WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Dr. Charles W. Johns, Superintendent
October 18, 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,
October 18, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Changes to Agenda
There were no additions or changes to this agenda.

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. Brenda Vishanoff reflected on Shared Agreement # *Respect staff and other board members and their opinions.* "When we listen to each other and understand each other's ideas, we make often different and better decisions."

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation
Showcase – Indian Knoll Paraprofessionals
Jen Tapia, Principal of Indian Knoll School, shared with the board a video highlighting her exceptional staff of paraprofessionals. The paraprofessionals work with students and classroom aides. The paraprofessionals not only work on academic goals with students, but they also support student behavior. Paraprofessionals grow and maintain positive relationships with students that are built on trust, dependability, encouragement, stability, and empathy.

Presentation – School Improvement Plans
Principals from each building presented their 18-19 Systems for Improvement School Improvement Plans to the Board of Education. These plans include 3 District Drivers: Literacy, Math and Culture. The Board will have the opportunity to approve these goals at the November 1, 2018 meeting.

E.T.A.W.C. Statement
Miguel Hernandez, President of ETAWC, addressed the Board on the health impact excessive heat has on individuals. Mr. Hernandez shared the findings of an April 28, 2018 Harvard Kennedy School study

entitled "Heat and Learning". This study makes the connection between hot weather and student achievement.

Public Comment
There was no public comment at this meeting.

Superintendent News
Superintendent News is where the Board and Community are updated on the many programs and activities occurring in the schools and departments that are determined to help us accomplish the goals of the District Strategic Plan. Dr. Charles Johns reported on Indian Knoll School this week.
Covering Goal 1: Student Growth and Achievement:
The acceleration block for providing literacy support to all students under MTSS has started! IK teachers and support team had groups up and running earlier than the past three years! The School Improvement Team has worked hard to define SMART goals for the year, now including both growth and attainment goals. IK's teams this year created to support the SIP plan are Trauma-Informed Team, Academic Team (consisting of both math and literacy), Community School Team and Growth Mindset Team. Through Growth Mindset and Trauma-Informed teams, we continue to emphasize the social-emotional learning and support that students need in order to be academically successful. IK will continue to hold weekly school-wide meetings that focus on building community, growth mindset, and celebrating student growth and achievement. The SIP team has implemented Zones of Regulation school-wide. The Zones of Regulation is a teaching tool that gives student the vocabulary to express their feelings and tools to help them manage these feelings. All grade levels are using the Guided Math format for mathematics instruction and using Freckle to provide additional supports for students, along with using the data and reports from Freckle to inform instruction. IK will continue recognizing student growth quarterly this year.
Covering Goal 2: High Quality Staff
IK's SIP team has identified a few year-long professional development opportunities as they continue to deepen their pedagogy. We will continue to work with Mark Van Clay, specifically during Professional Learning Teams, with a focus on building strong teams and using data to inform our teams.

Consent Agenda
The Board of Education conducted the following business on a consent agenda as follows:
- Approved the regular board meeting minutes of September 20, 2018 and October 4, 2018 as presented;
- Approved the list of bills dated September 14, 2018, through October 10, 2018, in the amount of $ 2,140,899.94;
- Approved payrolls September 14, 2018 in the amount of $ 1,508,368.87 and September 28, 2018 in the amount of $ 1,560,340.46;
- Approved imprest account September 14, 2018 to October 10, 2018 in the amount of $890.00;
- Approved the personnel report:
  3 Classified Staff: Karina Fernandez, Lunchroom Supervisor in Winfield effective 10/1/2018 - Stacy Glinka, Lunchroom Supervisor at Wegner effective 10/2/2018 and Sadia Fatima, Lunchroom Supervisor at Wegner effective 10/9/2018;
  2 Resignations**:** Jeanett Hurtado, LLC Aide & Para at Currier, effective 9/28/18 and Carolina Pineda, Para at Trinity, effective 10/4/18;
  1 Retirement: Janet Brickett, 2nd Grade Teacher at Currier, effective 6/6/19;
- Approved the disposition of audio tapes of the Board of Education closed session meetings of April 6, 2017 (regular) 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 September 30, 2018, along with the financial charts.
- The Board received a summary of each school's monthly activity account as of September 30, 2018.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action
- *Presentation(s) Follow-Up*
  There were no presentation follow-ups at this board meeting.
- *First Reading of Policies*
  The Board of Education conducted a first reading of 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.

- *Summer 2019 Planned Facilities Projects*
  John Haffner presented the 2019 summer facilities project, recommending that secured entrances to all elementary buildings be moved up to 2019 from 2020. Additional summer projects includes: STEM/Innovation Centers at Gary, Indian Knoll, Wegner, Currier, and Pioneer Complete bathroom renovation at Indian Knoll and Turner. Repave and add additional parking to Currier parking lot Building envelope work (tuck-pointing, masonry work, etc.) at seven buildings. The Board will take action on this proposal at the November 1, 2018 board meeting.
- *Authorize Disposal of Unneeded Equipment/Materials*
  The Board approved the disposal of unneeded equipment and/or materials that are inoperable or too costly to repair.
- *IASB 2018 Resolutions*
  The Board of Education elected Mr. Chad McLean to represent District 33 as delegate to the assembly 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 seeding of Health Savings Accounts at the current level of $675 for single coverage and $1,350 for family coverage for a period of two years per participating employee.
- Approved Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal of health and dental insurance for the 2019 calendar year. The renewal has decreased 0.01% from last year.

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 September 2018, noting the District's percent of attendance to be at 97.12 % which does not include special education out-of-district attendance figures;
- Student suspension report of August/September 2018, indicating 14 out of school, 9 in school suspensions and 0 bus suspensions;
- Truancy referral report of August/September 2018 indicating 607 students nearing 5% days absent and 301 students at 10% or more days absent;
- Freedom of information report, noting that there were 3 requests since the last board meeting;
- Special education student report indicating 41 students placed out of district as of September 12, 2018;
- Quarterly vandalism report indicated no incidents to report;
- Board outreach included Brenda Vishanoff attended West Chicago's Food Truck Festival.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- Leman Academic Leadership Council – Phebe Balzer reported the committee met on October 1, 2018 and discussed block scheduling.
- PTO Council – Phebe Balzer reported that the Technology Department gave a presentation that was very engaging.
- Foundation for Educational Excellence – Chad McLean reported that Pioneer School presented, Little Curious Minds Becoming Big Scientist. This program was made possible as a result of a Teacher Mini Grant. Marjory Lewe-Brady gave a WeGo Together for Kids presentation. The Foundation also discussed fundraising opportunities.
- Open Comments – RLT team is meeting November 1st at 5:00 p.m. Turner School. Dave Barclay will attend to represent the Board and will be available if there are questions on becoming a board member.

Review of Upcoming Meetings/Events

The Board of Education members reviewed upcoming meetings and events. District 33 will be hosting the West Chicago Intergovernmental Council meeting on October 29, 2018 at Leman Middle School. Kalpesh Dave will attend to represent D33 Board.

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 Johns

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