

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 20, 2020

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 20, 2020 as a virtual meeting at 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. Loftin, Dr. Gavin, Mr. Cassidy, Mrs. Riha, Ms. Goetz and Dr. Macchia

Also Present: Community members, parents and staff

It was moved by Mr. DeRousse seconded by Mrs. Fortier to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of discussing: the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1); Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by section 2.06. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21). Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9); evidence or testimony presented in open hearing, or in closed hearing where specifically authorized by law, to a quasi-adjudicative body, as defined in the Open Meetings Act, provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5).

Closed session discussions were completed at 6:46 p.m. and it was unanimously agreed to return to open session.

Open Session The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President and upon the roll call, Brian Nichols, the President and the following members were physically present at said location: Peter DeRousse, Julie Misner, Jennifer Fortier, Jackie Lichter, Jay Lurquin, Theresa Roche and Brian Nichols.

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

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.

No comments were recorded at this time.

Discussion I: Policy 2:270  
Dr. Enderle presented policy 2:270, Board of Education Meeting Procedure and Public Participation During a Pandemic. This policy language was drafted by the attorney regarding procedures and protocols to be used during a pandemic. This does not make changes to typical or historical board meetings.

Action I: It was moved by Mrs. Misner, seconded by Mr. DeRousse to approve Board Policy 2:270. Voting aye: Mrs. Misner, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Fortier,

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Mrs. Lichter, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion passed.

### Public Hearing

President Nichols opened the Public Hearing on the Resolution Declaring the Intention to Issue Working Cash Fund Bonds for the Purpose of Increasing the Working Cash Fund of the District. The following Board members were present at roll call: Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Public comment was opened but no one stepped forward. It was moved by Mrs. Misner, seconded by Mr. Lurquin to close the public hearing. Voting aye: Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Lichter, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None.

### President's Report

President Nichols thanked the staff and administration for all their efforts during this trying time.

### Superintendent's Report

- A. Superintendent Enderle's report included
- Thank you to the staff and administration for all their hard work as well as the community.
  - A review of the FOIA requests.
  - Over 35,000 Grab and Go meals have been handed out.
  - Over 85% of students have been engaged in virtual learning.
  - Dr. Enderle reviewed the decisions that need to be made since the Governor's decision to keep school buildings closed. Discussions revolve around refunds for tuition based preschool, fees, etc., closing out classrooms and offices, getting supplies and belongings to students, alternate plans to 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation, summer school, indoor/ outdoor cleaning schedules, collection of chromebooks, preparation for next school year, and more.
- B. Business Office – Mike Loftin
- Dr. Loftin and his team submitted for the Meritorious Budget Award again this year.
- C. Curriculum & Family Engagement – Kathy Gavin
- Dr. Gavin will be presenting the first reading of a middle school science curriculum adoption of STEMscopes.
- D. Operations – Leo Cassidy
- E. Technology – Joe Macchia
- F. Student Services – Cynthia Riha

### Consent Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Fortier, seconded by Mr. DeRousse, to approve/adopt the Consent Agenda that included the following items:

#### MINUTES

Minutes of March 16, 2020 and April 7, 2020.  
Closed Minutes of March 16, 2020.

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Destruction of the following closed session audio recordings, as per P.A. 93-523: June 25, 2018 and June 26, 2020.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Bill List Report

	April 20, 2020
\$1,825,600.45	Education Fund Payroll, Mar 27 <sup>th</sup> and April 10 <sup>th</sup>
\$ 177,372.50	Teacher Pension Fund Bills, Mar 27 <sup>th</sup> and April 10 <sup>th</sup>
\$ 334,689.82	Education Fund Bills
<b>\$2,337,662.77</b>	<b>Total Education Fund Expenditures</b>
\$ 85,726.17	Operations & Maintenance Fund Payroll, Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup> and April 10 <sup>th</sup>
\$ 118,749.20	Operations & Maintenance Fund Bills
<b>\$ 204,475.37</b>	<b>Total Operations &amp; Maintenance Fund Expenditures</b>
\$ 425.44	Transportation Fund Payroll, Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup> and April 10 <sup>th</sup>
\$ 306,157.57	Transportation Fund Bills
<b>\$ 306,583.01</b>	<b>Transportation Fund</b>
\$ 86,657.70	FICA / Medicare & IMRF Fund Bills, Mar. 27 <sup>th</sup> and April 10 <sup>th</sup>
\$	Construction Fund
\$ 5,554.55	Debt Services
\$	Tort & Judgement Fund
\$	Municipal Retirement Fund
<b>\$2,940,933.40</b>	<b>TOTAL ALL EXPENDITURES</b>

Summary of and Board Approved Payables by Fund

**ACCEPTANCE OF FINANCIAL REPORTS**

Imprest Fund-Category Summary Report  
Fund Balances  
Revenue Recap Summary  
Expense Recap Summary  
Aggregate Financial Report

**PERSONNEL**

Dismissal and Non-Renewal of Employment of Paraprofessional.  
Retirement

- Patrick Adams – Teacher, OLHMS, effective 6/2024
- Rose Brutus – Night Custodian, Covington, effective 6/2020
- Mary Ann Dunican – Technology, OLHMS, effective 6/2024
- Erin Mahoney – Teacher, OLHMS, effective 6/2024
- Noreen Williams – Teacher, OLHMS, effective 6/2024

Reclassification

Kathryn Ringhofer – ELA 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher for the 2020-2021 school year effective 8/17/20. Reclassified from Spanish Teacher.

Additional Work Request

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Voting aye: Mrs. Fortier, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nay: None Absent: None. The motion passed.

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- Discussion II: 2019-2020 Transportation Contract Amendments  
Dr. Loftin reviewed the transportation contract amendments which are due to the school closures because of Covid-19. Dr. Loftin reviewed plans with neighboring districts and all are in agreement to paying 80%. It was clarified that Richlee retained their staff but First Student laid off their staff. Due to the layoffs First Student is requesting 40% so the agreement provided to the Board for First Student is void. It was clarified that the agreement for Richlee has a clause regarding the changes to the agreement should Richlee reduce their staff. Both agreements are under one action item. Due to the change in staffing at First Student, it was agreed to have two action items for this discussion.
- Action II: It was moved by Mr. Lurquin, seconded by Mrs. Lichter, to approve the 2019-2020 Transportation Contract Amendment with Richlee. Voting aye: Mr. Lurquin, Mrs. Lichter, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Misner, Mrs. Fortier, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
- Action III: It was moved by Mrs. Fortier, seconded by Mr. Lurquin, to approve the 2019-2020 Transportation Contract Amendment with First Student as modified. Voting aye: Mrs. Fortier, Mr. Lurquin, Mrs. Misner, Mrs. Lichter, Mr. DeRousse, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
- Discussion III: Lease of Computer Equipment  
Dr. Macchia stated that this is an extension of the presentation in March. Some pricing was reduced since the first presentation with approximately an \$8 per student decrease. The total cost would be spread over four payments.
- Action IV: It was moved by Mrs. Lichter, seconded by Mrs. Fortier, to approve a resolution authorizing the lease of computer equipment. Voting aye: Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Fortier, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.
- Discussion IV: Capital Projects Update  
Mr. Cassidy and JMA architect Jim Macieski reviewed the updates on the current capital projects.
- The Surge Suppression project began today.
  - Mr. Cassidy and Mr. Macieski reviewed the parking lot option 1.1. It was confirmed that the baseball field is not in use and does not meet regulation standards. It was requested that a "bare bones" version of 1.1 be presented with a cost breakdown.
  - The bids for the Hannum Tuckpoint project were presented and reviewed. It was stated that Union Contracting was the recommended bid.
  - Mr. Cassidy reviewed the HVAC updates for the district.
- Action V: It was moved by Mrs. Misner, seconded by Mr. Lurquin, to approve Union Contracting Inc. to perform the tuckpointing project. Voting aye: Mrs. Misner, Mr. Lurquin, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Fortier, Mrs. Lichter, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

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Discussion V: Board Meeting Calendar Dates 2020-2021  
Dr. Enderle reviewed the proposed Board Meeting calendar dates for the 2020-2021 year. It was noted that the Committee of the Whole meetings will take place in the different school buildings.

Action VI: It was moved by Mr. Lurquin, seconded by Mrs. Fortier, to approve the Board Meeting Calendar Dates 2020-2021. Voting aye: Mr. Lurquin, Mrs. Fortier, Mr. DeRousse, Mrs. Lichter, Mrs. Misner, Ms. Roche and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: None. The motion carried.

Future Meeting Previews Business Meeting – May 26, 2020 @ Hometown School

- Serious Safety Hazards 2020-2021
- Regular Education Transportation Contract
- Title I District Plan
- Lunch Provider Contract
- 2020-2021 Family Handbook

\*These items are not to be intended as all inclusive

Board Comments:

Mrs. Misner expressed her gratitude to the staff and administration and hopes everyone stays well.

Adjourned – 9:12 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on May 26, 2020 at Hometown Elementary School, 8870 S. Duffy, Hometown, Illinois.

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