

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at Hannum School, 9800 S. Tripp Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Members Present: Peter DeRousse, Jennifer Fortier, Jackie Lichter, Adriana Sebek, Jay Lurquin and Brian Nichols.

Members Absent: Julie Misner

Administrators Present: Dr. Enderle, Dr. Gavin, Dr. Loftin, Dr. Macchia, Mrs. Blissett 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. The standard public comment is limited to 30 minutes with each person being limited to five minutes.

- There were no comments at this time.

Discussion I:

Teaching and Learning Direction

Dr. Gavin and Dr. Macchia gave a presentation on the Teaching and Learning direction. The IAR data is not available at this time, so they reviewed the Spring MAP data and did a comparison of the Spring 2021 MAP data with the Spring 2022 MAP data. The website will be updated to include middle school core syllabi as well as scope and sequence. K-6 monthly curriculum newsletters will start up again this month.

Dr. Gavin reviewed the curriculum renewal cycle. The district is currently piloting K-5 ELA and started with the Wit and Wisdom curriculum. We are in the second year of implementing the Foundations program. The district is also looking at 6-8 math resources to pilot next year.

Enrichment classes have begun for math and ELA. Those students who scored 80% or higher on Spring MAP testing were invited to participate in the math and/or ELA enrichment classes.

Math support teachers participated in a math recovery workshop and recommended Ready, Set, Math as a new resource to help support math.

Dr. Gavin created a K-5 pacing and assessment guide for science and social studies. Science and social studies reporting standards have been revised for K-8.

Dr. Macchia reviewed the IPI (Instructional Practices Inventory) program, which allows the building principal and teachers to observe classrooms throughout their building to assist with engagement levels. This was piloted last year at Covington and proved successful. This will be used as a key strategy to help the district become more equitable.

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Imagine Learning is a new program this year for EL learners. This is a personalized, adaptive program which supports 15 different languages.

Discussion II:

Capital Projects Update

Leo Cassidy reviewed the capital projects from this summer. The OLHMS media center is almost completed with a few minor touch ups. The Hometown media center furniture install continues and expects to be complete at a later date. There have been minor logistics delays on parts and units to complete phase 1 of the HVAC project but it is expected to be complete soon. The Kolmar and district office flooring project is complete. The Brandt/Parkland and Sward School landscaping project is complete. 45 security cameras were installed over the summer, which makes 141 cameras installed to date. 23 cameras are on backorder.

The upcoming projects discussed were the completion of LED tube conversions at OLHMS (winter 2023); LED conversion in gyms and multi-purpose rooms (summer 2023); media center renovations at Hannum and Covington (summer 2023); HVAC system upgrade phase 2 (summer 2023); DO/Gaddis tuckpointing (summer 2023); Gaddis preschool center conversion (TBD).

It was noted that the district was awarded the Preschool for All grant and will be applying for other grants to assist in the preschool center conversion.

Discussion III:

Human Resource – Staffing Trends and Strategies

Leo Cassidy reviewed the staffing trends and strategies. The district is currently 100% staffed with certified positions. There were some gaps in support staff, specifically paraprofessionals and substitute custodians. It was noted that the district will need to focus on bilingual positions, paraprofessionals, and substitute custodians in the future. Vacancies with the highest time to fill concern include nurses, counselors, social workers, paraprofessionals, and substitute custodians. Mr. Cassidy also reviewed the district recruitment strategies, university partnerships and association partnerships.

Discussion IV:

Community Partnerships

Dr. Enderle and Larry Fetchko presented community partnerships. The district is looking to build reciprocal relationships and grow community trust. Mr. Fetchko discussed the LIHEAP (low-income energy assistance) program in which the district participates. Mr. Fetchko reviewed the hospitals and social service agencies the district works with. Dr. Enderle and Mr. Fetchko reviewed the work with the senior citizen organizations, parochial school relationships and relationships with local leaders and public officials.

Board Comments:

Mrs. Fortier stated that while attending a Meet the Teacher night at Richards High School, a teacher mentioned that his class would be difficult for most students but that those students from OLHMS

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were one of the only schools in the area which include geography in their curriculum which puts them ahead.

Mr. Lurquin stated that school open houses are continuing with Hometown and Sward Open Houses tomorrow. He also stated that the open houses that have already taken place have been very well attended.

Adjourned – 9:26 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on September 26, 2022 at the Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.



President



Secretary