

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 6:03 p.m. on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at the Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

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

Members Absent: Jay Lurquin

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

Also Present: Mr. John Izzo, Attorney

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 15 minutes with each person being limited to three minutes.

No one stepped forward at this time.

Discussion I: TIF Discussion

- Attorney John Izzo and Dr. Mike Loftin discussed the TIFs in Oak Lawn. The Triangle TIF is due to expire in December 2019. The village has proposed to extend this TIF. In order to extend a TIF, it must be done by special legislation and would have a maximum extension of twelve years. The village would like to extend the TIF for five years in order to pay off TIF bonds. As an incentive, the village also discussed ending two other TIFs early should the school districts agree to extend the Triangle TIF. It appears that the high school Board is favorably disposed to this. It was requested that the village provide the debt service schedule and the language for the agreement to extend the Triangle TIF. The Board will reopen this discussion at the Business Meeting on September 23, 2019 and hold off on voting on it until the Committee of the Whole meeting on October 8, 2019.

Discussion II: 2019 Southland Learning Conference

- Dr. Joe Macchia and instructional coaches Brian Jurinek, Susan Whited, Allison Olivarez, Michelle Gustafson and Colleen Koch gave a presentation on the 2019 Southland Conference. This year was the fourth annual conference. Every year attendance has grown. There are approximately 30 presentations every year. Feedback on the conference this year was even higher than last year.

Discussion III: Special Education Program

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- Cynthia Riha, Director of Student Services, gave a presentation on the Special Education program in the district. Ms. Riha discussed the number of students in the program, how staffing has changed, curriculum, and challenges to the program.

Discussion IV:

Board of Education School Liaison Program

Dr. Enderle discussed the criteria sent to the Board. Each Board member has been assigned a school and some responses to the questionnaire still need to be returned. Dr. Enderle will be meeting with the principals to discuss the program and the principals will reach out to their assigned board member. The principals will also send out a list of events at their school in which their board member might want to attend. It was requested that each principal send out similar events. It was asked for each Board member to let Brian Nichols know how he should participate with them.

Board Comments:

Julie Misner noted that a community member contacted her regarding the lack of a flag light at Covington School. She requested that this be looked into and rectified.

Adjourned – 9:00 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on September 23, 2019 at the Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

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