WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Dr. Charles W. Johns, Superintendent
February 21, 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
Christian Rivera, Board Member

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Thursday, February 21, 2019 beginning at 7:01 p.m.

Board members in attendance: Phebe Balzer, Gil Wagner, Kalpesh Dave, Christian Rivera and Chad McLean

Additions/Changes to Agenda
Dr. Charles Johns added an item to XI. Discussion of New / Ongoing Business with Possible Action as #C. Discuss rescheduling the March 7, 2019 Board of Education meeting.

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 was no statement at this meeting.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation
Recognition - #D33Pride Awards
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. The Board recognized Maria Gonzalez, Building Secretary of Gary School and Richard Burns, SASED Facilitator at this meeting. Congratulations Mrs. Gonzalez and Mr. Burns for going above and beyond.

Showcase – ELC, ARC Program
Sandy Warner, Principal for the Early Learning Center, shared a video of preschool students enjoying the ARC books. Students are able to take home books and have family members read to them. Each student has a reading log with the goal of having 1000 books read to them by the beginning of kindergarten.

Presentation – Benchmark Data Report
Beth Walrath, Director of Assessment & Accountability, presented Winter Data to the board. Student data reviewed included reading and math growth and mid-year attainment by grade level and as a district.

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. The Early Learning Center was highlighted at this board meeting.
Preschool is piloting Academic Parent Teacher Teams (APTT) model with two classrooms. This is a model of family engagement that is grounded in the notion that schools can thrive when families and teachers work together as genuine partners to maximize student learning inside and outside of school. During the first meeting, parents reviewed class and individual student data, learned strategies to engage their child at home, and set growth goals for vocabulary and reading. Twenty parents attended this meeting.
The preschool has been receiving monthly professional development on the pyramid model from a national consortium. This model is a framework/philosophy that supports the promotion of healthy social emotional development. The consortium provides the district with two trainers one who speaks English and one who speaks Spanish.
Sandy Warner, Heather Santiemmo and the 2 instructional coaches will present The Pyramid Model and the district's implementation of the model at the ROE at the end of the month. The preschool staff has embarked on four book studies around curriculum/strategies that will be implemented in the 2019-2020 school year. These studies will be the focus of professional development for the next school year.
Sandy Warner, Kathy Niedorowski, and the three preschool family liaisons will be attending and presenting at the Birth-3 Continuity Winter Conference on February 26, 2019. We will be sharing lessons learned from implementation of the eight birth through third grade strategies. Sandy Warner, Heather Santiemmo, Jennifer Billmeyer (Instructional Coach) and Maggie Sanchez (Instructional Coach) were all selected to participate in the Equity Leadership Cohort.

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

- Approved the regular board meeting minutes of January 17, 2019 and February 7, 2019 as presented;
- Approved the list of bills dated January 17, 2019, through February 12, 2019, in the amount of $ 2,280,782.62;
- Approved payrolls January 15, 2019 in the amount of $1,587,885.04 and January 31, 2019 in the amount of $1,593,850.43;
- Approved imprest account January 10, 2019 to February 13, 2019 in the amount of $896.00;
- Approved the personnel report:
  1 Classified: Faritha Ismail, Lunchroom Supervisor at Trinity effective 2/11/2019:
  6 Resignations: Belen Chavez, ELS Paraprofessional at IK effective 2/1/2019 - Marcela Perez ELS Paraprofessional at IK effective 2/7/2019 - Kimberly Collins-Marusiak, ELS Paraprofessional at ELC effective 2/8/2019 - Suzanne Ryan, ELS Paraprofessional in Winfield effective 2/12/2019 - Jose "Manny" Enriquez, Head Custodian at LMS effective 2/15/2019 and Marilou Jongko, Spec. Ed Facilitator at Pioneer effective 2/15/2019.
- Approved the disposition of audio tapes of the Board of Education closed session meetings of July 20, 2017 (regular), August 3, 2017 (regular) and August 16, 2017 (special) 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 January 31, 2019 along with the financial charts.
- The Board received a summary of each school's monthly activity account as of January 31, 2019.
- Since the last meeting, one EBF payment was received in the amount of $1,072,120.27.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation(s) Follow-Up*
  At the December 20, 2018 Board meeting, Pioneer students attend and noticed that the Board of Education only recites the Pledge of Allegiance in English. At Pioneer school, the students and staff say the Pledge in English and Spanish every day. The Board viewed a video that the students made, challenging them to say the Pledge in Spanish at the beginning of board meetings also. The Board has accepted their challenge as long as the students come and help them.

- *Renewal of Transportation Contract*
  Mr. John Haffner reviewed a 2 year renewal contract between District 33 and Illinois Central Bus Co. The renewal cost for the 2 years is 4.25% increase in 2019-2020 and 3.0% increase in 2020-2021. These increases are in line with inflationary costs such as vehicle maintenance, cost of equipment, and market wages for drivers.

- *Reschedule the March 7, 2019 Board of Education Meeting*
  The Board of Education will be considering an alternative March 7, 2019, Board of Education meeting date due to middle school orchestra students performing at West Chicago Community High School on March 7th. Once a date has been selected, it will be posted.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

- Approved Property Tax Abatement for current year in the amount of $714,417. This amount equals the 2.1% CPI increase on the operating extension from 2018 of $34,019,857, with the goal of developing a long term plan for future Property Tax Abatements.
- Approved changing the title of Director of Second Language to Director of Teaching and Learning, and the title of Coordinator of Teaching &Learning to Coordinator of Second Language Learners.
- Approved Leman Middle School's Block Schedule for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Approved American Reading Core resources for district – wide adoption in the 2019-2020 school 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 January 2019, noting the District's percent of attendance to be at 94.28 % which does not include special education out-of-district attendance figures;
- Student suspension report of January 2019, indicating 9 out of school, 0 in school suspensions, 8 students in LMS Pause Room and 0 bus suspensions;
- Truancy referral report of January 2019 indicating 739 students nearing 5% days absent and 556 students at 10% or more days absent;
- Freedom of information report, noting that there was 7 request since the last board meeting;
- Special education student report indicating 43 students placed out of district as of February 12, 2019;
- Registration information for next school year;
- Countywide Institute Day;
- After school tutoring;
- Board outreach - Chad McLean attended Indian Knoll's math games;
- No school newsletters;
- No Parking Lot items discussed.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- PTO Council – Phebe Balzer attended and reported on the February 14, 2019 meeting.
- Foundation for Educational Excellence – meeting canceled due to weather.
- Open comments – reminder of the Joint Boards meeting on April 22, 2019. Location to be determined.

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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