

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, JANUARY 10, 2023

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at Kolmar School, 10425 S. Kolmar, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

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

Members Absent: Adriana Sebek and Brian Nichols

Administrators Present: Dr. Enderle, Dr. Gavin, Dr. Macchia, Mrs. Blissett, Dr. Spreitzer and Mr. Cassidy.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mrs. Misner read the Mission Statement.

Public Comment Vice President Misner 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: ELA Curriculum Update  
The district is in the process of piloting two ELA curricula. The Wit and Wisdom pilot is coming to an end. The CKLA pilot will be starting at the end of the month. Dr. Spreitzer updated the Board on the progress of the pilots. The participating teachers were given a survey of the Wit and Wisdom curriculum. It was agreed that Wit and Wisdom is a rigorous curriculum with strengths in the writing piece. Weaknesses noted are that the modules are lengthy and there is no strong support for EL students. It was confirmed that the CKLA modules are not as lengthy. The CKLA pilot will run through April and a recommendation for curriculum adoption will be presented to the Board by May.

Discussion II: Media Center Renovation Bids  
Mr. Cassidy discussed the bid opening for the media center renovations which took place earlier in the day. Bids were broken down by school as well as broken down in packages of carpentry and general construction; flooring; acoustical ceilings; painting; plumbing; mechanical; electrical; low voltage; and furniture. The purpose of the breakdowns was to allow for more competition and better pricing. The average bid for the media center renovation was slightly less than what was budgeted, however the average alternate bid (for the Hannum entryway) was higher than the budgeted amount.

JMA will be the project manager. JMA is reviewing all bids and will be contacting some contractors to negotiate pricing. JMA will have a recommendation by the January business meeting. It was confirmed that the project manager fee will be a percentage of the total cost of the project.

It was noted that there was only one furniture bidder. It was confirmed that furniture was an issue with the last renovation and by going to bid, this will hopefully alleviate some of the issues seen before.

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Mr. Cassidy stated that the district has the option to put the Hannum entryway project out to rebid with the hopes that this project may get more competitive pricing.

Discussion III:

New Board of Education Orientation Process

Dr. Enderle stated that six community members have filed to run for the Board of Education. Dr. Enderle shared the orientation timeline for potential new Board members. The League of Women's Voters will conduct a Meet the Candidates Forum on March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School. The PTA Council will be hosting the forum. The forum will be livestreamed as well.

Dr. Enderle will be contacting the candidates and sending each a copy of The Art of School Boarding by Jim Burgett. The election will be held on April 4, 2023.

Due to the required number of days between the election and the reorganization meeting, it is recommended that the Board amend the April meeting from April 24<sup>th</sup> to April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Board Comments:

There were no comments at this time.

Adjourned – 8:03 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 23, 2023 at the Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99<sup>th</sup> Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

  
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