WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Dr. Charles W. Johns, Superintendent
January 17, 2019 Board Briefs

Gil Wagner, Board President
Phebe Balzer, Board Secretary
Brenda Vishanoff, Board Member

Dave Barclay, Board Member
Kalpesh Dave, Board Member
Chad McLean, Board Member

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, January 17, 2019 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Phebe Balzer, Gil Wagner, Kalpesh Dave, Dave Barclay, Brenda Vishanoff and Chad McLean

Additions/Changes to Agenda
Dr. Johns requested to reverse the order of item *#V.B1-4 Presentations*.

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 agreements is to help maintain a positive environment in which to conduct board work. Phebe Balzer reflected on Shared Agreement # *2. Respect staff and other board members and their opinions.* "The Balance Careers website reminds us of what respect in action looks like. Here they are: 1. Treat each other with courtesy, politeness and kindness. 2. Encourage each other to express opinions and ideas. 3. Listen to what the other has to say before expressing your own viewpoint. 4. Use other's ideas to change or improve.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation
Showcase – Magic Tree House
Stephanie Drake, Gary School Principal, introduced Gary's 3rd grade teachers and students who shared with the Board, their Magic Tree House books. The students researched, wrote, edited and illustrated their own books as part of the American Reading Company literacy program.

Presentation – American Reading Company (ARC)
Kristina Davis, Assistant Superintendent, with the help of a kindergarten student from Wegner, presented American Reading Company, a balanced literacy resource that 3rd grade teachers have been piloting since April 2018. There has been a need for more support in the instructional aspect of literacy in two languages. ARC has the highest rated resource that supports literacy in dual language classrooms. Currently in addition to 3rd grade piloting the ARC Lit Lab, four kindergarten classrooms at Wegner piloted ARC Core and LMS has been using components of ARC in special education and dual language classrooms. The

recommendation for adoption of ARC for preK-5th grades will be presented to the Board at a future date.

Presentation – LMS Block Schedule
Lea DeLuca, Principal of Leman Middle School, and her administrative team, presented the plans of rolling out a Block Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year. Areas that were addressed are increase class time in Language Arts and Math, rolling up of One-Way-Dual and continuation of Two-Way-Dual, proposed two Exploratory classes per trimester, Band, Choir, Mariachi and Orchestra will be offered as an exploratory choices, Lunch periods will be in 20 minute rotations with a target of 150 students in the cafetorium at a time, Tap will be replaced with Advisory and most passing periods will decrease the amount of students in the hallway.

Presentation – Ballet Folkorico
Mrs. Rocha and Mrs. Rivera gave an update on the performances given by the students of Ballet Folkorico this school year which included performances around our community along with performances at the Bilingual Conference and Illinois Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents.

Presentation – Mariachi
Janet Sikma presented an update on the Mariachi program. This is the 3rd year of the Mariachi program. Student involvement grew from 16 students in one ensemble the first year to currently 66 students in three ensembles. To date, they have had 12 performance, received Railroad Days Heritage Award, Co-hosted Midwestern School Mariachi Festival with Mexican Cultural Center-Dupage and Mariachi Aztlan UTRGV, Workshop with Miguel Cervantes of Mariachi Ameca and is proud to present at IL Music Educators Conference in Peoria on Saturday, January 26, 2019.

E.T.A.W.C. Statement
There was no ETAWC statement at this meeting.

Public Comment
Lana Abundez, D33 parent, addressed the Board with concerns of the language questionnaire in the student registration packet. Kristina Davis will follow up with her.

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

- Approved the regular board meeting minutes of December 20, 2018 as presented;
- Approved Policy Sub-Committee minutes of December 17, 2018 as presented;
- Approved the list of bills dated December 14, 2018, through January 9, 2019, in the amount of $ 1,164,395.85;
- Approved payrolls December 14, 2018 in the amount of $ 1,747,320.68 and December 21, 2018 in the amount of $ 1,625,999.46;
- Approved imprest account December 13, 2018 to January 9, 2019 in the amount of $1,690.00;
- Approved the personnel report:

  1 Administrator: Jennifer Rodriguez Pineda, Bilingual PreK Teacher at ELC effective 1/7/2019:
  5 Classified Staff: Zayra Pedraza, ELS Paraprofessional at Winfield effective 1/7/2019 - Amy Owen, ELS Paraprofessional at Currier effective 1/7/2019 - Rocio Mendoza, 0.5 ELS Paraprofessional (Reading Aide) at Currier effective 1/7/2019 - Katherine Fortuna, 0.5 LLC Aide at Currier effective 1/7/2019 and Samantha Abdullah, Lunchroom Supervisor at Turner effective 1/7/2019;
  1 Transfer: Andrea Bove, Transfer from Clerical Aide to Building Secretary at Wegner effective 12/17/2018;
  2 Resignations: Samantha Crouse, Facilitator at LMS effective 12/21/2018 and Sadia Fatima, Lunchroom Supervisor at Wegner effective 12/14/2018;
  22 Retirements: James Duerr, Maintenance Technician at ESC effective 2/11/2019 - Isaias Aguirre Head Custodian at Gary effective 3/15/2019 - Marybeth Moore, Health Teacher at LMS effective 2019-2020 SY - Karen Botkin, Social Studies Teacher at LMS effective 2019-2020 SY - Lillian Sullivan, SEL Teacher at Turner effective 2019-2020 SY - Susan Grissom, Speech Language Pathologist at LMS effective 2020-2021 SY - Carolyn Beale, Speech Language Pathologist at Turner effective 2019-2020 SY - Heidi Dineen, Math Teacher at LMS effective 2020-2021 SY - Susan Smith, Reading Teacher at Currier effective 2020-2021 SY - Linda Rooney, Art Teacher at

LMS effective 2020-2021 SY - Shelly Heyer, 4th Grade Gen Ed Teacher at Wegner effective 2020-2021 SY - Alice Danilovich, Psychologist at Wegner effective 2020-2021 SY - Myriam Del Salto, Biligual Teacher at Wegner effective 2020-2021 SY - Heidi Herman, LA/Literature Teacher at LMS effective 2020-2021 SY - Deborah Clifford, Instructional Coach at Wegner effective 2021-2022 SY - Irene Panson, Spec. Ed Facilitator at Gary effective 2021-2022 SY - Eric Godoy, Biligual Teacher at Wegner effective 2021-2022 SY - Kirsten Snodgrass, Art Teacher at IK effective 2021-2022 SY - Melanie Dixon, Reading Specialist at Gary effective 2021-2022 SY - Stephen Brugmann, Social Studies Teacher at LMS effective 2021-2022 SY - Heidi Wagreich, Speech Language Pathologist at ELC effective 2021-2022 SY and Carlos Osorio, Math/Bilingual Teacher at LMS effective 2021-2022 SY;

- No disposition of audio tapes of the Board of Education closed session meetings which are 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, 2018, along with the financial charts.
- The Board received a summary of each school's monthly activity account as of December 31, 2018.
- Since the last meeting, revenue received: Early Childhood Grant $1,187,188.00 and 2 payments of Evidence Base Funding totaling $2,144,240.00 for a total of $ 12,865,443. EBF payments are on time and the correct amount.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation(s) Follow-Up*
  There were no presentation follow-ups at this board meeting.

- *Announce and Discuss Board Vacancy*
  Gil Wagner announced the vacancy on the Board of Education. Applications will be accepted through Friday, January 18, 2019. Interviews will take place on January 22, 2019. The Board will also fill the Vice President position at a later date.

- *First Reading of Policies*
  The Board of Education conducted a first reading on the following School Board Policies: 2.80 - Board member oath and conduct, 2.120 - Board member development, 4.130 - Free and reduced-price food services, 4.170 – Safety, 5.30 - Hiring process and criteria, 5.60 – Expenses, 5.100 - Staff development program, 5.220 - Substitute teachers, 6.60 - Curriculum content, 7.70- Attendance and truancy, 7.100 - Health, eye, and dental examinations; immunizations; and exclusion of students, 7.190 - Student behavior, 7.250 - Student support services, 7.260 - Exemption from physical education, 7.290 - Suicide and depression awareness and prevention and 7.305 - Student athlete concussions and head injuries.

- *Enrollment/Staffing guidelines for 2019 – 2020*
  Angelica Romano, Executive Director of Human Resources, reviewed projected enrollment and staffing for the 2019-2020 school year.

- *Review Fees for FY20*
  John Haffner, Executive Director of Business and Operations, reviewed the proposed 2019-2020 student fees which reflect a 0% increase. The Board approved not to increase student fees for the 2019-2020 school year.

- *Review 2019-2020 D33 Board of Education Meeting dates*
  The Board of Education review the proposed Board of Education meeting dates for the 2019-2020 school year. The Board will take action at the February 7, 2019 board meeting.

Action Items

The Board of Education had no action items at this meeting.

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 attendance report for December 2018, noting the District's percent of attendance to be at 94.40 % which does not include special education out-of-district attendance figures;
- Student suspension report of December 2018, indicating 19 out of school, 2 in school suspensions, 20 students in LMS Pause Room and 0 bus suspensions;
- Truancy referral report of December 2018 indicating 719 students nearing 5% days absent and 452 students at 10% or more days absent;
- Freedom of information report, noting that there was 1 request since the last board meeting;
- Special education student report indicating 40 students placed out of district as of January 9, 2019;
- Quarterly vandalism report noting no incidents to report;
- WeGo Together for Kids mid-year summary;
- Board outreach: Brenda Vishanoff attended the Celebration of Contract Ratification and Approval of the Teachers contract.
- Received Indian Knoll's Principal Newsletter – January 2019
- No Parking Lot items discussed.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- PTO Council – Chad McLean attended the meeting on January 10, 2019 and updated the council on Board of Education meetings. Dr. Charles Johns gave updates on the School Board vacancy and elections.
- Foundation for Educational Excellence – Dr. Charles Johns shared that the Foundation reviewed Mini Grants and finalized their fundraiser at Augustino's in West Chicago on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. You must bring the flyer with you and Augustino's will donate 15% of your bill to the Foundation.
- Leman Academic Leadership Council – no report due to the presentation earlier in this agenda.
- No open comments at this meeting.

Review of 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,

Dr. Charles W. Johns
Superintendent of Schools

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