

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, DECEMBER 7, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, 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: SAEBRS Screen Testing Program
Mrs. Riha gave the SAEBRS Screen Testing Program presentation. Academic performance is linked to social and behavioral skills. Early identification with intervention can decrease the likelihood of academic failure and low outcomes. Preventive supports can reduce the need for more intensive supports later. Universal screening is a proactive way to identify students at-risk for behavior problems. SAEBRS is a free screener to assess social, academic and emotional behavior risk. The screening may indicate the presence of a problem but is limited in that it cannot necessarily identify the specific problem. SAEBRS is a proactive approach versus the traditional reactive approach. Mrs. Riha reviewed the teacher screening form and reviewed the difference between tier 1, tier 2 and tier 3 supports. The district averages with approximately 85% of the student population in tier 1 and approximately 10% in tier 2. Tier 3 includes those students who need intensive interventions. The first screening should be implemented 4-6 weeks after the start of school. The second screening should take place in trimester 2 after winter break. The third screening should be implemented in the spring around April.

Mrs. Riha reviewed the data analysis from the screenings. It was asked if parent input used. It was confirmed that parents do not fill out any screening but if a parent expresses a concern or request for help, that is considered. It was also asked if student input is used in the screenings instead of just teacher input. It was confirmed that students do not self-report. Some concern was expressed that the students do not self-report as this could be very important and help find those who slip through the cracks. It was also asked that data be monitored on how successful the interventions are on the students who need them and how many students on average move from tier 2 to tier 1.

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Discussion II:

Capital Projects Update

Leo Cassidy reviewed the current and upcoming capital projects.

- Gaddis School and OLI IMS tuckpointing project – It was confirmed that the Gaddis School tuckpointing project cannot be included into the grant as there are no D123 students currently in that building. An inspection of OLI IMS determined that the interior damage at OLHMS small gym is old damage from before a tuckpointing repair in 2017-2018. The interior was not scraped and painted at that time. Given this, estimates are being gathered for scraping and painting these sections of the small gym. Painting could be completed during winter break.
- Kolmar School Tile Replacement – This project may need to be pushed back in order to use Kolmar School for summer school due to all the work scheduled at OLHMS in the summer of 2022. The impact of the delay is being investigated. The district's asbestos inspection partner has been informed of the project.
- LED Bulb Conversion at OLHMS and Kolmar School – Estimates have been collected from three vendors for Kolmar School. The subcommittee will review the estimates to assist in determining the best vendor for this project. Estimates for conversion work at OLHMS are in progress with hopes to do the projects over spring and summer breaks.
- District Wide Security Camera Improvement Project – It was reported that Sward school cameras are currently having issues and have become a priority. Sward School camera upgrade is scheduled as soon as the supply of cameras and parts are in house and labor can have access to the building. Additional camera upgrade work at Hometown school would be next on the list.
- Flooring Replacement District Office – Vendors have sent flooring samples to the district office. Vendors are working out estimates for the flooring replacement work.

Discussion III:

Property Tax Relief Grant

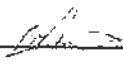
Dr. Loftin discussed the upcoming application for the Property Tax Relief Grant. The district has applied for this in the past but did not apply last year as the grant was not funded last year. Dr. Loftin is not optimistic that D123 will qualify but there is no downside to applying. If the district qualifies, there could be up to \$2.4 million in tax relief. This grant is a true property tax relief. Those districts who qualify must requalify every year, it does not automatically roll over.

Board Comments:


Adjourned – 8:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on December 20, 2021 at the Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

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