

## MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, DECEMBER 8, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 virtually at www.d123.org.

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

Members Absent: Jay Lurquin

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.

- There were no comments at this time.

### Discussion I:

#### Transportation Contract Amendments

Dr. Loftin stated that the recent pivot to remote learning has had implications with the transportation agreement. The year started with normal routes and the same number of busses in use. Tom O'Sullivan, Vice President of Cook Illinois, parent company to Richlee, attended the meeting to answer questions by the Board. Richlee is requesting that, during the adaptive pause, the district pay 37% of the route cost. It was noted that the state will reimburse the district for 80% of special education transportation costs. It was confirmed that, with a contract amendment, the state will continue to pay reimbursements even if the school has changed to remote learning. Tom O'Sullivan left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Jason Kierna, representative from First Student, joined the meeting to discuss an amendment to the First Student contract. Mr. Kierna reviewed costs and the loss of revenue to First Student. First Student is requesting the district pay 40% of the route cost during the adaptive pause. Mr. Kierna left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

It was confirmed that both bus companies are currently in negotiations with several other districts to amend their contracts in the same manner. It was also confirmed that the reduction in cost only be during the adaptive pause. Costs would resume to normal when the district returns to in-person learning.

### Discussion II:

#### Self-Evaluation Review

On November 2, 2020, the Board participated in their annual self-evaluation process. This was facilitated by IASB representative Dr. Nakia Hall. During this process, a few amendments were made to the board communication procedures. Mrs. Fortier commented that the self-evaluation was very insightful and she is thankful the Board takes the time to reflect each year.

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Discussion III:

Capital Projects Update

Leo Cassidy reviewed the capital projects update. The biggest project to consider is the districtwide HVAC project. The subcommittee met in November and reviewed the HVAC analysis provided by Precision Controls. JMA also provided some information on financial incentives provided by utility companies. Mr. Cassidy also reviewed some high priority items by school within this project.

The subcommittee also discussed the Hometown Parking Lot project. While the walking path was determined to be eliminated, Mr. Loftin reached out to the city of Hometown to see if they could assist with financing the walking path. The district has not yet heard back at this point. JMA will handle the bidding process for this project. Sealed bids will be opened on January 12<sup>th</sup>. The subcommittee will review the bids and it will go before the board at the January business meeting. The project could take place as early as April, depending on the weather and student attendance. Otherwise, it will take place beginning in June.

The Gaddis school (district office/PRIDE school) tuck-pointing project is scheduled to take place in the summer of 2021. JMA will support the bidding process.

The subcommittee discussed the Covington LED bulb conversion project. It was planned to use in-house labor during the adaptive pause for this project. There are more staff in the buildings than anticipated, which makes it difficult to pull staff from other buildings to complete this project. They are also working to utilize additional financial incentives, which has slowed the process of getting supplies.

The last project mentioned is the districtwide security camera improvement project. This is something to plan for over time. At this point, the cameras in the buildings are 15 years old and older. It was suggested that, when this project takes place, the district should update the FOB system as well. It was agreed to talk to JMA regarding researching any possible grants that will assist in this project.

Discussion IV:

Adaptive Pause Progress

Dr. Enderle stated that the adaptive pause is currently scheduled from November 30, 2020 – January 15, 2021. This is approximately 23 student attendance days. All staff was placed in three categories to determine work locations. All staff signed off on a work from home waiver. The first virtual Parent University took place last week and was successful. Dr. Enderle discussed changes to the meal plan. Dr. Enderle also reviewed the student progress for the first four days of all remote learning. This included attendance, average time on Google Meets Live, average size of Google Meets, the amount of Google Meets with unique students as well as unique meets, Seesaw learning and IXL.

Board Comments:

There were no comments at this time.

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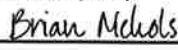
Adjourned – 8:53 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on December 21, 2020 at the Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

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