

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, JANUARY 11, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2022 at Kolmar School, 10425 S. Kolmar Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Members Present: Peter DeRousse, Jennifer Fortier, Jackie Lichter, Adriana Sebek, Jay Lurquin, Julie Misner and Brian Nichols.

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Dr. Enderle, Dr. Gavin, Dr. Loftin, Dr. Macchia, Mrs. Riha, Mrs. Goetz, Dr. Spreitzer and Mr. Cassidy

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mr. Nichols read the Mission Statement.

Public Comment President Nichols stated that citizen comments were allowed to address the Board. Public comment would be limited to 30 minutes with each person being limited to five minutes.

- There were no comments at this time.

Discussion I:

Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) Review

Dr. Gavin and Dr. Macchia reviewed the IAR scores from Spring 2021. It was confirmed that some districts took the IAR in Spring and some deferred to Fall 2021. There is no clarification if the IAR results include the districts who deferred to the Fall. It was also noted that the district did not administer IAR tests in 2020. The current scores do reflect the anticipated learning loss. For Spring 2021, 24% Meet/Exceed in ELA and 16% Meet/Exceed in Math. The key wins noted were ELA in grades 3 and 5 as well as Math in grade 8. The key opportunities noted were ELA and math in grades 4, 6 and 7 as well as the IEP/EL and Hispanic and Black achievement gap.

There was a review of the achievement gap by subgroups. There was also a review of data by grade level compared to the state scores in both ELA and Math. Dr. Gavin and Dr. Macchia discussed the obstacles the district is facing and what is being done to mitigate those obstacles. It was noted that some ESSER funding could potentially be used to purchase additional materials to assist in ELA and Math. It was also noted that the district needs to work on building stronger PLC's and the 8th grade math PLC was listed as an example of a strong PLC.

There was a discussion regarding initiative fatigue as an obstacle. While there is no one fix for this, the district has been working with staff to offer additional professional development in order to help mitigate this. The annual climate survey will be held again in the Spring.

Discussion II:

Capital Projects Update

Leo Cassidy reviewed the current and upcoming capital projects.

- Gaddis School and OLHMS tuckpointing project – The tuckpointing at Gaddis School has been put on hold. The OLHMS tuckpointing was determined already completed in a previous

project so no longer necessary. The previous water damage which needed to be scraped and repainted was completed over break. Additional work at Covington was included with this project which cost approximately \$3,000.

- Kolmar School Tile Replacement – This project was put on hold because of other projects which took precedence. It is hoped to move forward with this project in February.
- LED Bulb Conversion at OLHMS and Kolmar School – The Kolmar LED Bulb Conversion was completed over break. The next building planned for this project is OLHMS. It was confirmed that the lights in the gyms and multipurpose rooms in all buildings will be done at a separate time with a separate bid.
- District Wide Security Camera Improvement Project – This project is ongoing. It was hoped to be completed over break but, due to supply chain issues, some cameras are still on route. It is hoped the necessary equipment will be delivered in time to complete the project around Martin Luther King Day.
- Flooring Replacement District Office – This project has been put on hold. The logistics are still being discussed. This may possibly be included as an alternate bid with the Kolmar Tile project.
- Media Center and HVAC Bidding Process
The bidding process has been a little slow due to the holidays and Covid-related staffing issues with the vendors. The bidding process was extended for one additional week. The bid opening will take place on Thursday, January 13th and the bids will be reviewed with JMA at the subcommittee meeting on January 14th. The recommended bids will be presented at the January 24th business meeting.

Discussion III:

Board Self-Evaluation – Community Engagement

The Board reviewed the follow up next steps as recommended by the IASB representative. It was agreed that the communication expectations and procedures are good and being followed. A sample new board member handbook was provided by IASB in order to assist in the decision of creating and providing this to new D123 board members.

The Board reviewed the possible policy review schedule provided by the IASB representative. After a discussion on the policy process, the Board agreed that the current process is sufficient and additional review will be used when needed.

The Board discussed ways to offer new opportunities to elevate and engage all. It was agreed that email blasts and surveys are not the only way to reach families. A more personal approach is needed to make those who are not currently participating in the district feel welcomed. It was agreed that the first step to engage more families would be to bring back the Board Liaison program. Each Board member was assigned a school and will reach out to their principal to discuss any school events they can attend and ways to reach out to building staff. The assignments are as follows: Peter DeRousse – Sward; Adrianna Sebek – Hannum; Jennifer

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Fortier – Kolmar; Julie Misner – Covington; Jay Lurquin – Hometown; Jackie Lichter – OLHMS; and Brian Nichols will rotate among all the schools.

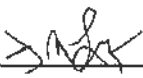
Board Comments:

Adjourned – 9:35 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 24, 2022 at the Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.



President



Secretary