WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Dr. Charles W. Johns, Superintendent
June 6, 2019 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,
June 6, 2019 beginning at 7:01p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Public Hearing on the Resolution to Effect Interfund Transfers

The Board of Education held a public hearing on the resolution to effect interfund transfers. John Haffner, Executive Director for Business and Operations, explained the process for transferring money from the educational fund to the operations and maintenance fund. There were no questions or comments from the public. The public hearing was concluded on the resolution to effect interfund transfers.

Approve Resolution to Effect Interfund Transfer
The Board of Education approved the transfer of $2,000,000. from the Educational Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund to be used for maintaining, improving and repairing school buildings and grounds and expenses.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda
Kristina Davis, Assistant Superintendent for Learning, moved item # XI F. Board Protocol Review to # XII. E.

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. Brenda Vishanoff shared her reflection. "There is growing research that what Boards believe about student potential and also how they behave and work together has a direct and measurable impact on student achievement. Our previous boards, particularly over the past 6 years, spent quite a bit of time discussing how our beliefs of student potential actually will and do impact student learning. As we begin our journey as a new board, I encourage us to think how we can work most effectively together as a board. So this will ultimately mean more than our personal investment to the students and families of d33, but rather, more importantly, our ability to work well together. To that end, I want to encourage us to invest in getting to know each other, regularly ask for and offer feedback to each other, commit to reflection on how we are doing as a collective board, and to commit to regular board improvement and self-evaluation efforts.
I am looking forward to this journey of serving with you all!

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Recognition – D33 Pride Award

Gina Steinbrecher, Community Relations Specialist, presented the #D33Pride Awards to Josh Ptak, LMS student, Zoe Marungo, Pioneer student, Eddy Tamayo, Currier Teacher and Kerry Duffy, Indian Knoll Teacher. #D33 Pride Awards are given to individuals or organizations that have made a significant impact on students, staff and families of District 33. These awards provide the opportunity to honor those who have "gone above and beyond" to support and enhance the work of promoting excellence in education.

Recognition – DuPage Illinois Association of School Administrators Recognition Award 2019

Marjory Lewe-Brady, Director of Partnerships, received the Recognition Award from DuPage Illinois Association of School Administrators. Dr. Darlene Ruscitti nominated her for her contribution of time, expertise and leadership towards two major county initiatives: a county-wide model safety crisis management plan and the ROE / YWCA Initiative of ensuring effectiveness in meeting the goals of Early Childhood Education for 0-3.

Recognition – INSPRA Distinguished Service Awards

The Distinguished Service Awards recognize those who make a difference in their school communities by helping to promote public education and enhance its programs and services. The Award of Excellence was presented to Sara Phalen - Community member, Janet Sikma - D33 Orchestra Director, Keturah Attkins - D33 Parent. The Award of Merit was presented to Annabelle Gonzalez - Indian Knoll Secretary and Leman Middle School Administrators: Kevin Bulava, Amie Correa, Antonio Diaz, Maggie Lay, David Serpas and Ciara Thomas.

Recognition – Life Skills Training Grant Award

Kristina Davis, Assistant Superintendent, recognized Leman Middle School Teachers: Mary Beth Zarndt, Patrick Eversole and Jamie Harkins, wrote and have been awarded a $25,000 Life Skills Training grant by the University of Colorado at Boulder. This will replace the current drug prevention curriculum and will be rolled out to 6 - 8th grade students by the Leman Middle School Health teachers over the next three years.

Presentation – Special Education Update

Suzanne Nissen, Director of Student Services, presented a Special Education update. In this presentation Ms. Nissen highlighted the Strategic Plan goals and action plans for next year. 1st Goal: IEP Goal Writing. Including common goal standards, essential elements, social emotional learning standards and early childhood learning standards. 2nd Goal: Professional Development and Increase Communications. 3rd Goal: IEP Parent Attendance and involvement in the IEP Process. 4th Goal: Staffing Based on Student Needs. Ms. Nissen explained the many types of student disabilities and how we meet their needs with current programs and expanded programs for next year.

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.
Leman Middle School was highlighted at this board meeting.
Strategic Goal 1: Student Growth and Achievement:
From last school year to this year, we saw a 20% increase in students who earned Distinction Honor Roll (straight A's). A total of 495 students participated in Athletics this year. Our teams had were extremely successful throughout the year and we are looking forward to continuing to grow our programs. Girls Volleyball - 8th Grade Girls finished 2nd in conference (our highest finish ever in the IPAC). Boys Soccer - LMS Cup Tournament Champions and IPAC Conference Champions (our first IPAC championship in any sport). Cross Country - Won a team trophy and individual medals at the Royal Cadet Invitational hosted by Marmion. Our Boys team had a top 10 finish at the IESA Sectionals. Girls Basketball - 7th Grade Girls finished the season with a .500 record (best winning percentage in the last 10 years). Boys Volleyball - 7th Grade Boys finished 2nd in conference (our highest finish ever in the IPAC). Track & Field - They broke 4 school records; 6/7th grade girls team took 2nd place overall in conference. At the IPAC Championship Meet, we had nine - 1st place finishes in individual and/or relay events. We also had ribbon winners in 22 events (2nd - 6th place). That's the most ever for Charger Track and Field!!!
Along with our long-standing student activities, we have seen the addition of a Fishing Club, a Chess tournament, a beginner Mariachi ensemble, the Power Fitness Club and the Morning Announcement Club. Additionally, our Choir program has tripled in student participation over the last two years. Over 1000 students qualified for our Cougars Game reading incentive 600 minutes of reading. Most exciting is the growth that we made in our Culture SMART goal this year. As of the end of April, we have made the following improvements: Attendance has increased from 94.6% at this time last year, to 95.45% as of the end of April. Our CSCI Survey came back with no negative indicators in any area on the survey. We have seen a 72% decrease in referrals. We have seen a 78% decrease in suspensions.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

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

- *Finance/Facilities*
  John Haffner, Executive Director of Business and Operations, reported state funds received since the last board meeting. Received 1st of two installments of property tax distributions totaling $578,700. One payment of Evidence Based Funding was received in the amount of $1,072,120.27. To date we received from the state, $21,451,633.

- *Review tax shelter companies*
  Board members received information on 3 tax sheltered annuity companies made available to staff, AXA, VOYA, and Vanguard. The district provides all district employees the opportunity to participate in voluntary tax sheltered annuity plans. The board will take action on approving AXA, VOYA and Vanguard at the June 20, 2019 board meeting

- *Resolution transferring interest earned in Working Cash Fund*
  John Haffner explained the process of transferring $8,162.79 of interest earned from the Working Cash Fund to the Operations and Maintenance fund. The board will approve this transfer at the June 20, 2019 board meeting.

- Authorize disposal of unneeded equipment/materials
  The board reviewed the disposal of unneeded equipment and/or materials that are inoperable or too costly to repair list. Included on the list are computers that are 10 years old that will be recycled.

- Legal Representation for Employment Practice Liability
  District 33's current law firm supporting the district for Employment Practice Liability, is no longer covered by our insurance co-op. The district will interview 3 law firms who provide employment practice legal assistance and make a recommendation to the board at a future meeting.

- Public Comment Revision
  Christian Rivera and Rita Balgeman will review and make recommended changes to the board at a later date.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

- *Approved the Personnel report:*:
  2 Administration: Alma Solis, Assistant Principal at Pioneer effective 8/7/2019 and Lissette Jacobson, Principal at Pioneer effective 7/31/2019;
  6 Certified: Sibila Mabbott, Bilingual Teacher at Currier effective 2019-2020 SY - Luz Zaragoza, ELA Bilingual Teacher at LMS effective 2019-2020 SY - Amanda Montgomery, Math Teacher at LMS effective 2019-2020 SY - Natalie Georgitsis, Math Teacher at LMS effective 2019-2020 SY - Ximena Carrasco, Dual Language Teacher at Gary effective 2019-2020 SY and Cristina Diaz, Reading Specialist at Pioneer effective 2019-2020 SY;
  1 Classified: Jose Romero, Utility Custodian at LMS effective 5/29/2019;
  6 Resignations: Evelyn Aguilar, Lunchroom Supervisor at Wegner Effective 5/17/2019 - Faritha Ismail, Lunchroom Supervisor at Pioneer effective 5/31/2019 - Iliana Ayala, Dual Language Teacher at Pioneer effective 6/12/2019 - Karen Lee, Dual Language Teacher at Gary effective 6/12/2019 - Estefania Silva, Bilingual Teacher at Winfield effective 6/12/2019 and Rocio Fisher, Director of SLL effective 6/30/2019;
  1 Retirement: Susan Grissom, Speech Language Pathologist at LMS effective 2019-2020 SY.

- *Appoint IASB Governing Board Representative*
  The Board of Education appointed Chad McLean to be District 33's Representative at IASB sponsored events including the Delegate Assembly at the Joint Annual Conference in November.

- *Approve annual dues for Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB)*
  The Board of Education renewed membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) for the 2019-2020 school year. IASB a long-standing organization that is a local school board governance supporting quality public education.

- *Approve Food Service Contract*
  The Board of Education awarded the 2019-2020 Food Service to Aramark Educational Services, the lowest responsible bid received.

- *Board Protocol Review*
  The Board of Education reviewed and discussed, School Board Protocols, by breaking into groups to discuss three protocols each. Each group then shared an example and stated why each protocol is important.

Information Items

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

- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- Board Outreach includes Brenda Vishanoff attended the Internet and Social Media Safety Workshop held at Leman Middle School and Phebe Balzer attended the Nora Project Festival at Indian Knoll School.
- No School Newsletters
- Suggested Agenda Items for Next Board Meeting
- No Parking Lot items

Report of District Committee Meetings

- SASED Board of Control – Christian Rivera attended the SASED Board of Control meeting and reported on transferring funds from the Ed Fund to the O&M fund and the election of officers.
- SASED Governing Board – Tom Doyle reported reviewed the budget, elected new officers and reviewed meeting dates.
- Open comments – Brenda Vishanoff thanked Cabinet for their 6:00 presentation tonight. On behalf of the school board, we wish staff, students and families a great summer vacation.

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,

Charles Johns
Dr. Charles W. Johns
Superintendent of Schools

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