



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
December 15, 2022, 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, December 15, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Addition to V: B 2 Indian Knoll Superintendent for the Day.

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 statement: I would like to take this opportunity to thank each board member here for adhering to all the shared agreements. My gratitude also extends to Kristina and the whole admin team for also adhering to the shared agreements and to the goals we set. It is so satisfying to work together as a team towards a common goal, namely the best interest of our students. We have worked hard at creating a culture of teamwork and to change the mentality of “us vs. them”. This is expressed in our shared agreements but is also expressed in how we

work alongside the administration team, staff, and community members. I believe our schools are the heartbeat of our community. Setting this tone impacts us here at this table but also impacts our whole community. So, again, thank you all.

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 third trimester. The classified staff winner was Angie Porcayo, a Student Supervisor at Lemay Middle School. Marilyn Zable, Teacher at Gary School, was the certified staff winner. Aubrey Cambell, 2nd-grade student at Currier School was the student winner. They were presented with a plaque and were honored in front of the Board of Education.

Showcase – Indian Knoll Showcase

Brenda Silvia, Lead Technology Teacher, and Kevin Bicek, K-2 Interventionist, presented to the board the Bee-Bots and Arc. Bee-Bots supports classroom teachers with conferencing and reinforcing lessons. Robots are designed for young learners, and help with problem-solving, estimation, and sequencing.

Superintendent for the Day - Indian Knoll Superintendent for the day

Indian Knoll 4th grade students Melanie P. and Emiliano R., were chosen to be the Superintendent for the day. The students worked on compiling data regarding power goals and 100-minute freckle. They learned why it is important to collect data and learned how important it is to keep everyone safe and to have fun in school while learning.

Presentation –

Principal's Advisory Committee - Lemay Middle School

6th grade Marcus, 7th grade Valerie, Lauren, and Elmer presented to the board the Principal Advisory Committee. They shared information about their committee, the likes of LMS, things they need help to improve, projects, and goals.

Literacy Squared Presentation

Director of Multilingual Learners Rubi Ortiz, along with Krisann Castro, Instructional Coach at Currier school, presented to the Board the Dictado. On November 17th and 18th, Gary and Currier hosted a presentation on Dictado 11 visiting Districts along with Dr. Kathy Escamilla and Manuel Escamilla.

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: Sarah Norton, District Office, Coordinator of Partnerships

Submitted by: Kathy Grogan, Pioneer School, Interim Principal

“Sarah deserves a salute for being amazing at her job! Sarah goes above and beyond for our students in need. She cares about our students and will put aside whatever she's doing no matter what time it is to help out. She will put in whatever time it takes to ensure these children have what they need. Many times these hours are way beyond your normal work hours. An example of this, just recently, a mistake was made, and a couple of students didn't have a ride home after an afterschool program. The students had been waiting for over an hour. When Sarah found out, she went to the school, ordered an Uber, and drove with the students to where they were staying

over 30 minutes away! She wanted to make sure they were safe and wouldn't let them go alone. This is just one example of the many things that Sarah has done. District 33 is very lucky to have someone like her!"

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

We began this year with a District Administrator Spotlight. Tonight we are here to honor two administrators.

The Director of Instructional Technology and Innovation, Mrs. Lea DeLuca. Mrs. DeLuca has served our district in many roles and has established herself as a learner alongside her staff. They are working collaboratively to structure the department and implement changes aligned to the D33 mission and vision to welcome innovation and be recognized as the school district that fosters an innovative, rigorous, and future-oriented education.

Also, The Coordinator of Teaching and Learning, Mrs. Whitnie Del Toro. Mrs. Del Toro has also served our district in many roles. Every year she has continued to foster a community of learners who are motivated and committed to embracing the culture of collaboration, inclusivity, trust, and innovation.

These two administrators are prime examples of our district's efforts to improve the professional collaboration component on our district's 5essentials survey. We appreciate their service and are excited about the amazing work their teams and they are doing to support our schools and students.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Superintendent News - Indian Knoll School

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

IK Data Days

Teachers, reading paras, interventionists, coaches, psych and administrators meet every 6-8 weeks to review the growth in students from their baseline scores from October. Interventions are put in place to provide enrichment opportunities or additional support according to individual students' needs.

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

Goal setting and data binders

Goal setting and data binders have been implemented in all of our classrooms. Teachers are working diligently in conferencing with their students and supporting them in creating action steps to help improve their reading levels in ARC, which creates student agency. Dictado is incorporated in both monolingual and dual classrooms to provide equitable writing opportunities to encompass and enhance the writing process.

PBIS

Goal setting with behaviors and focusing on the IK core values with our Den Dollars. We have had great success implementing this with all of the students. We host School-Wide meetings with mini-lessons on expectations throughout the school. We track staff data and student data and have weekly raffle winners.

Goal #5: Effective & Innovative Use of Resources

Our lead tech teacher has worked collaboratively with our classroom teachers incorporating different modes of literacy with our tech resources. She has also teamed up with our K-2 interventionist to incorporate ARC Power Goals with tech resources with students.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approved the Board meeting minutes of November 17, 2022, and December 1, 2022;
- Approved the list of bills dated November 16, 2022, through December 15, 2022, in the amount of \$1,563,453.45;
- Approved payrolls of November 15, 2022, in the amount of \$1,964,830.80, and November 30, 2022, in the amount of \$1,945,640.42;
- Approved imprest account from November 9, 2022, to December 8, 2022, in the amount of \$1,070.00;
- Approved the disposition of audio tape of the Board of Education regular closed session dated May 20, 2021, and June 3, 2021 session 1 and session 2. Meetings that are at least 18 months old, and meet the State criteria, are disposed of.
- Approved the personnel report:

0 Administration:

3 Certified: Katie Mann, Math Teacher at LMS, effective January 5, 2023; Adriana Rivas, LBS1 at ELC, effective January 5, 2023; Angeles Godoy LBS1 at LMS, effective December 6, 2022;

1 Classified: Azucena Morales, Paraprofessional at Turner, effective December 16, 2022;

1 Position Change: Melissa Diaz-Munoz, Instructional Coach at ELC, effective January 5, 2023;

0 Transfers:

2 Resignation: Lucy Toledo, paraprofessional at Wegner, effective January 5, 2023; Maryam Younus, Nurse at Winfield, effective December 16, 2022;

0 Retirements:**0 Leave:****Financial Reports**

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of November 30, 2022, along with the financial charts.
- The Board of Education received a financial report from Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations, stating that since the last meeting, the District received a \$1,188,210 payment for Evidence-Based Funding, \$216,495.97 for National School Lunch Program; and \$93,043.98 for School Breakfast Program;
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of November 30, 2022.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No follow-up at this time.
- *CLIC Insurance Renewal*- The Board of Education voted to renew the contract with Collective Liability Insurance Cooperative (CLIC) for the 2023-24 school year, which begins July 1, 2023.
- *Bus Contract Discussion* - Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations, discussed with the board the options for school bus transportation and recommended to start seeking a mutually agreeable rate for transportation with IL Central.
- *S.T.A.R.E* - The Board voted to approve the renewal contract with S.T.A.R.E.

Action Items

- *Resolution to Adopt Aggregate Levy* - The Board voted to approve the Resolution to Adopt aggregate Levy
- *Property Tax Abatement* - The Board voted to approve the Property Tax Abatement. .

Information Items

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

- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- The Board received an update on Parent-Teacher Conferences.
- 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 20 special education students and 4 general education students have been placed out of district as of December 15, 2022;
- The Board of Education was provided with the School newsletters from the buildings;
- Short term maternity leave report was shared;
- Student Chronic Absentee Report from November 10, 2022, to December 7, 2022, which showed the percentage of students chronically absent district-wide to be at 28.8%;
- Student Suspension Report for November 2022, indicated 6 out of school suspensions, 9 in-school suspensions, and 0 Bus suspensions;
- Truancy Referral Report of November 2022 indicating 11 new students referred to the ROE, and 13 students continue to be listed on the ROE truancy referral report;
- No suggested Board items at this time.
- Board Secretary, Tom Doyle, attended the Holiday Performance at Gary and commented this is the first time 3rd graders have ever performed at a school concert.
- No parking lot at this time.

Report of District Committee Meetings

Open Comments: Sarah Norton, Coordinator of Partnerships gave an update to the Board regarding the fire at Main Park Apartments.

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,

Kristina Davis, Ed. S.

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Superintendent of Schools