

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, MARCH 8, 2016

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 6:01 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at the Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Members Present: Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Fortier, Mr. Lurquin, Mr. Mason, Ms. Roche and Mrs. Misner

Members Absent: Mr. DeRousse

Administrators Present: Dr. Enderle, Ms. Anderson, Mr. Macchia, Mr. Andersen, Ms. Riha and Mr. Loftin

Also Present: Community and staff members

Open Session The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m., roll call was taken with each member being present except Mr. DeRousse.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mr. Mason read the Mission Statement.

Public Comment President Mason stated that citizen comments were allowed to address the Board. Public comment was to be limited to 15 minutes with each person being limited to three minutes.

Candace Hines shared progress made and remaining concerns regarding the Special Education program.

Dr. Enderle addressed the Board stating that the staff of a co-teaching model, program supervisors and a full time behavioral consultant will significantly and successfully support this program next year.

Mr. Mason commented that the Board approved the A.E.R.O. withdrawal in order to bring back the District's students and teach them in the least restrictive environment in their neighborhood schools making sure that the delicate balance of support is in place.

There were no additional speakers; President Mason declared public comment closed.

Discussion: Assistant Superintendent Loftin discussed the final document of the performance contract with CTS. There were no questions or comments.

It was moved by Mr. Lurquin, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the performance contract with CTS. Voting aye: Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche, Mrs. Fortier and Mr. Mason. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Discussion: Dr. Enderle explained that associated with the CTS contract is a ten percent mobilization fee, which provides CTS the money to order supplies and begin the process due to early planning. Assistant Superintendent Loftin originally budgeted the funds to be subtracted

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from the Construction fund, but at the Board's request will perform a journal entry to direct the funds to be deducted from the Operational fund.

It was moved by Mr. Lurquin, seconded by Ms. Roche to approve the payment of \$142,725 for the contractual mobilization fee. Voting aye: Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche, Mrs. Fortier and Mr. Mason. Nay: None. The motion carried.

Discussion: Superintendent Enderle introduced Joel Craig, Superintendent of Parks and Dolly Foster, Horticulturist from the Oak Lawn Park District who discussed a potential partnership and community garden. This community garden will be located at the Senior Center and the McGugan School site. The garden site will be divided into two sections which would include a pantry garden, which would supplement surrounding food pantries and allotment plots which would be for rent by the public. Along with the allotment garden will be a pollinator garden, which is the essential element of any garden and will raise the yield of the efforts in planting. The area will be just under a half of acre at 21,976 square feet. There will be 88 accessible beds.

Board Comments: None.

It was moved at 6:52 p.m. by Mr. Nichols seconded by Mrs. Fortier 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, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Closed session discussions were completed at 8:37 p.m. and it was unanimously agreed to return to open session.

It was moved by Mrs. Misner, seconded by Mrs. Fortier to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m. Roll call vote was unanimous. The motion carried.

Adjourned – 8:37 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on March 22, 2016 at the Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th St., Oak Lawn, Illinois.

President

Secretary