare and D33 have agreed to an amendment of the bylaws and revision of the operating agreements to effect the property transfer and maintenance costs to Educare. The Board will take action on October 3, 2019.

- *Review Extra Duty Assignments*
  The Board reviewed the extra duty assignments for the 2019-2020 school year, at compensation as set by the Collective Bargaining Agreements.

- *Kindergarten Enrollment*
  Angelica Romano reviewed the board-approved parameters for staffing and enrollment established 3 years ago for kindergarten through fifth grade. Since then enrollment has declined which has made it hard to keep to enrollment with in those guidelines. Administration has the following options to help keep within the guidelines. With each consideration comes respective implications.1. Consider Wegner Elementary School to house a two-way dual language program in addition to Gary School. 2. Collapse sections that are small in size and satellite students. 3. Create new parameters for enrollment including separate parameters for open enrollment and childcare requests. 4. Addition of support staff / paraprofessionals.

- *Resolution in Recognition of Principal Appreciation Week*
  The Board of Education adopted a resolution in recognition of Principal Appreciation Week, October 14 through October 18, 2019, with the actual Principal Appreciation Day being Friday, October 18, 2019.

- *Potential Marijuana Sales in West Chicago*
  At the September 9, 2019 City of West Chicago Development Committee meeting, Brenda Vishanoff submitted a statement on behalf of District 33 regarding agenda item F. Recreational Marijuana Dispensary and Cultivation Center Land Uses. The Board of Education request that the committee consider location and proximity to our schools, considered signage, enforce age limits and laws regarding dispensation. Since that statement, Vishanoff has been approached to make a statement on behalf of the Board opt out of marijuana sales in West Chicago. After much discussion, the Board determined to make their own private statements.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

- Adopted the Official Budget 2019-2020
- Approved the posting of salaries and benefits, which will be provided to the Illinois State Board of Education. This listing is required to be posted on the ISBE website and on the District 33 website.

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;
- Freedom of information report, noting that there were 3 request since the last board meeting;
- Special education student report indicating 39 students placed out of district as of September 11, 2019;
- Received the first and sixth day enrollment count;
- Report of students reassigned due to Open Enrollment and Child Care request;
- Received the protocol and procedure to identify English Learners (ELs) in District 33following the ISBE's guidelines and providing the appropriate programming for students.
- Received past and current information on the Teacher Shortage in Illinois;
- No suggested agenda items for the next board meeting;

- Board outreach- Brenda Vishanoff attended the WeGo Steering Committee meeting and Rita Balgeman and Phebe Balzer attended the PTO Council meeting.
- Received School Newsletters and 1st day of school reports;
- No parking lot items.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- SASED Board of Control – Kristina Davis attended the September 18, 2019 and reported on approving financials.
- Open comments – Brief discussion on Safety and the development of Teacher safety lessons. On October 1, parents will receive information on safety lessons plans at St. Andrews. There will be 2 sessions: 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. At the October 3 Board of Education meeting, the Board will sign a Resolution calling the week of Oct. 7-11, 2019 Safety Week.
  Kristina Davis informed the Board of Education that the Obama Foundation and the American Reading Company will be visiting Currier School on October 3, 2019. Arne Duncan and Martin Nesbitt will visit a 3rd grade classroom to see ARC Core lesson preparation and demonstrations.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

The Board of Education members reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Please note: The next Regular Board of Education Meeting will be on:

October 3, 2019
7:00 p.m.
Gary School.

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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