WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 33
Dr. Charles W. Johns, Superintendent
December 6, 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 6, 2018 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

Additions/Changes to Agenda
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. Gil Wagner reflected on Shared Agreement #3 *Be willing to see things from the eyes of seven (7) people, not just one (1).* "There are 7 of us on the school board with different ethnic backgrounds, different ideas and opinions. It's good that we all listen to each other before we make a decision."

Public Hearing on 2018 Tax Levy
The Board of Education held a public hearing on the 2018 tax levy. Mr. John Haffner, Executive Director for Business and Operations, reviewed the levy process, mentioning that the Board of Education, at its November 15, 2018 meeting, approved the intent to levy taxes for the upcoming fiscal year. Notice of this public hearing was published in a local West Chicago newspaper on November 29, 2018 and posted on the district website on. On December 6, 2018 the Board of Education will vote on the Aggregate Levy for the upcoming fiscal year. Mr. Haffner asked if any member of the public would like to make a comment regarding the 2018 tax levy. No one in the audience addressed the Board concerning the levy. This concluded the public hearing.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation
Latinos in Action
Leman Middle School Teacher, Mr. Sal Tamayo, along with student members of Latinos in Action, presented to the board a proposal to attend a national conference in Orlando, Florida on March 8, 2018.

Latinos in Action empowers Latino students to be college and career ready through leadership, service, culture and excellence in education. Our students are involved in the community and show leadership by tutoring younger students in the district. The Board will

School Report Card and ESSA update
Beth Walrath, Director of Assessments & Accountability, gave an updated on our School Report Card. Final school accountability designations were received from the state on Oct. 31, 2018. All West Chicago District 33 schools are designated commendable. This means they fall between the top ten percent and bottom five percent of schools statewide and there are no under-performing student subgroups at any school building. All accountability information is publicly available at the site Illinoisreportcard.com

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. Gary School is being highlighted at this board meeting:
Gary School is excited to be developing and implementing action plans to improve instructional programs in reading and math. In math, the focus has been on developing practices in Guided Math. In the area of literacy, Gary started the year with the article Every Child Every Day. Every classroom is enjoying entertaining read aloud time every day. The third grade students have completed their first ARC (American Reading Company) lit lab by writing individual Magic Tree House books.
The staff at Gary continues to enjoy working on increasing engagement with Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures. This year, Gary reviewed some of what they fondly call the "oldie but goodies" which can be used repeatedly during instruction to make sure that kids are talking about their thinking to each other.
The Gary family would like to thank the Board of Education for their continual support of the dual language program and wish you all Feliz Navidad y Prospero Año Nuevo.

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 $14,819 Title III, $71,280 Preschool Expansion Grant, $39,394 Title I and $1,072,120 of Evidence Base Funding.

Review 2017-2018 Audit
Mr. Andy Mace from Klein Hall & Associates presented the annual audit, for the year ended June 30, 2018. The Board of Education will review the audit which will be presented for Board approval at the December 20, 2018 board meeting.

Review CLIC Insurance Renewal
The Board of Education reviewed insurance renewal with Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC), for commercial and school board legal liability, property/casualty, workers' compensation, student accident, fiduciary liability, and identity theft coverage for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

- *Approved the Personnel report:*
  1 Transfer: Rosalba Rodriguez from ELS Paraprofessional to Reading Assistant at Pioneer, effective 12/3/2018;
  5 Resignations: Noor Abdulazeez, Lunchroom Supervisor at Wegner effective 11/16/2018 - Miriam Pasillas, ELS Paraprofessional at Winfield, effective 11/30/2018 - Maria Leon, ELS Paraprofessional-Interventionist at Currier effective 11/30/2018 - Evelyn Aguilar,

Building Secretary at Wegner effective 11/23/2018 and America Hernandez, ELS Paraprofessional-Reading Assistant at Currier effective 11/30/2018.

- *Approved Resolution to Approve Aggregate Levy 2018 Property Taxes.*
  The Board of Education approved the resolution to approve aggregated Levy 2018. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are $34,800,199. This represents a 2.29% increase over the previous 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;
- Reviewed the Property Tax Relief Grant. This grant provides school districts with high tax rates relative to other school districts with an opportunity to lower the property tax burden on local taxpayers with the state replacing a portion of foregone tax revenue with state funds;
- Board outreach activities included Karina Villa attended Frosty Fest and Dave Barclay met with President of Educare, Paul Weinewuth to discuss how to strengthen our relationship.
- Received Indian Knoll Principal's newsletter;
- No Parking Lot items were discussed.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- LEND – No report.
- Joint Conference – Gil Wagner and Chad McLean attended the Joint Conference and gave highlights on the sessions they attended.
- SASED Board of Control – No report.
- Open Comments – Dave Barclay attended the music concert at Turner School and was also recognized by the students who gave him a gift for School Board Member Day.

Review of Upcoming Meetings/Events

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

December 20, 2018 Board of Education Meeting will be held at Leman Middle School starting at 7:00 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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