



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT AND BOARD MEETING RECAP

**June 21, 2022**

### **School Board President's Report to the Board**

Board President Nadine Scodro welcomed everyone in attendance and asked board member Jennifer Jensen to recite one of the sections of the Oath of Office to affirm the board's commitment to faithfully discharge their duties.

### **Update on Upcoming Events**

- No Board Meeting in July
- August 24: First Day of School
- Sept 1: South Curriculum Night at 6:30 p.m. - 8p.m.
- Sept. 6: East Curriculum Night at 6:30 p.m. - 8p.m.
- Sept. 8: West Curriculum Night at 6:30 p.m. - 8p.m

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

Dr. Scarsella gave his report which included the news that the school calendar has been adjusted to include a non-attendance day on April 21. The last day of attendance will still be on June 9, 2023 and will be a full day of school for students. An up-to-date District calendar can be found on the District [website](#).

Dr. Scarsella congratulated the Class of 2022 and the District's recent retirees and wished them well in the future.

He noted that school lunch fees will return for the 2022-23 school year as federal funding for the program ends on June 30. A financial assistance form for the 2022-2023 school year for free or reduced lunch will be available on the District website beginning August 1, 2022.

Dr. Scarsella recognized Palos East 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher Caitie Sekema who recently received a grant from the Planet Bee Foundation.

He reviewed the scope of work being completed this summer on upgrades to Palos South's applied tech laboratory which will create a new future-ready learning environment with a new outside elevated learning space.

He reminded families to complete registration for the 2022-23 school year as soon as possible on the District website, [palos118.org](http://palos118.org).

He wished everyone a restful summer break that he hopes will include some summer reading too and reminded everyone that school begins again on August 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Dr. Scarsella along with Palos South 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Afaneh Samra and Brock Stein, Director of Communications, presented the final version of the District's Portrait of a Graduate to the board for approval. Following the presentation, the Board approved the final design of the Portrait of a Graduate.

The board also approved a resolution of intent to issue Working Cash bonds that will be used to address space constraints at Palos East and Palos West, and for needed upgrades for classroom spaces in all three school buildings.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Pizur reported on the business at the June 14 meeting of the Finance Committee where Mr. Veihman provided an update on summer capital improvement projects and discussed the financing of future capital improvements, including projects to address space constraints at both elementary schools.

Mr. Veihman also shared with the committee the FY23 work schedules for classified employees and noted two additional paid holidays for 12-month employees due to changes in state law.

He also provided bid results for diesel fuel and janitorial supplies for FY23.

Mr. Veihman reviewed the list of depositories of the district's funds for FY23 and the IDOT-approved hazardous routes for SY22-23.

Mr. Veihman recommended approval of a special education busing contract with Sunrise for the 2022-2023 school year and a one-year extension with Aramark for food service.

Mr. Veihman recommended the district set lunch prices for the 2022-2023 school year at \$3.05 for students and \$3.50 for adults. He reminded the committee that the federal program to provide free lunch to all students during the pandemic has ended. Students with free or reduced lunch designations will receive free/reduced lunches through the National School Lunch Program, but all other students will resume paying for lunches through their school lunch accounts.

Mr. Veihman reminded the committee that each year the Board must approve him to act as the school treasurer for the fiscal year.

## **EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Board Vice President Pam Paris delivered the report for the Palos 118 Educational Foundation who wished everyone in the Palos 118 community a healthy and safe summer and said that they were looking forward to the fall when we can again all participate in our annual fundraiser Laps for Literature which is set for September 9, 2022. More information about the event will be posted to the Palos 118 website along with a pledge form which can be returned to in August.

## **MUSIC PARENT ASSOCIATION**

Board Vice President Pam Paris delivered the report for the MPA (Music Parents Association). Band camps will take place August 1-5.

## **PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION**

Outgoing PFA President Christy Wright recognized the board members who have served for the past two years including Esther Grosse, Stacy Schuble, Geri Cechowski and Kate Galbincea as well as Katie Mendoza, Liza Ferro, and Ivona Gal who served on the PFA board 2020-2021.

Ms. Wright also welcomed the new board President Monica Rettker, Treasurer Andrea Urban, Secretary/ Communications Jennifer Bleskin, Board Chairs Deborah Sanchez, Katie Mendoza, Trina Prostka, and Melanie Roman.

She thanked friends, family, fellow board members, and the Palos 118 community for their support over the past two years and expressed her appreciation saying she was grateful for the experience. She reported that the new board has been making plans for next year and that they need volunteers to help make them successful either to make copies, or to plan an event, or to help with programs in the schools. She thanked the “amazing community because of what each of us brings to the table” and said she “can’t wait to see what the future brings” for the PFA.

Ms. Wright presented the Board with a check for \$22,000 which the District will use to purchase new smart boards for second grade classrooms.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The board approved a consent agenda which included:

- Approval to Keep Closed Session Minutes for preceding six-month period and to Destroy Audio Tapes of Closed Session Minutes up to April 2022

- Approval of Amended 2022-2023 School Calendar
- Approval of Diesel Fuel Bid Results FY23
- Approval of Bids for Janitorial Supplies
- Approval of FY23 Depositories and Participation in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund
- Approval of IDOT School Safety Busing Program FY 22-23
- Approval of Special Education Busing Contract
- Approval of School Treasurer
- Approval of 2022-2023 School Lunch Prices
- Approval of Personnel Report A-Certified Staff-Employment
- Approval of Personnel Report B- Classified Staff-Employment
- Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings- Regular Meeting of May 17, 2022, and Special Meeting of June 14, 2022
- Authorize Payrolls, Payment of Bills Payable and Aggregate Total: \$4,140,567.03.