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#### [January 10, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

### **Approval of Agenda**

The Board voted to approve the January 10 agenda as presented.

### **Board Reports**

#### *President*

Board President Ken Fishbain welcomed all back from break and wished everyone a great second semester. He shared that over the past 24 hours, the Illinois House and Senate reached consensus on landmark legislation banning the sale, manufacture and delivery of assault weapons and that Governor Pritzker said he would sign the bill immediately. Mr. Fishbain thanked Rep. Bob Morgan, the sponsor of the bill, and Highland Park Mayor Nancy Rotering for her testimony, noting that he had also sent written testimony on behalf of District 113. He closed by saying the legislation is a very important step to support all the work the District does with families, students, staff and the community.

### **Administration Information Reports**

#### *Superintendent*

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law began his comments by welcoming everyone back from break and noting that second semester had begun the day prior and how quickly the time passes in second semester compared to first semester. He then said he would provide highlights from first semester later in the meeting.

#### *Adult Education Overview*

Director of Adult Education Reni Mitkova shared an overview of the Adult Education Program at District 113, one of only three adult education programs within Lake County. She said that the program is fully funded by grants and that District 113 is required to provide a 25 percent in-kind match, which is met by providing facilities, security and technology support. Ms. Mitkova shared that in the 2022 school year, the program served adults originally from 46 different countries and 60 percent of all students reside within District boundaries. The program focuses on learning English, preparing for the GED, preparing for the citizenship test, and improving job

development skills for English language learners, low income, unemployed and underemployed individuals from all different educational backgrounds. In the overview, Ms. Mitkova highlighted information about the courses the program is required to offer, data, and courses and services the program would like to offer and the priorities for the next five years. Those priorities include growing enrollment, integrating an independent learning component, adding digital literacy to courses, and making all offerings and services available virtually.

### [First Semester Highlights](#)

Dr. Law displayed the digital newsletter prepared by the Communications Department highlighting student and staff accomplishments from first semester, noting that it contained many items and a lot of good news. View the newsletter by clicking on the First Semester Highlights link above.

### [A Passion for Excellence Video Series: Pablo Alvarez](#)

The fourth installment of the video series, "A Passion for Excellence," focuses on HPHS Counselor Pablo Alvarez. The series highlights teachers and staff telling their stories as educators, which tell the story of the passion for excellence in District 113 that drives the passion for students' potential. Future installments will come to the Board on a monthly basis throughout the school year.

### *FOIA*

Dr. Law reported the FOIA requests received since the last meeting and their disposition. The report is posted in BoardDocs online.

## **School Reports**

### *Student Liaison Reports*

Deerfield High School student board liaison Keshav Shah and Highland Park High School student board liaison Evelyn Gehrig provided some highlights from the previous month to the Board.

## **Discussion**

### *Annual Renewal of the Agreements Regarding the Receipt of Developer Subdivision Contributions and Indemnification*

The Board discussed the annual renewal of agreements with Lake County regarding developer fees. The agreements support the District in collecting impact fees with the assistance of the Lake County Assessor's office from any unincorporated area in the District should it be developed. The item will come back for a vote at the January 24 meeting.

### *Consideration of Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Deerfield and School District 109 regarding Deerfield Downton/Village Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District*

The Board discussed an intergovernmental agreement with Deerfield Public Schools District 109 and the Village of Deerfield for a tax increment financing district in the Deerfield Downton/Village Center. The item will come back for a vote at the January 24 meeting.

## **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved [the consent agenda](#) as amended. The consent agenda includes personnel, stipends, and board bills.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

## **Upcoming Meetings-**

January 17, 2023

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting

5:00 p.m.

Administration Building

January 17, 2023

Facilities Committee Meeting

6:15 p.m.

Administration Building

January 24, 2023

Regular Action Meeting

6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session

Administration Building