

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:29 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

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.

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.

- There were no comments at this time.

Discussion I: Pandemic Planning Process
Dr. Enderle discussed the current area status of the pandemic. Pandemic rates seem to be improving. County and local positivity rates are at or below 5%. The average Covid-related absences for staff and students have decreased from the fall. The administration has planned a tentative phase-in plan for the third trimester. This will be a three-part phase-in assuming conditions remain stable. Phase 1 will take place from March 2- April 1 and the current hybrid model will continue. Phase 2 will be a blended approach in April. By May, assuming conditions remain stable, for the last five weeks hybrid classes will be combined on a five day a week schedule. Those who wish to remain in remote learning for the third trimester will have that option.

Discussion II: Capital Projects Update
Mr. Cassidy discussed the capital projects packets which will be provided to the board on an ongoing basis. These packets will contain a summary of each project, budgetary information, break out the scope of work, project drawings and full bid documentation. Mr. Cassidy reviewed the current district projects.

The districtwide HVAC project has not much progress. There has been come univents and controls repaired on an as-needed basis. The next steps are to get a cost savings report from JMA. It was noted that this project may need to happen one building at a time instead of all at once.

Sealed bids were opened for the Hometown Parking Lot project today. There were seven total bids with costs ranging from \$215,000 - \$325,000. Subcontractor bids were higher than anticipated. JMA will talk to the bidders to see if there is any room for change in the cost. This project will

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provide a large addition of parking spaces giving Hometown a total of 58 parking spots.

The district office/Gaddis tuckpointing project is on hold. JMA is currently researching any grant opportunities for this project to offset the cost.

The Covington LED bulb conversion project is slowly moving forward. The district has been discussing options with energy management companies to determine the best options. Once an energy management company has been selected to assist in this process, the project will move forward.

More research has been done on the upgrade of security camera systems. The current system has been mapped out. Administration has reviewed what we currently have and what we want. Research on budgetary numbers is currently being done and will be brought to the subcommittee. Once the numbers have been determined, administration can narrow the scope of this project. The goal is to determine what we need but also what we may need in the next five/ten years so we do not have to redo this project in the near future based on new needs.

Discussion III: District 123 Strategic Plan Goal 4: Community Spirit “Partnering amid the Pandemic”

Community Liaison Larry Fetchko gave a presentation on community partnering during the pandemic. Mr. Fetchko reviewed some of the community projects we have been working on, assistance to senior citizens in the district, assistance to private school families and the FCRN program. Mr. Fetchko will provide the board with a list of needed items and things that would be needed should the program get expanded.

Discussion IV: District 123 Audit Reports (FY2020)
Dr. Loftin reviewed the draft audit report. District 123 had a clear audit and received financial recognition for the seventh year in a row.

Discussion V District Budgetary Assumptions
Dr. Loftin reviewed the updated budgetary assumptions. Dr. Loftin reviewed three scenarios and how those scenarios affected future projections. Administration will continue to meet with the resource allocation committee and will bring recommendations to the February Business meeting.

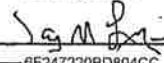
Board Comments:

Mrs. Misner thanked all who make district 123 a great district to be in.

Adjourned – 9:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on February 22, 2021 at the Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

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