

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, APRIL 7, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 as a virtual meeting a [www.d123.org](http://www.d123.org).

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

Members Absent: None

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Ms. Roche 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. Due to the format of the meeting, comments could be submitted online.

No one submitted comments at this time.

Discussion I: Equity Audit Process

- In November, Dr. Enderle and Mr. Nichols attended a workshop regarding equity and diversity in schools. It was agreed a good starting point for D123 would be to hold an equity audit. This would also follow the strategic plan's goal of operational excellence. Alexandra Escobar of Bea Young and Associates discussed the purpose and the procedures involved in the equity audit. The timeframe for the audit will all depend on availability of the participants and scheduling. It is the intention to get a formal proposal by the end of the month.

Discussion II: TPS Tuition

- Preschool tuition has not been increased in eight years. It was discussed to raise tuition rates beginning in the 2022/2023 school year for two consecutive years at a rate of 2.5% each year. Since preschool registration begins in December, administration wanted to give the families plenty of advance notice. Dr. Loftin reviewed enrollment rates and costs. Dr. Loftin also discussed the tuition rates of some area preschools. There was a concern that the 2.5% increase was too conservative considering the length of time that there was no increase. It was recommended to get tuition rates on more area preschools, It was confirmed that out-of-district students pay the same rate as in-district students. It was asked if out-of-district students are taking spots away from in-district students. The district will review the waiting list to determine how many in-district students are on the waiting list.

Discussion III: Capital Projects Update

- Dr. Loftin and Mr. Cassidy have been working closely with JMA Architects and discussed four upcoming projects.

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- OLHMS Voltage Surge Suppression  
Arc 1 Electric will receive equipment for the project next week. Building access and install dates will be coordinated upon receipt of the equipment. The project is scheduled to be completed by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Hometown Parking Lot  
Mr. Cassidy reviewed the options for the parking lot. Option 2 is only adding thirty extra parking spots with no walking track. It was questioned why the cost increased so dramatically between adding 21 extra spots and 30 extra spots. Administration will contact JMA to get a cost breakdown for the Board.
- Hannum Tuck pointing  
The tuck pointing bids have been submitted and are being reviewed by JMA. A recommendation will come before the Board at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Business meeting.
- HVAC Upgrades districtwide  
Engineers recommend a phasing plan which would have the project begin at the building with the highest need first. Budget figures for this project will be presented to the Board at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Business meeting.

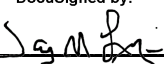
Board Comments:

Brian Nichols thanked the staff and administration for all their work and flexibility during this time.

Jay Lurquin seconded the comments by Mr. Nichols and commented that everything appears to be going smoothly and the staff he has spoken with has stated that District 123 is going above and beyond to make sure the e-learning programs are working.

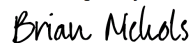
Adjourned – 8:27 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on April 20, 2020 at the Hannum School, 9800 S. Tripp Avenue, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

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