

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, DECEMBER 21, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 6:04 p.m. on Monday, December 21, 2020 at a virtual meeting at www.d123.org.

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

Members Absent: None

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

Also Present: Community members, parents and staff

It was moved by Mrs. Misner seconded by Mr. DeRousse to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9); security procedures, school building safety and security and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).

Closed session discussions were completed at 7:00 p.m. and it was unanimously agreed to return to open session.

Open Session The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President and upon the roll call, Brian Nichols, the President and the following members were physically present at said location: Peter DeRousse, Jennifer Fortier, Jackie Lichter, Julie Misner, Jay Lurquin, Theresa Roche and Brian Nichols.

Admin Present: Dr. Enderle, Dr. Loftin, Dr. Gavin, Mrs. Riha, Mr. Cassidy and Dr. Macchia.

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.

Public Hearing The public hearing for the FY20 Tax Levy opened at 7:04 p.m. There were no public comments at this time. The public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

Action I: It was moved by Mr. Lurquin, seconded by Mr. DeRousse, to adopt the 2020 Certificate of Tax Levy, the 2020 Tax Levy Resolution, the 2020 Resolution to Levy Taxes for Certain Purposes, and the 2020 Certification of Compliance with Truth in Taxation Law. Voting aye: Mr. Lurquin, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Misner, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

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Presentation I

Shannon Mural – Unity Day Presentation

Dr. Enderle introduced Shannon Mural, teacher at Kolmar School and PBIS External Coach, to discuss Unity Day. Mrs. Mural stated that Sward school has been celebrating Unity Day for many years. This year they decided to make it a districtwide celebration. Unity Day celebrates kindness, togetherness and unity. It promotes reinforcing the teachings that no child should have to endure bullying. Sward celebrated by doing different activities for the entire week. Other schools in the district celebrated Unity Day on October 21,2020.

President's Report

President Nichols expressed gratitude for all of D123. He stated we rose to the occasion as one of the few districts who had students in the building in August. While 2021 will bring its own challenges, Mr. Nichols stated he's confident we can handle them. He wished the district staff and families a happy holiday season.

Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent Enderle's report included
- Dr. Enderle reviewed the FOIA's from this month including one requesting information on attendance rates and one requesting data on elected Board members and officials.
 - Dr. Enderle updated the Board on the Equity Audit. The data gathering has completed. The final report is anticipated for January.
 - Planning for the State of the District event has begun. The event is currently planned for some time in the third week of March.
 - D123, along with Arbor Food Service, has effectively distributed 28,000 meals.
 - The FY20 audit process is underway.
 - The buildings went through their annual inspection of generators. There were minor repairs and battery replacements needed.
 - The building boiler maintenance has been completed.
 - Access testing and IAR testing have been postponed until March.
 - Dr. Enderle expressed his overwhelming gratitude to the entire D123 family for their willingness to adapt and to continue to live our mission. Dr. Enderle sent good wishes for merry Christmas and happy new year.
- B. Business Office – Mike Loftin
- C. Curriculum & Family Engagement – Kathy Gavin
- Dr. Gavin reviewed district mastery data. It was determined that there was no marked difference between hybrid and remote learners. MAP assessments are scheduled for January.
- D. Technology & Communications – Joe Macchia
- E. Operations – Leo Cassidy
- F. English Learner Program – Angela Goetz

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Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Fortier, seconded by Mrs. Lichter, to approve/adopt the Consent Agenda that included the following items:

MINUTES

Minutes of November 16, 2020 and December 8, 2020.

Closed Minutes of November 16, 2020.

Destruction of the following closed session audio recordings, as per P.A. 93-523: December 4, 2018 and December 17, 2018.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bill List Report

	December 21, 2020
\$2,895,549.99	Education Fund Payroll, Nov. 20 th , Dec. 4 th , Dec. 18 th
\$ 273,645.83	Teacher Pension Fund Bills, Nov. 20 th
\$ 434,889.31	Education Fund Bills
\$3,604,085.13	Total Education Fund Expenditures
\$ 143,331.82	Operations & Maintenance Fund Payroll, Nov. 20 th , Dec. 4 th , Dec. 18 th
\$ 191,680.41	Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills
\$ 335,012.23	Total Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures
\$ 654.09	Transportation Fund Payroll, Nov. 20 th , Dec. 4 th , Dec. 18 th
\$ 281,316.19	Transportation Fund Bills
\$ 281,970.28	Transportation Fund
\$ 139,656.19	FICA/Medicare & IMRF Fund Bills, Nov. 20 th , Dec. 4 th , Dec. 18 th
\$	Construction Fund
\$ 5,554.55	Debt Services
\$ 420.00	Tort & Judgement Fund
\$	Municipal Retirement Fund
\$4,366,698.38	TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES

Summary of and Board Approved Payables by Fund

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Imprest Fund-Category Summary Report

Fund Balances

Revenue Recap Summary

Expense Recap Summary

Aggregate Summary

PERSONNEL

Resignation

Suzanne Collins-Schroede	Lunchroom Supervisor	Kolmar
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Voting aye: Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Misner, Mr. DeRousse, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche, and Mr. Nichols. Nay: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

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- Discussion I: Richlee Transportation Contract Amendment
Dr. Loftin reviewed the Richlee Transportation Contract Amendment. The amendment is 37% of normal costs as discussed at the December COTW meeting. Section 5 has some strong language regarding Richlee reimbursing the district should they receive subsidies.
- Action III: It was moved by Ms. Roche, seconded by Mrs. Fortier, to approve the transportation contract amendment with Richlee. Voting aye: Ms. Roche, Mrs. Fortier, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
- Discussion II: First Student Contract Amendment
Dr. Loftin reviewed the First Student Transportation Contract amendment. The amendment is 40% of normal costs as discussed at the December COTW meeting. This amendment offers the same protections as the amendment with Richlee.
- Action IV: It was moved by Mrs. Lichter, seconded by Mr. DeRousse to approve the transportation contract amendment with First Student. Voting Aye: Mrs. Lichter, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
- Discussion III: Arbor Management Food Service Contract – 2nd Amendment
Jack Bortko and Kathy Tentier of Arbor Management Food Service joined the meeting to discuss the amendment to the food service contract and review the financial pages. The amendment is moving lunch back to the regular daily rate.
- Action V: It was moved by Mr. Lurquin, seconded by Mrs. Lichter, to approve the 2nd amended food service contract rates. Voting aye: Mr. Lurquin, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Misner, Mrs. Fortier, Mr. DeRousse, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.
- Discussion IV: 2021-2022 Registration Fees and TPS Fees
Dr. Enderle reviewed the proposed registration fees which will increase by the same amount as the December 2019 CPI (approximately 2.3%). Dr. Enderle also reviewed the TPS fees which will increase by 2.5% and include an out of district fee.
- Discussion V: Amended 2020-2021 School Calendar
Dr. Enderle reviewed the amended school calendar. When the district had its temporary shift to full remote, two emergency remote planning days were scheduled (November 30th and December 1st). The state allows all public school districts to have up to five emergency remote planning days until December 31st. D123 will have used three out of five possible emergency planning days.
- Action VI: It was moved by Mr. DeRousse, seconded by Mrs. Fortier, to approve the amended 2020-2021 school calendar. Voting aye: Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

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Discussion VI: 2021/2022 Tentative School Calendar
Dr. Enderle reviewed the first draft of the 2021/2022 school calendar. At this point, the Winter break and Spring break match the breaks for OLCHS 229. D218 does not have their calendar available yet for comparison. In January, the administration will share the tentative calendar with parent organizations for feedback.

Discussion VII: Adaptive Pause Progress
Dr. Enderle reviewed the adaptive pause progress. At this point, the progress is positive. On average, the students receive over 3.5 hours per day of live instruction. The attendance rate has reached approximately 94%. Dr. Enderle reviewed some of the staff survey results and the parent survey results. Some parents have commented on the difficulties of childcare during this time. The district is working with the park district in order to support those families. Overall, the feedback from staff and families has been positive.

Future Meeting Previews COTW – January 12, 2021 at Remote Business Meeting – January 25, 2021

- Supplemental Tax Minutes Approval
- Lease Renewal Advocate/McGuigan
- Fiscal Year Audit Report
- Capital Projects Interfund Transfer
- Fiscal Year Budget Projections and Administrative Recommendations
- Designee to Prepare Tentative Budget

*These items are not to be intended as all inclusive

Board Comments:

Mr. Lurquin commented on the district staff going above and beyond to help support a staff member whose son has been seriously ill for the past month.

Ms. Roche thanked the staff, teachers and administration for a successful first half of the year.

Adjourned – 8:40 p.m.

The next COTW of the Board of Education will be held at remotely on January 12, 2021. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 25, 2021 at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

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