

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING, JANUARY 9, 2024

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:04 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at Kolmar School, 10425 S. Kolmar Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.

Members Present: Carly Bishop, Peter DeRousse, Adriana Sebek, Jennifer Fortier, Jay Lurquin and Brian Nichols.

Members Absent: Ed Smykowski

Administrators Present: Dr. Enderle

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: Early Learning Center Programming [3A]
Christine Fuller, Supervisor of Early Learning Programs, and Erica Parus, Instructional Coach/Parent Educator, gave an update on programming for the Early Learning Center. Mrs. Fuller provided the Board with a copy of ISBE's Preschool For All/Preschool For All Expansion Implementation Manual. This provides all of the standards for preschool programs and is used as a guide for all planning in the Early Learning program.

Preschool for All funds 168 of the 226 students currently served in district 123. In 2024/2025, D123 plans to service 240 preschool students. In 2024/2025, it is planned to have 10 classrooms in the Early Learning Center: 2 full day, 5 PFA (Preschool For All), and 3 TBE (Transitional Bilingual Education). The TBE classes are planned to have 2 TBE Spanish classes and 1 TBE Arabic class. When submitting for the 2024/2025 Preschool For All grant, Mrs. Fuller plans to request 60 additional PFA, 15 PFA-E (Preschool For All Extended), and Prevention Initiative.

Mrs. Fuller and Ms. Parus reviewed the staffing plan for the ELC.

Ms. Parus discussed the Family Resource Center. This area will be used to facilitate activities that promote parent-professional partnerships and interagency collaboration, including information and referral, community outreach and public awareness, and training for all Oak Lawn families seeking more information or in-person support.

Discussion II: Capital Projects Update [3C] [3D]
Mr. Cassidy updated the Board on the progress of the Early Learning Center. Front office space has been demoed, along with classrooms and bathrooms. Asbestos work is currently being done. Warehouse work is progressing faster than originally planned which will allow mason work to begin earlier than planned. Ground has been broken for the FRC and construction fencing will be installed this week.

Mr. Cassidy presented the Sward School Media Center Roof and Tuckpointing project. The Sward Media Center was an addition to the original school at some point. It was determined that the roofline on this addition is too close to the gymnasium windowsill and is causing water issues. The addition was added to an exterior wall and has covered weep lines on that wall. Also, the windows for the Media Center do not have any weep lines. The tuckpointing issues are primarily by the windows. The district submitted an insurance claim for this, but it was denied. The insurance company offered to do some minor repair work, but it was determined that this would not solve the problems. JMA provided three options for the Board to consider. Option 1 would cost \$141,700; option 2 would cost \$202,870; and option 3 would cost \$175,825. It was confirmed that a portion of the tuckpointing would be covered by the maintenance grant. Administration will be asking the Board to go to bid for this project at the January business meeting.

Discussion III:

School Safety – Exterior Access Control

Mr. Stellern, Technology Service Manager, gave an update on school safety projects. About two years ago, the district started the security camera project, which took about one year to complete. The district just completed a project to secure library spaces but still make them accessible to staff.

18 exterior doors/12 interior doors have been added. Open/Close sensors have been added to 67 exterior doors throughout the district and notifications will be sent if doors are left open.

3 interior security cameras have been added to the OLHMS gymnasium. It was confirmed that all schools have cameras in the hallways. OLHMS is the only school with cameras in the gymnasium due to all of the activity in that space.

Discussion IV:

Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Macchia gave an update on strategic planning. The Board heard presentations from six consultants regarding the strategic planning process. After reviewing the information from the six consultants, the Board narrowed it down to three consultants to discuss further. The Board provided administration with some questions for the three consultants, JMP Consulting; Hazard, Young, Attea and Associates; and Catalyst for Educational Change (CEC).

Dr. Macchia reviewed the responses to the Board's questions and provided the Board with proposals from each of the remaining consultants. All three consultants will customize their approach/methods. All three consultants recommended an August start to the process over a spring start.

The Board will target a decision on the consultant for the January business meeting. No action will take place at this time. The Board will vote upon receiving a contract from the selected consultant.

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Board Comments:

Mrs. Bishop stated that Sward Drama Club will be presenting "The Case of the Missing Socks" at 6:00 p.m. on January 25th and invited all to attend.

Mr. Lurquin gave compliments to Leo and the buildings and maintenance team for all of their hard work over winter break.

Adjourned -8:48 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on January 22, 2024 at the Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.



President



Secretary