WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Dr. Charles W. Johns, Superintendent
December 20, 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, December 20, 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. Karina Villa reflected on Shared Agreement # *1.Make decisions according to what is best for ALL District 33 students.* "We as a board ask questions to the administration and request data so we know how to help students succeed. Sometimes student that don't learn at the rate of other students get left behind and they need our help the most. I hope that moving forward the Board continues to look at data and make decisions that are best for all our students."

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation
Recognition – Karina Villa
District 33 School Board Members, Administration, Staff and Community acknowledged Karina Villa for her 5 years of service as a District 33 school board member. Gil Wagner was asked to say a few words about Karina. "Tonight is Karina's last meeting as a District 33 Board Member. I am at a loss for words. What can I say that everyone in this room doesn't already know about Karina? Karina is one of the most compassionate, caring people I have ever had the pleasure to know. She has been such a valuable part of District 33 for so many years. She was a Social Worker in our district before she became a board member. In the 5 years on the board, she has worked tirelessly for the students of our District. She will be missed on our Board but she is moving to be able to advocate for even more kids and families. On behalf of District 33 School Board, I want to thank you for the years of service to District 33 and to our families. We wish you best of luck in your new adventures."

Showcase – Mariachi & Ballet Folkorico
Leman Middle School Ballet Folkorico and Mariachi performed for the board in honor of Karina Villa. The students are amazing. They keep getting better and better each time they perform.

Showcase – Pioneer Student Council
Gloria Trejo, Principal of Pioneer School and Students on the Student Council, presented their mission statement and examples of their leadership roles. The student council works on bring everyone together to form school spirit. With help from staff, they were able to have a talent show and fundraise for both Pioneer and their sister school in Uganda.

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
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 Pioneer School this week.
Covering Goal 1: Student Growth and Achievement:
Each of the following grade level strategies promotes student growth and achievement because teachers have implemented unique and innovative strategies to promote rigorous academic expectations within the units of study and increased student engagement. Kinder did a fashion show to promote details and description. 1st grade students researched and dressed up as their future profession for the community unit. 2nd grade has done place value boot camp, and converted their classroom to a bat cave for a science unit. 4th grade has done med school, chef, spy lab and living museum. 4th grade also created a school wide kindness chain that they hope to extend through the halls of the entire school. The goal is to have students (and adults) complete an act of kindness, write it on a chain, and add to the established chain, thus promoting a healthy social emotional space for all.
Covering Goal 2: High Quality Staff and Goal 4: Effective and Efficient Use of Resources:
At the most recent School Improvement Day, Pioneer elicited their resident experts (aka High Quality Staff) in mathematics, literacy and school culture to give 8-different professional development sessions ranging from fostering positive attendance to engagement strategies and flexible seating. The PD sessions were well received by staff and measures are in place to continue with this model for future School Improvement.
Goal 3: Family and Community Engagement: December 14 was Family Art Night with Santa, sponsored by the PTO. Students in Kindergarten and 5th grade are class buddies and have begun to spread holiday cheer to children who are hospitalized. The team's efforts contribute to the notion that we can't buy things (at Christmastime or anytime) like our health. They came up with appropriate messages to send patients to not only spread cheer, but also encourage them during this hard time.

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

- Approved the regular board meeting minutes of November 15, 2018 and December 6, 2018 as presented;
- Approved the list of bills dated November 8, 2018, through December 13, 2018, in the amount of $ 3,343,631.32;
- Approved payrolls November 15, 2018 in the amount of $ 1,565,579.76 and November 30, 2018 in the amount of $ 1,557,385.69;
- Approved imprest account November 8, 2018 to December 12, 2018 in the amount of $329.00;
- Approved the personnel report:
  1 Administrator: Sarah Norton, Community School Coordinator, effective 12/3/18:
  4 Classified Staff: Carmen Beltran, Lunchroom Supervisor at Currier effective 12/10/2018 - Rosario Guerrero, Lunchroom Supervisor at Turner effective 12/10/2018 - Michelle Hernandez, ELS Paraprofessional at Winfield effective 12/12/2018 and Jetzabel Zavala, ELS Paraprofessional at Winfield effective 12/12/2018;
  1 Reassignment: Rocio Fisher, voluntary reassignment of Licensed Professional Administrator to Teacher, effective 2019-2020 school year;

2 Resignations: Shelby Hernandez, ELS Paraprofessional at ELC effective 12/4/2018 and Gina Lamorte, Reading Teacher at Pioneer effective 12/31/2018;
1 Leave: Suzanne Ryan, ELS Paraprofessional at Winfield, Unpaid Medical Leave (12 Weeks), effective 12/10/2018;

- Approved the disposition of audio tapes of the Board of Education closed session meetings of June 1, 2017 (regular) and June 15, 2017 (regular) 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 November 30, 2018, along with the financial charts.
- The Board received a summary of each school's monthly activity account as of November 30, 2018.
- Since the last meeting, revenue received from the state in Evidence Base Funding, $1,072,120 for a total of $ 10,721,202. 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.
- *Board Vacancy Guidelines*
  The Board of Education discussed the timeline to fill Karina Villa's vacancy for when she resigns. Applications will be available starting on January 2, 2019 at the District office. Requirements for board members include: must be a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, live in the school district community for at least one year, and a registered voter.
  Interested community members should pick up an application at the Educational Service Center, 312 E. Forest Ave., West Chicago, IL 60185 or call (630) 293-6000. Applications are to be submitted no later than Friday, January 18, 2019 4:00 p.m. to the attention of Board President, Gil Wagner, at the above address or emailed to fortmanm@wego33.org. Interviews will be held on January 22, 2019.
- *Latinos in Action*
  The Board of Education discussed the proposal that Latinos in Action (LIA) presented at the December 6, 2018 board meeting. LIA is looking to attend the National Conference at University of Central Florida on March 8 2019. After much discussion the Board of Education approved this proposal.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

- Approved the 2017-2018 annual audit conducted by Klein Hall & Associates.
- Approved CLIC Insurance renewal for 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 November 2018, noting the District's percent of attendance to be at 95.94 % which does not include special education out-of-district attendance figures;
- Student suspension report of November 2018, indicating 13 out of school, 0 in school suspensions, 8 students in LMS Pause Room and 0 bus suspensions;
- Truancy referral report of November 2018 indicating 700 students nearing 5% days absent and 406 students at 10% or more days absent;
- Freedom of information report, noting that there were 4 requests since the last board meeting;
- Special education student report indicating 40 students placed out of district as of December10, 2018;
- Board outreach included Dave Barclay attended LMS Mariachi Concert.
- Received Early Learning Center's December 2018 Newsletter
- No Parking Lot items discussed.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- Leman Academic Leadership Council – Phebe Balzer reported the committee met on December 10, 2018 and the council shared feedback from staff on block scheduling. They also discussed bell schedule options and exploratory options for next year.

- PTO Council – Dave Barclay attended the meeting and gave an update on school board elections. Dr. Johns gave updates on Middle School changes and programing for parental education for parents.
- Foundation for Educational Excellence – Chad McLean reported that the Marziani Technology Fund will sponsor the STEM Club at LMS starting in January. Augustino's agreed to host a fundraiser and there was discussion on Teacher Mini Grants where teachers will be able to apply online.
- Open Comments – D33 Board will host the Joint Boards Meeting on January 28, 2019. Karina will be visiting Eduare on the Legislative Tour, January 24, 2019. Brenda Vishanoff, on behalf of the Board, wishes everyone a restful winter break and thank you for all your hard work you've done this year. Happy Holidays!

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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