

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, AUGUST 29, 2022

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 29, 2022, 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. Blissett and Dr. Spreitzer
- Also Present: Community members, parents and staff

It was moved by Mrs. Fortier, seconded by Mrs. Lichter, 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); The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7).

Closed session discussions were completed at 7:05 p.m. and it was unanimously agreed to return to open session.

Open Session The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by the President and upon the roll call, Brian Nichols, the President and the following members were physically present: Jackie Lichter, Jennifer Fortier, Peter DeRousse, Adriana Sebek, Jay Lurquin, Julie Misner and Brian Nichols.

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

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.

- Phyllis Eklund, district resident, addressed the Board regarding concerns about traffic and driving behaviors in the streets around Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School during pick up and drop off times.

President's

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Report

President Nichols updated the Board on the Governing Board meeting. He also updated the Board on Teacher Institute Day. He reiterated his thanks to the district staff for all of their hard work over the past two years and invited the staff to contact him with any ideas or issues.

Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent Enderle's report included
- Dr. Enderle welcomed everyone to the start of the 2022-2023 school year.
 - This is the 120th year for District 123.
 - FOIA 1 – Adam Elleman, Tovar Snow Professionals, regarding past bid results for snow removal services.
 - FOIA 2 – Nathan Mihelich, Illinois Retired Teachers' Association, regarding contact information for teachers scheduled to retire.
 - FOIA 3 – Al muglach, Student Transportation of America, regarding current transportation agreements.
 - FOIA 4 – Nick Boney, AIG Retirement Services, regarding staff listing.
 - FOIA 5 – Bo Kim, UnionBids.com, regarding bids for snow removal services.
 - Summer School successfully completed with 600 students, 75 staff and 36 class sections. Student numbers were slightly less than they were pre-pandemic.
 - CDC released covid guidance for schools. This includes the removal of quarantines for close contacts, removal of screenings, removal of cohort recommendations and elimination of test to stay. All guidance is posted on the district website.
 - New Staff Orientation took place August 8-August 10.
 - Teacher Institute Days took place August 15-August 17.
 - Administration is monitoring and assessing bus routes. Ride times are longer than in previous years and the number of students per bus has also increased.
 - D123 has initiated a Threat Assessment Team which has already begun meeting.
 - Current student enrollment is 3,279, slightly higher than last year at this time.
- B. Business Office – Mike Loftin
- C. Curriculum & Family Engagement – Kathy Gavin
- D. Learning, Communication and Technology – Joe Macchia
- E. Operations – Leo Cassidy
- The OLHMS and Hometown Media Centers are almost complete with just the finishing touches being added.
 - Kolmar and District Office flooring projects are complete.
 - HVAC uninvent controls are anticipated to be complete this fall.
 - Landscaping and pavement work is complete.

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- Districtwide Security Cameras and Access Controls are nearing full completion with just 10 cameras still on back order.

Consent Agenda

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

MINUTES

Minutes of June 20, 2022.

Closed Minutes of June 20, 2022.

Destruction of the following closed session audio recordings, as per P.A. 93-523: June 22, 2020.

The release of minutes for the following closed session meetings as they no longer require confidential treatment: December 20, 2021; January 24, 2022; February 22, 2022; February 28, 2022; March 28, 2022; April 25, 2022; May 23, 2022.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Bill List Report

August 29, 2022

\$1,617,823.40 Education Fund Payroll, June 30th, July 1st, July 15th, July 29th, Aug 12th, Aug 26th

\$ 151,579.78 Teacher Pension Fund Bills, June 30th, July 1st, July 15th, July 29th, Aug 12th, Aug 26th

\$1,596,859.35 Education Fund Bills

\$3,366,262.35 Total Education Fund Expenditures

\$ 392,083.29 Operations & Maintenance Fund Payroll, June 30th, July 1st, July 15th, July 29th, Aug 12th, Aug 26th

\$1,375,636.39 Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills

\$1,767,719.68 Total Operations & Maintenance Fund Expenditures

\$ 1,279.37 Transportation Fund Payroll, June 30th, July 1st, July 15th, July 29th, Aug 12th, Aug 26th

\$ 384,277.13 Transportation Fund Bills

\$ 385,556.50 Transportation Fund

\$ 130,908.96 FICA / Medicare & IMRF Fund Bills, June 30th, July 1st, July 15th, July 29th, Aug 12th, Aug 26th

\$ Construction Fund

\$ 36,903.00 Debt Services

\$ 330,497.83 Tort & Judgement Fund

\$ Municipal Retirement Fund

\$6,017,848.32 TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES

Summary of and Board Approved Payables by Fund

ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

Imprest Fund-Category Summary Report

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Fund Balances
 Revenue Recap Summary
 Expense Recap Summary

PERSONNEL

Resignations

Rahmatulla Al Juboori	Instructional Aide	Hometown
Amy Candos	Lunchroom Supervisor	Hannum
Natasha Dakhallah	Instructional Aide	OLHMS
Barbara Melland	Teachers' Aide	Hometown
Kiana Murry	Instructional Aide	Hometown
Bisan Quran	PreK BEL Teacher	Hometown
Blanca Rodriguez	AM Receptionist	District Office
Margaret Roeh	Teachers' Aide	Hometown
Chris Scarnavack	Spanish Teacher	OLHMS
Angela Williams	EL Paraprofessional	Hannum

Retirement Requests

Debra Berry	Tech Aide	OLHMS
Denise Kangas	Teacher	Sward

Certified Staff Recommendations

Jamie Berry	Blended PreK Teacher	Kolmar
Catherine Coppin	Title I Academic Support	Covington
Colleen Coughlin	Occupational Therapist	Hometown
Samantha Dow	CASE Teacher	Hometown
Melanie Grzesik-Duffy	Title I School Counselor	Covington
Gianna Jorge	Teacher	Kolmar
Tsegaye Kleszczewski	Teacher	OLHMS
Thomas LaMantia	Spanish Teacher	OLHMS
Kaylee Letizia	CASE SPED Teacher	Hometown
Abbey Linnert	Teacher	Hometown
Giovanni Llinas Rosa	EL Bilingual Teacher	OLHMS
Alaa Mahmoud	Social Worker	HMT/COV
Abaigeal McCorry	Teacher	Sward
Erin Melander	Title I Academic Support	Covington
Yareli Meza Perez	EC School Psychologist	District Wide
Cherie Noisette	Teacher	Hannum
Laura Nowak	EC PreK Teacher	Hometown
Madeine O'Donnell	Teacher	Kolmar
Delayne Papez	Teacher	Kolmar
Nicole Petschenko	EC Blended Teacher	Covington
Kristen Scheffler	Title I Academic Support	Hometown
Eric Sielaff	SPED Teacher	OLHMS
Gabriella Singer	Teacher	Covington
Tara Tamborski	Social Worker	Hannum
Mayra Tode	Spanish Teacher	OLHMS
Nanina Tully	Teacher	Hannum
Samantha Widmann	Teacher	Covington

Support Staff Recommendations

Mashaier Adam	Lunchroom Supervisor	Sward
Alondra Arreola-Malagon	Tech Support Specialist	HMT/KOL/HAN
Reeyan Awadallah	Teachers' Aide	Hometown

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Danielle Barder	Instructional Aide	Kolmar
Margaret Bartoszewski	Instructional Aide	Kolmar
Jenna Bernier	Lunchroom Supervisor	Sward
Araceli Correa	Teachers' Aide	Hometown
Kari Devine	Teachers' Aide	Hometown
Timothy Dugan	Instructional Aide	OLHMS
Angela Hollars	PM Receptionist	District Office
Abigail Keeton	Instructional Aide	Hometown
Adriana Lopez	Teachers' Aide	OLHMS
Tonette Palmer	Instructional Aide	Hometown
Maria Rojas	Custodian	Sward
Raquel Swain	AM Receptionist	District Office
Safa Tawil	Instructional Aide	Hometown
Unpaid Extended Leave Request		
Yasmin Daraghma	Teachers' Aide	Sward
Additional Work Request		

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

Discussion I: Fiscal Year 2023 Tentative Budget [3D, 4C]
 Dr. Loftin presented the second reading of the FY23 tentative budget. The biggest challenge this year is timely tax collections. Due to late tax collections, it is expected that the district will dip into fund balances to pay expenses until tax revenues are received. Evidence based funding (EBF) continues to increase. ESSER funding will continue to cover ongoing capital expenses. The long-term view is that property tax collections will increase and federal relief funds will continue through FY24. A funding cliff has been noted as a potential issue for some school districts. This should not affect D123 as the ESSER funds were not used for ongoing projects.

Action II: It was moved by Mrs. Misner, seconded by Mrs. Sebek to approve the second reading of the Fy23 Tentative Budget. Voting Aye: Mrs. Misner, Mrs. Sebek, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Fortier, Mr. DeRousse, Mr. Lurquin and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Discussion II: Snow Removal Bid [3B, 3D]
 Dr. Enderle and Dr. Loftin discussed the snow removal plans and reviewed the bid process and specifications. Beverly Snow and Ice was noted as the recommended bidder. The district attorney recommended a contract be drawn up and this will be presented to the Board at the September Board meeting. It was clarified that the parking lots will be outsourced for snow removal but the sidewalks and walkways will be cleared by district staff. It was confirmed that the administration is recommending using the pay as you go option for the snow removal services.

Action III: It was moved by Mr. Lurquin, seconded by Mrs. Fortier, to approve the Snow Removal Bid as presented. Voting aye: Mr. Lurquin, Mrs. Fortier,

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Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Sebek, Mrs. Misner and Mr. Nichols.
Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

Discussion III:

World Vision 6K Race – September 17, 2022

Dr. Enderle stated that the district has sponsored a 6K race with World Vision for the last few years. The village of Oak Lawn is now requiring all organizations that are sponsoring any type of race/walk event to submit a certificate of insurance. This is a standard request for many locations and something D123 requests for any organization using district buildings. The district needs the Board to sanction this event in order to provide the certificate of insurance to the village.

Action IV:

It was moved by Mrs. Fortier, seconded by Mr. DeRousse, to approve the World Vision 6K Race on September 17, 2022. Voting aye: Mrs. Fortier, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Sebek, Mrs. Lichter, Mr. Lurquin, Mrs. Misner and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

Future Meeting Previews

COTW Meeting – September 13, 2022 @ Hannum
Business Meeting – September 26, 2022 @ OLFMS

- FY23 Budget
- Summer School Budget
- Summer School Report
- Lane Changes
- AISLE Presentation

*These items are not to be intended as all inclusive

Board Comments:

Mrs. Fortier stated that she went to Kolmar for the Ice Cream Social and saw the new floors in the building. She stated the the new floors look great.

Adjourned – 8:26 p.m.

The next COTW meeting of the Board of Education will take place on September 13, 2022 at Hannum. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on September 26, 2022 at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.



President



Secretary