



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
December 1, 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 Lemay Middle School on Thursday,
December 1, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

An addition to the agenda was made regarding VI:D, Board Salute.

An addition to the agenda was made regarding X:F with a Financial Update.

Public Hearing - Tax Levy

The Board of Education held a public hearing on the 2023 tax levy. Mrs. Karen Apostoli, Director for Business and Operations, reviewed the levy process mentioning that the Board of Education, at its November 17, 2022 meeting, approved the intent to levy taxes for the upcoming fiscal year, and that a notice of this public hearing was published in a local West Chicago newspaper on November 22, 2022. Mrs. Apostoli asked if any member of the public would like to make a comment regarding the 2022 tax levy. No one in the audience addressed the Board concerning the levy. The public hearing was concluded. The 2022 tax levy will be presented to the Board for adoption at the December 15, 2022, regular board of education 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 agreement is to help maintain

a positive environment in which to conduct board work. Board member Tom Doyle shared his statement. We recently had an opportunity to attend the Illinois' annual joint conference for school boards, superintendents, and business officials. This opportunity provides a rare opportunity for us to receive professional development and learn from other school districts in Illinois. It also allows us to learn more about each other and our families. While reflecting on our belief statements, I immediately thought about what a great opportunity this has been for us to “see things from the eyes of seven people”, Belief number 3. We each have different experiences as parents of current students and former students and as community members in West Chicago. We also each had different experiences from the sessions and workshops we attended. Our conversations and debriefings enlightened me, challenged me, and invited me to learn things from the “eyes” or experiences of several others. Thank you for your dedication to continually make informed decisions to drive the growth of this school district for all stakeholders.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Recognition

Leman Middle School Student Supervisor Recognition - Angie Porcayo

Leman Middle School had a very scary choking incident with one of our students on Friday, October 28th. In a nearly empty hallway, a student began choking. Ms. Porcayo jumped into action and performed first aid procedures. Thanks to the quick thinking and swift actions of Ms. Porcayo, the item was dislodged, and the student regained her ability to breathe. We are so grateful for Ms. Porcayo. She takes such wonderful care of our children and is our real-life superhero.

Superintendent for the Day Report - Currier School

Currier School

On November 16th, Fernanda L., Sofia B., and Abigail Z., were named Superintendent for the Day and met with Superintendent Davis. These three young leaders discussed with Supt. Davis, what they enjoy in their class, and what they would like to do in the future. Supt. Davis shared with them some of the many roles she does as our Superintendent. With the guidance of Superintendent Davis, these young scholars collected data from their peers and shared their findings with Supt. Davis and Currier Administrators. Students were also able to share their future goals of becoming a Doctor, Teacher, Chef, or Veterinarian.

Showcase – Currier School Showcase

Goal #1: Student Growth and Achievement

Students from Mr. Guerrero's third-grade class and Mr. Arvizu's fourth-grade class will share with board members a week's sample of their dictado. These young scholars shared with individual members of the board why they like this strategy and what they learned from their latest dictado.

Presentation – Art Teachers Presentation

Mrs. Jacqui Zieche, Ms. Keely Walker, Ms. Veronica Alarcon, Mrs. Jenny Nagle, Ms. Megan Schroeder, and Mrs. Lisa Miller presented to the board the D33 Elementary Art Program. The D33 Art Program is centered around the belief that art and creativity should come from within oneself. They strive to support the individual growth of each student as they explore their creative interest and develop new ways of expressing themselves.

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: Stephanie Abarca, Leman Middle School, Student

Submitted by: Anthony Hugelier, Leman Middle School, Assistant Principal

“Stephanie noticed a classmate was choking in the hallway. She immediately tried to help and offer assistance. Thanks to her quick response and the help of Mrs. Porcayo, the student was able to breathe normally again. We are so proud of Stephanie for her quick thinking and compassion.”

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

No ETAWC statement at this time.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Superintendent News - Currier 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

Currier was excited to recently host a Literacy Squared Learning Lab along with Gary School, thanks to the help of Rubi Ortiz. Currier had four teachers open their classroom doors so that members from other districts could observe them teach using researched based dual language strategies such as the Dictado, Asi se dice, and Lotta Lara. Our teachers were able to receive feedback from Dr. Kathy Escamilla, Dr. Manuel Escamilla, and members from other districts on the teaching practices and their effectiveness. The Currier staff that participated were Laura Arvizu [kinder dual], Daniel Guerrero [3rd-grade dual], Kristy Klich [2nd-grade Gen. Ed.], and Jessica Wanzung [5th-grade dual]. This learning experience helped us continue to reflect on our teaching practices, and the team will share their experience and learning with their grade-level colleagues.

During the recent School Improvement Day, Currier staff was reintroduced to the Dictado by Currier’s instructional coaches, Melinda Johnson, and Krisann Castro. Teams collaborated in sharing their understanding and how they have been implementing this teaching strategy in their classrooms. Teams asked for time to continue collaborating in this learning by reviewing student samples together.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No follow up at this time.
- *23/24 Proposed Calendar* – The Board voted to approve the proposed 23/24 school year calendar.
- *Property Tax Abatement* - The Board of Education received information on the tax abatement process and a recommendation for a tax abatement. Karen Apostoli will bring it back to the December 15, 2022, meeting.
- *Resolution to adopt Aggregate Levy* - The Board will vote on the adoption of the Aggregate Levy at the December 15, 2022, meeting.
- *Food Service Renewal* - Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations, discussed with the Board choices for the food service renewal.
- *Finances* – Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations, stated that since the last Board meeting, the district has received for Evidence-Based Funding in the amount of \$1,188,210.00; Title III - Language Instruction Program - Limited Eng. in the amount of \$51,749.00 and Other Federal Programs in the amount of \$1,395.00.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

Approved the Personnel report:

0 ADMINISTRATION:

0 CERTIFIED:

1 CLASSIFIED: Yuritzi Angeles, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective January 5, 2022;

0 TRANSFER:

1 RESIGNATION: Charles Alexander, Math Teacher at LMS, effective November 28, 2022;

0 RETIREMENTS:

0 TERMINATIONS:

0 LEAVE:

0 FTE Change:

AT&T Settlement:

The Board of Education approved the AT&T settlement as discussed.

Information Items

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

- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- No suggested Board items at this time.
- No Board Outreach at this time.
- Parking Lot - Student Recognition - Gloria Trejo shared with the board information regarding the Citizen Advisory Committee in the elementary schools regarding how students are recognized for their academic achievements.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- Committee Updates
 - Rita Balgeman went to the Faculty Advisory Council Meeting and discussed the 5 Essentials specifics for each of the schools.
 - Chad McLean went to the Early Childhood Education PR Committee, where they discussed the direction for early childhood that includes B-3 and the Preschool program.
 - Board members were provided with an update on all committees.
- Open Comments
 - Joint Annual Conference - The Board discussed the sessions at the Joint Annual Conference held November 18-20, 2022.

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