WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Dr. Charles W. Johns, Superintendent
November 15, 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 15, 2018 beginning at 6:12 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Phebe Balzer, Gil Wagner, Kalpesh Dave, Brenda Vishanoff 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. There were no shared reflections at this meeting.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation
Recognition – #D33Pride Award Winners
The #D33Pride 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.
A committee made up of representatives from various groups across the district selected:
Mariel Ostling, Facilitator at Indian Knoll - Jenna Spaniol, Paraeducator at Indian Knoll and Mike Grzegorzewski, Head Floating Day Custodian currently at Currier. Congratulations!

Recognition – School Board Members' Day
To recognize the outstanding efforts of the nearly 6,000 elected school board members throughout the state, November 15th of each year is designated as "School Board Members Day" in Illinois. This is an opportunity to build community awareness and understanding about the essential role locally elected board of education members assume in a representative democracy. This year's School Board Members Day theme is "Sharing the Vision." The Board of Education was recognized at this meeting and presented with a resolution of recognition. Students from each District 33 school, along with their school's PTO, adopted a board member and thanked them by presenting their "adopted" board member with cards and gifts.

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

Public Comment
There was no public comment at this meeting.

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

- Approved the regular board meeting minutes of October 18, 2018 and November 1, 2018 as presented;
- Approved the list of bills dated October 11, 2018, through November 7, 2018, in the amount of $ 1,336,053.60;
- Approved payrolls October 15, 2018 in the amount of $ 1,571,490.52 and October 31, 2018 in the amount of $ 1,565,756.92;
- Approved imprest account October 11, 2018 to November 7, 2018 in the amount of $980.00;
- Approved the personnel report:
  4 Classified Staff: Jacob Fernandez, ELS Paraprofessional at Gary effective 10/24/2018 - Keturah Sample-Atkins, Lunchroom Supervisor at Trinity effective 11/5/2018 - Shauna Lewensky, ELS Paraprofessional at IK effective 11/8/2018 and Jaquelynn Toledo, ELS Paraprofessional at Currier effective 11/8/2018;
  1 Transfer: Alexandra Cowal from Community School Coordinator to Family Liaison at Gary effective 11/1/2018;
  1 Resignations**:** Socorro Burciaga, Translator District wide effective 10/25/2018;
  2 Retirement: Maria Ramos, 4th Grade DL Teacher at Gary effective 6/6/2019 and Felipe Nieto, 1st Grade Bilingual Teacher at Turner effective 6/6/2019;
- Approved the disposition of audio tapes of the Board of Education closed session meetings of April 20, 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 October 31, 2018, along with the financial charts.
- The Board received a summary of each school's monthly activity account as of October 31, 2018.
- State revenue received since the last board meeting: $ 1,368 Title 2 federal funds, $39,394 Title 1 federal funds and $1,072,120.27 EBF.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation(s) Follow-Up*
  There were no presentation follow-ups at this board meeting.
- *Resolution to approve aggregated Levy 2018 Property Taxes*
  John Haffner reviewed the resolution to approve aggregated Levy 2018 property taxes. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are $34,800,199. This represents a 2.29% increase over the previous year.

Action Items
The Board of Education took action on the following items:

- Approved Department Goals as presented.
- The Board of Education approved the Intent to Levy Resolution regarding estimated amounts necessary to be levied for the year 2018. The total estimated amount of taxes to be levied for 2018 is $34,800,199, which does not exceed the 2017 taxes extended by more than 105%;

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 October 2018, noting the District's percent of attendance to be at 96.92 % which does not include special education out-of-district attendance figures;
- Student suspension report of October 2018, indicating 12 out of school, 3 in school suspensions, 15 LMS Pause Room and 0 bus suspensions;

- Truancy referral report of October 2018 indicating 389 students nearing 5% days absent and 298 students at 10% or more days absent;
- Freedom of information report, noting that there were no requests since the last board meeting;
- Special education student report indicating 39 students placed out of district as of November 6, 2018;
- Security camera upgrade at each building;
- Installation of VoIP phone system;
- No Board outreach since the last board meeting;
- School Newsletter, The Currier Courier

Report of District Committee Meetings

- Leman Academic Leadership Council – Phebe Balzer reported the committee met on November 5, 2018 and discussed 5th grade dual language roll up to 6th grade and block scheduling.
- PTO Council – Dr. Charles Johns reported the following updates were given to the council: upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences, Aramark food service, Emergency closing of schools, Dual Language roll up, summer construction projects for 2019, school board vacancies and elections, ARC Literacy program, D33's Commendable designation by the state and school climate survey.
- Foundation for Educational Excellence – Chad McLean reported the Foundation will be updating the Mini Grant program, and they are still looking for new members.
- Open Comments – Gil Wagner attended the SASED Governing Board meeting on November 7, 2018. The Board approved the new Executive Director position to Dr. Melinda McGuffin. Dr. McGuffin will replace the current Executive Director, Dr. Michael Volpe as he retires at the end of the school year.

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,

Charles Johns

Dr. Charles W. Johns
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