



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
March 16, 2023, Board Briefs

Rita Balgeman, Board President
Felicia Gills, Board Vice President
Tom Doyle, Board Secretary
Phebe Balzer, Board Member

Chad McLean, Board Member
Morgan Banasiak, Board Member
Sandra Garcia, Board Member

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at Leman Middle School on Thursday,
March 16, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

Rita Balgeman, Phebe Balzer, Chad McLean, Sandra Garcia, Felicia Gills, and Morgan Banasiak were present. Tom Doyle was absent.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Board voted to approve Sandra Garcia as Pro-tem secretary in the absence of Tom Doyle.
IV.- Phebe Balzer will share her agreements in the absence of Tom Doyle.
V.B. Leman Showcase will be moved to April 6, 2023, board meeting.
V.C. Strategic Plan Monitoring Winter Update will be moved to XIII Information Item.
XVI. Close session, Reason 3 will be moved to the March 23, 2023 meeting.

Shared Agreements:

1. *Make decisions according to what is best for ALL District 33 students.*
2. *Respect staff and other board members and their opinions.*
3. *Be willing to see things from the eyes of seven (7) people, not just one (1).*
4. *Allow everyone to complete their thoughts.*
5. *Commit to shared leadership.*
6. *Respect confidentiality.*
7. *Adhere to our belief in our students' full potential and successful future.*

Strategic Plan Goals

Goal #1 – Student Growth and Achievement

Goal #2 – Learning Culture of Equity, Engagement & Agency

Goal #3 – Professional Culture of Teamwork & Continuous Improvement

Goal #4 – Family Engagement & Community Partnerships

Goal #5 - Effective and Innovative Use of Resources

Shared Agreements Reflection

At the July 18, 2013, meeting, the Board of Education finalized their “shared agreements” and agreed to begin each regular board meeting by reflecting on one agreement. The Board revised the shared agreements on November 6, 2014. The purpose of the shared agreement is to help maintain a positive environment in which to conduct board work. Board Treasurer Phebe Balzer shared her agreement. “As I reflected on our shared agreements this time, I had an

overwhelming feeling of gratitude. It has been such a privilege to work with a group of people who have been committed to adhering to all our shared agreements. There isn't a single one that I feel we struggled with. My experience has always been amicable and positive, even in times of challenge. Not all school board members can claim that. We have worked together as a team with the same goal, that of providing the best that we could for our students. Sharing leadership has meant that we each offer our best in terms of perspective, gifts, and skills. We have done so with respect and sensitivity by keeping our focus on our goal. So, again, I express heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of serving alongside you."

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Recognition

D33 Pride Awards - Gina Steinbrecher, Coordinator of Community Relations and Communications, shared the recipients of the D33 Pride awards for the second trimester. The classified staff winner was Sonia Mendez, Executive Secretary of the Department of Partnerships. The Certified staff was Tammy Charvat, Psychologist at ELC. Audrey E. from Gary School was the student winner. Students in the 4th Grade Reading Enrichment Class (Logan A., Samantha C., Candy C., Ariana E., Leonardo V., Sienna S., Gimena E., Adelaide Z., Rosemary R., Charly L., and Jesus R.) also received the student group award. They were presented with a plaque and were honored in front of the Board of Education.

Leman Middle School Superintendent for the Day

8th grade student Mateo G.P., 7th grade student Savannah M., and 6th grade student Dilan G.C. presented their experiences as Superintendent for the Day to the Board of Education. The students who were chosen to be the Superintendent for the Day took their job of collecting reading power goals data very seriously, as well as asking students about IXL and uniforms in school. They shared their data with the classroom teachers and the building administration.

Showcase

The Leman Middle School Showcase was moved to the April 6, 2023, board meeting.

Presentation

Audit 2023

John Haffner, Executive Director of Business and Operations, presented the audit information to the Board. Mr. Andy Mace from Wipfli presented the annual audit for the year ending June 30, 2022. The Board of Education will review the audit, which will be submitted for Board approval at the April 6, 2023, board meeting.

Leman Middle School High School Ready - Maggie Lay, Principal at Leman Middle School, presented, along with the Assistant Principals, Anthony Hugelier, Hannah Christie, and Matthew Mordini, the High School Ready Program Updates. Changes in assessment and rigor, enrichment, dual programming, and special education are being made to align the coursework and instructional practices with preparing students for success at the high school level. The Leman team is also working on summer curriculum work and social/emotional support. The Board of Education will vote on changes at the April 6, 2023, board meeting.

Board Salutes -

The Board Salutes will be a standing item on the agenda starting with the February 3, 2022, board meeting. The Board of Education would like to recognize individuals of the District 33

community - which includes all staff members, students, bus drivers, parents/guardians, and guardians - for actions that build a positive culture and climate in District 33. This “shout-out” will become part of the official Board minutes under Board Salutes on the bi-weekly agendas.

Salute to: Jose Correa, Paraeducator, Indian Knoll Submitted by: Amanda Fratinardo, Kindergarten Teacher, Indian Knoll “Jose is a 1:1 aide in my classroom. He continues to go above and beyond his duties of working with his assigned student. All of my students (and many outside of our kindergarten classroom) look up to Jose and trust him as a confident and caring teacher. I have to add that Jose is a relatively recent high school graduate and exudes a maturity far beyond his years. When I get involved with a student, he assists in classroom management. When his 1:1 student is with a special services teacher, Jose moves around the classroom and provides support to the rest of the students. I know I am certainly not the only staff member at IK who appreciates and commends Jose's awesome attitude and relationship with the students. I know he will be a phenomenal teacher, as he already is!”

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

No E.T.A.W.C. statement at this time.

Public Comment

Marilyn Zable addressed the Board of Education regarding the proposed change to the dual language program at LMS.

Kimberly Kasza addressed the Board of Education regarding bullying at Leman.

Superintendent News -

Leman Middle School Superintendent News

The Superintendent News is to update the board and community on some of the many programs and activities occurring in the schools and the departments determined to help us accomplish the goals of the District Strategic Plan.

Goal #1: Student Growth and Achievement

This year, 7th-grade math teachers began piloting the IXL personalized learning platform in place of Freckle. Our teachers and students have been highly engaged in this new platform, and our 7th-grade math team had one of the highest growth rates in the district on their winter MAP test. Based on this success, we expanded the pilot to 6th and 8th-grade teachers. Teachers in the pilot continue to grow in their knowledge of the program, and students enjoy the change in platform from Freckle. We will continue to monitor our math growth data to determine if this has been a successful pilot, but thus far, we are very pleased.

Goal #2: Learning Culture of Equity, Engagement & Agency

Unified Sports Basketball has been an exciting addition to our athletic offerings for this year! This activity provides an opportunity for our students with disabilities to compete athletically alongside typical peers to encourage friendship and understanding. Our first home game was on Wednesday, March 8th, and we packed the house with students, staff, families, and community members. Unified Sports has truly unified our community!

Goal #4: Family Engagement and Community Partnerships

Collaboration with the high school continues to develop this year.

- In January, I attended the 8th Grade Open House and learned more about the athletics and activities available to our students.

- Last week, we sent twenty 8th graders to the WCCHS Leadership Summit to learn more about the leadership opportunities that they will have at the high school. Students were selected by their sports or activity sponsors.
- We also collaborated with the high school, District 25, District 34, and the DuPage County Health Department to present an informational session about the dangers of vaping to all of our families.

This year's Spring Musical, *Beauty and the Beast*, will be presented on April 21st at 7 PM and April 22 at 3 PM and 6 PM. This is a family-friendly performance, and we hope you will join us for one of our shows!

Thanks to Fred Cadena and his Buildings and Grounds team, we are excited to share that our LMS soccer team will host our home games in the Lemman Middle School backfield. We have long hoped to bring our Chargers "home" for their games and look forward to cheering the team on in our backyard.

Consent Agenda

The Board of Education conducted the following business on a consent agenda as follows:

- Approved the Board meeting minutes of February 16, 2023, and March 2, 2023;
- Approved the list of bills dated February 16, 2023, through March 15, 2023, in the amount of \$1,769,807.19;
- Approved payrolls of February 15, 2023, in the amount of \$1,980,873.54, and February 28, 2023, for \$1,925,163.92;
- Approved imprest account from February 9, 2023, to March 8, 2023, in the amount of \$1,020.00;
- Approved the disposition of the audio tape of the Board of Education's regular closed session dated August 19, 2021, and September 2, 2021. Meetings that are at least 18 months old, and meet the State criteria, are disposed of;
- Approved the personnel report:

0 Administration:

0 Certified:

3 Classified: Cori Rauch, Paraprofessional at Indian Knoll, effective March 8, 2023; Phillip Taggart, Custodian at ESC, effective March 12, 2023; Miriam Garcia Munoz, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective March 17, 2023;

0 Position Change:

0 Transfers:

19 Resignation: Ana Diaz, Social Worker at LMS, effective End of 2022-2023 school year; Lisa Duetzel, Enriched Social Studies teacher at LMS, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Rachele Gleason, Enriched Science Teacher at LMS, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Paige Valente, General Education Teacher at Wegner, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Jose Torres, K-2 Interventionist at Gary, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Griselda Sanches, Dual Language Arts Teacher at LMS, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Gloria Gallegos, Dual Language Arts Teacher at LMS, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Jennifer Ross, Dean of Students at LMS, effective June 28, 2023; Carlos Vazquez, Dual Language Teacher at Indian Knoll, effective March 1, 2023; Xenia Delgado, Assistant Principal at Currier, effective June 30, 2023; Nidia Gonzalez Torres, Math Teacher at LMS, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Colin McCarthy, LBS1 at LMS, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Morgan Christerson, K-2 Interventionist at Currier, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Aranza Sparks, K-2 Interventionist at Turner, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Megan Thiesfeld, ESL/Newcomer Teacher at LMS, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Betty Goldsmith, Health Teacher at LMS, effective end of 2022-2023 school year; Lesly Romero, LBS1 Self Contained Teacher at Indian Knoll, effective end of 2022-2023 school year;

0 Retirement:

1 Leave: Blaine Graham, Preschool Teacher at Winfield, effective end of 2022-2023 school year.

Financial Reports

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of February 28, 2023, along with the financial charts;
- The Board of Education received a financial report from John Haffner, Executive Director of Business and Operations, stating that since the last meeting, the District received \$1,188,210.00 payment for Evidence-Based Funding and \$424,000 for Early Childhood block grant;
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of February 28, 2023.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No follow-up at this time.
- *Agency Contract-Nursing*- The Board voted to approve the contract with Sunbelt for one nurse position that is still open.
- *Air Conditioning Asbestos Abatement*- The Board voted to approve the air conditioning asbestos abatement and will contract with the lowest bidders, Midway Contracting Group, for the interior and Husar Abatement, Ltd, for the exterior.
- *Base Education Contract* - The Board voted to approve the Base Education contract.
- *RIF/Non-renewal/Dismissal of Certified/Administrative Staff* - The Board voted to approve the RIF/non-renewal/dismissal of certified/administrative staff.

Action Items

- *Staffing Needs for 2023-24* - The Board voted to approve the staffing needs for the 2023-24 school year.

Information Items

The Board of Education received/reviewed/discussed the following informational items:

- Board Policy 6.65update
- Strategic Plan Monitoring Winter Update.
- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- Short term maternity leave report was shared;
- Student Chronic Absentee Report from February 9, 2023 to March 8, 2023, which showed the percentage of students chronically absent district-wide to be at 27.4%;
- Student Suspension Report for February 2023, indicating 12 out of school suspensions, 14 in-school suspensions, and 0 Bus suspensions;
- Truancy Referral Report of February 2023 indicating 1 new student referred to the ROE, and 22 students continue to be listed on the ROE truancy referral report;
- The Board of Education received the Freedom of Information Act Report noting there were 4 new requests since the last board meeting;
- Out of District placement of Students with Disabilities report stating that 23 special education students and 5 general education students have been placed out of district as of March 16, 2023;
- The Board of Education was provided with the School newsletters from the buildings;
- Board would like to discuss the Strategic plan monitoring at a future meeting.

- Rita Balgeman and Phebe Balzer attended the unified basketball game.
- No parking lot at this time.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- No open comments at this time.
- Committee Updates: Board members were provided with the committee update slideshow.

Upcoming Meetings/Events

The Board of Education members reviewed upcoming meetings and events.

Adjournment

The above review of action taken by the Board of Education at their regular meeting is provided in an attempt to keep you informed. If you have any questions regarding any of the information provided or wish to discuss any of the items, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent of Schools

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