WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Dr. Charles W. Johns, Superintendent
November 1, 2018 Board Briefs

Gil Wagner, Board President
Karina Villa, Board Vice-President
Phebe Balzer, Board Secretary

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, November 1, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Phebe Balzer, Gil Wagner, Dave Barclay, Chad McLean, Kalpesh Dave and Karina Villa.

Additions/Changes to Agenda
Dr. Charles Johns requested to move X. Action Items to after V. Recognition/Showcase/Presentation A. Showcase. Dr. Johns announced to the Board to remove, from the personnel report, Christine Osterman's resignation.

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. Kalpesh Dave reflected on Shared Agreement *#5 Commit to shared leadership.* "Commitment to shared leadership is a path for gradual increment towards higher strategic plan goals. Our board has shared leadership by participating in different committees like SASED, facility committee, policy committee and many more to share responsibilities and district vision. In these committees, by working together we try to accomplish mutual goals and shared vision. Our district also shares leadership with parents and staff by building strong partnerships, shared responsibility, expertise and leadership in areas that affect families, communities and education."

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation
Wegner Media Specialist
Laura Anderson, Media Specialist at Wegner School, along with some 2nd & 3rd grade students, shared with the Board an activity which included reading a 2019 Monarch nominee book, *Claymates*. After reading the book, students designed, on paper, a character from the book which included the character's name, favorite food, and their favorite activity. The next step included using play-doh to make their character. Using an iPad App called Chatterpix, the students created an animated video using their character, which they shared with Board Members.

Department Goals

Administration presented each Department's Goals and Systems for Improvement Alignment for this school year. These goals are aligned to District 33's Strategic Plan that was adopted by the Board of Education on August 4, 2016.

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

Dr. Johns shared this statement with the Board. "I am excited and grateful to be able to report that all of the schools in the district have earned the "Commendable" designation by the state. We view this as a result of the growth orientation of our staff and a great deal of hard work by many people. I want to extend my gratitude to the district leadership who worked so hard to establish systems of improvement in their buildings and departments to make sure that we are set on the right path. We know that moving forward the expectations will climb significantly. We are working hard so that we can continue to make sure that our students are prepared for high school and beyond."

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. Wegner School is being highlighted at this board meeting:
The school year got off to a great start with many exciting learning opportunities for students! Fourth graders dissected owl pellets as part of their unit on life sciences. Students learned about how owls use their body structures to catch their prey. In conjunction with the Health Department, kindergarten and first grade students participated in a hand washing experiment in the SEL/Heath classes. The students applied a glitter lotion to their hands, washed their hands, and then checked under a black light to see how well they washed. This led to a lesson on the importance of hand washing as the flu season approaches! Fifth graders took a field trip to Cantigny to tour the grounds and the museums as part of their unit on revolutions. Kindergarten and third grade teachers have been participating in American Reading Company Coaching as part of the pilot program. All staff participated in Kagan Cooperative Learning coaching with Kagan National Trainer Jennifer Evans.

Discussion of New / Ongoing Business with Possible Action

Presentation follow-up

There was no presentation follow ups.

Facilities/Finance Update

John Haffner, Executive Director of Business and Operations reported since the last board meeting, we received from the state, $1,072,120 for a total of $6,432,721 received this fiscal year.

Second Reading of Policies

The Board of Education conducted a second reading and approved the following School Board Policies: 4.80 Accounting and Audits, 4.100 Insurance Management, 6.60 Curriculum Content, 6.130 Program for the Gifted, 6.135Accelerated Placement Program, 7.5 School Admissions and Student Transfers to and from Non-District Schools and 7.340 Student Records.

Review Tax Levy Process

John Haffner explained the tax levy process and the resolution for intent to levy taxes for the 2018-2019 school year. The total estimated proposed amount of taxes to be levied for 2018 is $34,800,199. The Board of Education will hold a public hearing on the levy and adopt the official 2018 tax levy in December.

Review IASB 2018 Resolutions

The Board of Education reviewed resolutions that will be acted upon at the delegate assembly during the Joint Conference. District 33's delegate to the assembly, Board Member Chad McLean, will vote accordingly at the Illinois Association of School Board's Delegate Assembly meeting on November 17, 2018.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

- *Approved the Personnel report:*
  1 Certified: Elizabeth Perez, Psychologist at ELC effective 10/18/2018;
  1Classified: Jessica Fitch, ELS Paraprofessional at ELC effective 10/9/2018;
  1 Transfer: Scott Fraser from Floating Utility Custodian to Floating Head Custodian effective10/15/2018;
  1 Resignation: Gerald Wesley, Utility Custodian at LMS effective 10/29/2018;
  3 Retirements: Anna Rutkowski, ELS Paraprofessional at Pioneer effective 11/30/2018 - Catherine Wasisco, Special Ed Facilitator at Wegner effective 6/6/2019 - Pamela Granberry, Social Studies Teacher at LMS effective 6/6/2019;
  1 Leave of Absence: Debra Cicchetti, ELS Paraprofessional at Pioneer effective 10/15/18;
- *Approved School Improvement Plans – Systems for Improvement.*
- *Approved Summer 2019 Planned Facilities Projects.*

Information Items

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

- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- Reviewed the Fall Housing Report based on October 1, 2018 enrollment numbers, indicating a total enrollment of 4,135;
- Reviewed a summary of activities planned at each District 33 school to honor Veteran's Day and American Education Week;
- Board outreach activities included Kalpesh Dave attended the West Chicago Intergovernmental Council meeting. Dave Barclay attended the Resident Leadership Team meeting and answered question members had on becoming a Board Member.
- No Parking Lot items were discussed.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- SASED Board of Control / Governing Board - Gil Wagner attended both meetings reporting that the Board hired an Executive Director who will be announced at the next meeting. The Board of Control has 2 Directors retiring at the end of the year. Improvements at Southeast School are just about complete. Tuition at Southeast Alternative School will double to establish maintenance fund.
- LEND – No report.
- West Chicago Intergovernmental Council – Kalpesh Dave attended and reported on all the Intergovernmental updates given at the October 29, 2018 meeting hosted by District 33.
- Open Comments – No open comments.

Review of Upcoming Meetings/Events

The Board of Education members reviewed upcoming meetings and events. Please note:

November 15, 2017 Board of Education Meeting will be held at Leman Middle School starting at 6:00 p.m.

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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