

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

The meeting of the Board of Education, School District 123, Cook County, Illinois, convened at 7:02 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at Hannum School, 9800 S. Tripp, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Members Present: Jennifer Fortier, Julie Misner, Adriana Sebek, Jay Lurquin and Brian Nichols.

Members Absent: Peter DeRousse and Jackie Lichter

Administrators Present: Dr. Enderle, Dr. Loftin, Dr. Gavin, Dr. Macchia, Mrs. Riha, Mrs. Goetz, Dr. Spreitzer, Mr. Cassidy and Mrs. McIntyre

Also Present: Community and district residents

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 public comments at this time nor were there any comments posted online.

Discussion I: Arbor Covid-19 Contract Amendment
Dr. Loftin stated that last month the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided new procedures for school districts who work with a meal service provider, like Arbor Management. As a result of this guidance, the ISBE has requested an amendment to D123's contract to stay in compliance with the USDE. The amendments formalize the new, higher rates driven by the increase in Illinois minimum wage rates. ISBE now requires that all wage costs driven by the Illinois minimum wage increases be built into the contract meal rate and not billed separately as an itemized supplemental invoice as was done in the prior school years. It was confirmed that there is no increase in cost with this amendment.

Action I: It was moved by Mrs. Fortier, seconded by Mr. Lurquin, to approve the Arbor Covid-19 contract amendment. Voting aye: Mrs. Fortier, Mr. Lurquin, Mrs. Misner, Mrs. Sebek and Mr. Nichols. Nays: None. Absent: Mr. DeRousse and Mrs. Lichter. The motion passed.

Discussion II: 2021 Summer Program
Mrs. Sarah McIntyre, principal/ coordinator, reported on the 2021 summer program. The summer program included ESY, EL, Launch programs, Discovery programs and at home with Power Pods. There was a total of 39 classrooms with 31 in person and 8 virtual. Classes were no bigger than 20 students per class. The total number of students was slightly less than two years ago with the price remaining the same as in 2019. Mrs. McIntyre reviewed the costs and revenue from the program. Revenue included monies from the Esser Grant. Dr. Enderle commended Mrs. McIntyre and the summer program staff for a wonderful job and the completion of another successful program.

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Discussion III: Social Studies Curricular Adoption Presentation
Dr. Gavin presented the social studies curricular adoption process. Based on the curriculum renewal cycle and the new social studies standards and curricular mandates, it was time to move forward in the adopting a new social studies curriculum. The curriculum committee reviewed the new standards and the C3 framework. Dr. Gavin discussed the ISBE curricular mandates which need to be in place by 8th grade. It was confirmed that critical race theory is not part of our curriculum nor is it explicitly taught and it is not a state mandate. Dr. Gavin reviewed the two pilot programs, InquireEd and TCI Social Studies Alive. Both programs are on a digital platform. InquireEd will be piloted this Fall starting in October. TCI will be piloted after Winter Break. Dr. Gavin reviewed the pros and cons of each curricular program as seen initially by the curriculum committee. Dr. Gavin also discussed the costs of both curriculum programs. InquireEd is a newer program which was developed in 2017. At this point, they are only K-6. It was confirmed that the district could always implement InquireEd for grades K-5 and TCI for grades 6-8 if that is the best option.

Discussion IV: Capital Projects Update
Mr. Cassidy discussed the progress on the Districtwide HVAC Mechanical Upgrades project. The district hired an outside engineering firm to give an analysis of the HVAC system to confirm what may or may not need to be included in the scope of the project. Engineers provided an inventory of what the district has and an initial analysis of the HVAC equipment based on the equipment life cycle, not on actual inspection. After a second visit, the engineers reported that the building automation system (BAS) has all the applicable points required for the equipment and heating/chilled water plants as needed for maintaining and troubleshooting the system. Additionally, the updated report identified the number of JACE (Java Application Control Engine) units, which relay communications to univents and controllers, per building is not a performance issue. Reconfiguring each building's JACE systems would simply rework and add new/replacing equipment throughout the building. This is good news as replacing both of those systems would be extremely costly. The next step is for the engineering firm to do an on-site analysis of uninvent controls throughout the district. Engineers will see the controls functionality. Analysis of these systems will help to provide information on the replacement of aging Honeywell controls equipment. Mr. Cassidy will continue to keep the Board informed as the analysis progresses.

Board Comments:

It was noted that the Board will be reorganizing to vote in a Vice President at the business meeting on September 27, 2021.

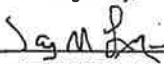
Dr. Enderle reminded the Board to save the date for the Equity as Imperative training which will take place on October 19, 2021 from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Dr. Enderle also reminded the Board of the IASB South Cook Division meeting which will take place on October 27, 2021.

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Adjourned – 8:33 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on September 27, 2021 at the Oak Lawn-Hometown Middle School, 5345 W. 99th Street, Oak Lawn, Illinois.

Secretary

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