

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

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at Hometown School, 8870 S. Duffy Avenue, Hometown, IL 60456.

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

Members Absent: Brian Nichols and Jackie Lichter

Administrators Present: Dr. Enderle, Dr. Gavin, Dr. Loftin, Dr. Macchia, Mrs. Blissett, Dr. Spreitzer and Mrs. Bencik.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mrs. Misner read the Mission Statement.

Public Comment

Vice President Misner 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.

- Elaine Bernal and Andy Weber, D123 Union Co-Presidents, expressed appreciation of the special education staff for all of their hard work. They thanked Dr. Enderle and Mr. Nichols for their availability to communicate and interest in the responsibilities of the staff. They also stated that they look forward to working with the Board and administration to repair the current atmosphere.
- Cheryl Armstrong, Hometown Instructional Aide, represented the CASE paraprofessionals. She discussed all of the responsibilities the job requires and felt that the pay does not reflect the work.
- Kristin Burke, Hometown parent, expressed her appreciation for the district paraprofessionals and her disappointment in hearing about the working conditions. She asked the Board to listen to the paraprofessionals.

Discussion I:

Student Achievement Presentation Part 1

Dr. Gavin, Dr. Macchia, Dr. Spreitzer and Mrs. Blissett discussed student achievement. As the IAR results are not available for presentation at this time, administration decided to discuss student achievement in specific subgroups of IEP (SPED) and EL (English Learners).

Dr. Macchia discussed the achievement gap and how the pandemic exacerbated the current achievement gap. He also reviewed the Spring 2021 IAR data for the noted subgroups.

Dr. Gavin reviewed the Spring MAP, Access and DLM data.

Mrs. Blissett stated that not all students take the IAR test. Those with significant cognitive disabilities take the DLM test. In 2021, approximately 41 students took the DLM test. A comparison of the district results to the state results was reviewed.

The Access test is the annual review for EL students. Over the last three years, the district has outpaced the state for the bridging/reaching level.

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Dr. Spreitzer and Dr. Gavin reviewed the pragmatic responses to the data which include curriculum renewal cycle; productive struggles/equity; data disaggregation across subgroups; enrichments and interventions; and special education programming.

Dr. Spreitzer reviewed the Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) framework. Each tier was discussed, and it was noted that they are working to eliminate overidentification.

Mrs. Blissett reviewed the SPED program structure discussing the resource, PTP and CASE programs.

Dr. Spreitzer reviewed specific case studies of students so that the Board could see the progress that students in the specific subgroups are making that might not be reflected in the standardized tests.

Discussion II:

2023-2024 School Calendar

Dr. Enderle discussed the calendar process and reviewed the current three tentative draft calendars. Draft A mirrors the current calendar with a staff start date of 8/14, student start date of 8/16 and last day of 5/29. At this point, the feedback received on the current calendar was that school started too early and Draft A has a start date of one day earlier than the current year.

Draft B adjusted the start dates so that the staff begins on Thursday, 8/17 and students start on Monday, 8/21. The final day of school would be scheduled for Monday, 6/3.

Draft C adjusted the star dates one week from draft A so that staff begins on Monday, 8/21 and students start on Wednesday, 8/23. The final day of school would be scheduled for Wednesday, 6/5.

The calendars are always aligned as much as possible to the feeder high school district calendars. At this point, the Richards calendar has not been released but will be compared as soon as it is available.

It was confirmed that there is no election day in November 2023. The drafts will be reviewed by staff and parent groups. The school calendar is usually approved around the February Business Meeting.

Board Comments:

It was confirmed that upon adjourning closed session, the Board will have no further discussion or action and will adjourn for the evening.

At 8:26 p.m., it was moved by Mrs. Fortier, seconded by Mr. Lurquin, 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).

Closed session discussions were completed at 10:16 p.m. and it was unanimously agreed to return to open session.

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Adjourned – 10:17 p.m.

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

Julie Misner

President

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Secretary