

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, JANUARY 25, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 6:01 p.m. on Monday, January 25, 2021 at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Members Present: Peter DeRousse, Jennifer Fortier, Jackie Lichter (virtual), 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 Mr. DeRousse seconded by Mrs. Fortier 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 7:09 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, Julie Misner, Jay Lurquin, Theresa Roche and Brian Nichols. Jackie Lichter left the meeting.

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.

President's Report President Nichols had nothing to report at this time.

Superintendent's Report

A. Superintendent Enderle's report included

- Dr. Enderle reviewed the FOIA from this month regarding transportation contracts and amendments.

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- Dr. Enderle reviewed the pandemic planning process.
 - Educators are listed as a high priority to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. D123 and Aurora Advocate are working on partnering together to have a vaccine site at the McGugan building.
 - Third trimester options are being reviewed. D123 is trying to honor the voices of family and staff in making the decisions while constantly tracking the pandemic progress.
 - The State of the District Dinner is currently being planned as a virtual event to be held on March 10th.
 - The CPI for December 2020 was released at 1.4%.
 - The district is preparing for the predicted snow and plans to remain open during the snow storm scheduled for tomorrow.
 - Jennifer Burns, district parent and pediatric infectious disease specialist, will present at the Parent University scheduled for February 3rd. The topic will revolve around the Covid-19 vaccine and other Covid related topics.
 - The Timely / Meaningful Consultation meeting took place on January 22nd.
 - The OLHMS Band performed a virtual concert which can be seen on the district website.
- B. Business Office – Mike Loftin
 C. Curriculum & Family Engagement – Kathy Gavin
 D. Operations – Leo Cassidy
 E. English Learner Program – Angela Goetz
 F. Student Services – Cynthia Riha

Consent Agenda

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

MINUTES

Minutes of December 21, 2020 and January 12, 2021.
Closed Minutes of December 21, 2020.
Destruction of the following closed session audio recordings, as per P.A.
93-523: January 28, 2019.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bill List Report

	January 25, 2021
\$1,834,902.48 Education Fund Payroll, Dec. 31 st , Jan. 15 th	
\$ 180,880.09 Teacher Pension Fund Bills, Dec. 31 st , Jan. 15 th	
\$ 461,066.60 Education Fund Bills	
\$2,476,849.17 Total Education Fund Expenditures	
\$ 86,781.23 Operations & Maintenance Fund Payroll, Dec. 31 st , Jan. 15 th	
\$ 151,006.98 Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills	
\$ 237,788.21 Total Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures	

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\$	436.06	Transportation Fund Payroll, Dec. 31 ^a , Jan. 15 ^a
\$	26,301.29	Transportation Fund Bills
\$	26,737.35	Transportation Fund
\$	88,336.82	FICA/Medicare & IMRF Fund Bills, Dec. 31 ^a , Jan. 15 ^a
\$		Construction Fund
\$	5,554.55	Debt Services
\$	1,950.00	Tort & Judgement Fund
\$		Municipal Retirement Fund
	\$2,837,216.11	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

Patricia Ponce De Leon	Instructional Aide	Kolmar
Natalie Symonds	Communication Specialist	District Office
Support Staff		
Daniel Hardiman	Sub-Custodian	Districtwide
Carl Salzman	Mid-Day Custodian	OLHMS

Voting aye: Mrs. Misner, Mrs. Fortier, Mr. DeRousse, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche, and Mr. Nichols.
Nay: None. Absent: Mrs. Lichter. The motion passed.

Discussion I: Designee to Prepare Tentative Budget FY2021-FY2022
This is an annual agenda item. It is recommended the Assistant Superintendent of Business Mike Loftin be designated to prepare the Tentative Budget for FY2021-FY2022.

Action II: It was moved by Mr. Lurquin, seconded by Mr. DeRousse, to approve Mike Loftin, CSBO, to prepare the tentative budget FY2021-FY2022.
Voting aye: Mr. Lurquin, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Misner, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. Lichter. The motion carried.

Discussion II: Second Reading of Proposed TPS and Registration Fees FY2021-FY2022
Dr. Loftin reviewed the second reading of proposed TPS and Registration fees for FY2021-FY2022. This was introduced last spring and had a first reading at the January COTW meeting. TPS fees will be increased by 2.5%. Registration fees will be increased between 2.1% and 2.4%.

Action III: It was moved by Mrs. Fortier, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the TPS and Registration Fees for FY2021-FY2022. Voting Aye: Mrs. Fortier,

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Mrs. Misner, Mr. DeRousse, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols.
Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. Lichter. The motion carried.

Discussion III: Second Reading of Tentative 2021-2022 School Calendar
Dr. Enderle reviewed the tentative 2021-2022 school calendar. D218 released their calendar which parallels D123 except for a difference in spring break. Each school has presented the calendar to their Core Leadership teams and their PTO's/PTA's. Administration will discuss labeling Columbus Day or Indigenous People's Day with the EDC and will bring forth the recommendation to the board at the February board meeting.

Discussion IV: Fiscal Year Budget Projections and Administrative Recommendations
Dr. Loftin reviewed the Fiscal Year Budget Projections and Administrative Recommendations presentation. Administration feels it is still early in the budget process but wants to be prepared. The first round of property tax collections was 94%. The next round probably won't be known until around June. While next year's projections look favorable, the following years are not favorable unless some changes are made. Dr. Loftin presented three possible scenarios:

- 0 staff reductions, 1 contract expires - \$250,000
- 5 certified staff, 10 classified staff reduction, 1 contract expires - \$725,000
- 10 certified staff, 20 classified staff reduction, 1 contract expires - \$1,200,000

Even with cuts, it is projected that the district would be deficit spending for five out of six years. It was confirmed that retirements have already been taken into consideration in the projections. Preventative RIF's is an option. Administration will be meeting with union partners to discuss the projections.

Discussion V: Hometown School Parking Lot Extension
Leo Cassidy and JMA Architect Jim Maciejewski discussed the Hometown School Parking Lot Extension project. The plans are for the bids to open on February 9th, bids close and review on February 17th and a recommendation will be ready for the February board meeting. It is anticipated that this project will cost between \$190,000-\$200,000. It is anticipated that if there is a spring start date costs might be lower. This has been budgeted from the Capital Projects fund for this year.

Action IV: It was moved by Ms. Roche, seconded by Mrs. Fortier, to approve the Hometown School Parking Lot Extension. Voting aye: Ms. Roche, Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Misner and Mr. Nichols. Nays: Mr. DeRousse and Mr. Lurquin. Absent: Mrs. Lichter. The motion passed.

Discussion VI: Second Reading of Select School Board Policies: 3:40; 4:80; 6:20; 6:340; 7:100; 7:140; 7:300; 3:40-E.
Dr. Enderle reviewed the second reading of the above-mentioned school policies. The updates were mainly legal references. None of the changes would impact current practices.

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Action V: It was moved by Mr. DeRousse, seconded by Mr. Lurquin to approve the second reading of select school board policies: 3:40; 4:80; 6:20; 6:340; 7:100; 7:140; 7:300; 3:40-E. Voting aye: Mr. DeRousse, Mr. Lurquin, Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Misner, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. Lichter. The motion passed.

Discussion VII: Second Reading of Select School Board Policies Undergoing a Five-Year Review: 5:270; 6:315.
Dr. Enderle reviewed the policies undergoing a five-year review. There are no changes to these policies.

Action VI: It was moved by Mrs. Fortier, seconded by Mrs. Misner, to approve the second reading of select school board policies undergoing a five-year review: 5:270; 6:315. Voting aye: Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Misner, Mr. DeRousse, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: Mrs. Lichter. The motion passed.

Future Meeting Previews COTW – February 9, 2021
Special Meeting – changed to March 2, 2021
Business Meeting – February 22, 2021

- Lease Renewal Advocate /McGuigan
- Fiscal Year Audit Report
- 6-Month Release of Minutes
- Lane Changes
- First Student General Education Transportation Agreement Renewal
- Special Education Transportation
- 2021-2022 School Calendar

*These items are not to be intended as all inclusive

Board Comments:

Mr. Lurquin discussed a GoFundMe page for a district alumni, the son of a current district employee. He commented on the generosity of the community stated that within 24 hours the goal to assist in medical expenses were almost met. He thanked all who have helped and sent good wishes to the family.

Mrs. Misner thanked all who have made the district what it is. All the hard work has not gone unnoticed.

Adjourned – 8:25 p.m.

The next COTW of the Board of Education will be held at Covington School on February 9, 2021. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on February 22, 2021 at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

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