



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
October 6, 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, October 6, 2022, beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Closed Session

The Board of Education went into closed session to discuss collective bargaining.

Action Items Following Closed Session

The Board voted to approve the SSA contract.
The Board voted to approve the closed session minutes.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Presentation under VII: C will be postponed to a later date.

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 Morgan Banasiak shared her statement. This week I have watched two high school girls, best friends, lose their friendship. A fight occurred because one girl accused the other of saying something, that is unknown. There was a parent yelling and screaming but never once explaining why or willing to discuss what very probably was a misunderstanding. The girls are no longer on talking terms. The second girl's response is very telling to me. She's my best friend. She should know I wouldn't say anything to hurt her but she so easily can believe someone and not discuss it with me.

This week has brought a lot of contemplation on my part and it made me realize we as a society have created this fight. Our children watch adults screaming at each other and rarely see adults discuss issues, share differences civilly, and sometimes agree to disagree.

As a board of seven people, we all have varying opinions, but you will never see us yelling, screaming, or accusing one another of anything. We work very hard to honor our shared agreements, especially agreement number three “ Be willing to see things from the eyes of seven people, not just one.” We welcome others' opinions because that causes dialog and hopefully makes for a better decision in the end. I encourage everyone to follow this agreement. I encourage public comment that is respectful after all we are teaching our children how to communicate and work together. They are our future problem solvers and I would like to think they will not solve with anger and self-righteousness but with contemplation and thought.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Recognition – No recognition at this time.

Showcase –

Leman Middle School - One School, One Book

Mrs. Maggie Lay, Principal, shared with the Board the One School, One Book program that is designed to create a shared reading experience across an entire school community. This is an opportunity for everyone (students, staff, families, community members, etc.) to be involved. This year the book to be read is Coraline by Neil Gaiman. Mrs. Lay also distributed books for Board members and Administrators to have them join One School, One Book.

Presentation – No presentation at this time.

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: Leman Middle School's Matt Mordini, 8th-grade Assistant Principal, Maggie Lay, Principal, and their team of Administrators and Teachers.

Submitted by: Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations

“This salute goes to Lemman Middle School’s Matt Mordin, 8th-grade Assistant Principal, Maggie Lay, Principal, and their team of Administrators and Teachers who have perfected the parent dropoff and pickup system at Lemman Middle School. Matt and Maggie developed a well-thought-out plan for Hazel Street and prepared advance communication to parents and the neighborhood, including hand-delivering flyers to the neighbors. The team created signage and schedules for staff supervision of the system. The result is nothing short of fabulous. We could not have asked for a better start to a new system. The work by Matt, Maggie, and the team far exceeded expectations and I couldn’t be more proud to be a colleague with such amazing administrators.”

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

No ETAWC statement at this time.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Superintendent News - Lemman Middle 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

- All math and language arts students across each grade level set goals for MAP testing this year. They restructured the student handbook to include goal-setting pages for each of the content areas.

- The student planner will also be used to capture IRLA and ENIL data for students to track their progress, as well as goal setting in other content areas - even in PE!

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

- In response to requests from parents and students, they are excited to share some additional extracurricular opportunities for students that will begin this year at LMS:

- They will induct the first groups of National Junior Honor Society students this winter.

Students will be accepted into NJHS based on academic achievement and strong character.

Because this is new for the 2022-2023 school year, they will be inducting current seventh and eighth graders. Moving forward, students will be invited to apply for NJHS in the spring of 6th grade for participation in 7th and 8th grades.

- LMS has added Scholastic Bowl as a competitive opportunity for students to show off their knowledge. Scholastic Bowl is an activity that is recognized by the Illinois Elementary School Association and has its own state series for competition in the winter.

- LMS will also be starting a Unified Sports Basketball team. This activity provides an opportunity for students with disabilities to compete athletically alongside typical peers to encourage friendship and understanding.

Goal #4: Family Engagement and Community Involvement

- As a follow-up on previous Superintendent News - the sixth-grade transition programming was a success! The students had a great time at The Forge in Lemont. Since the current seventh graders did not have a chance to participate in a 6th-grade transition field trip, they are putting together an event for them as well.

- LMS PTO is back! The first meeting was on October 4th. Parents are very eager to bring some enhancements to events at Lemman by supporting the social and athletic events.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No follow up at this time.
- *Disposal of Unneeded Equipment* – The Board voted to approve the Disposal of Unneeded Equipment at Birth to Three, Gary, Turner, and the Technology Department.
- *Extra Duty Assignments* - The Board voted to approve the Extra Duty Assignments as presented by Human Resource Department.
- *Finances* – John Haffner, Executive 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; National School Lunch Program in the amount of \$66,162.09; Title I - Low Income in the amount of \$71,759.00; Title III- Lang Inst. Program in the amount of \$57,423.00; and Title II- Teacher Quality in the amount of \$9,500.00.

Action Items

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

Approved the Personnel report:

1 ADMINISTRATION: Kristine Walsh, Interim Assistant Principal at Wegner, effective October 1, 2022.

0 CERTIFIED:

3 CLASSIFIED: Samantha Birch, Paraprofessional at Trinity, effective September 30, 2022; Lizbeth Gonzalez, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective October 7, 2022; Samantha Breininger, Paraprofessional at Turner, effective October 7, 2022;

0 TRANSFER:

5 RESIGNATIONS: Avril McCarthy, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective September 21, 2022; Marisela Yera, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective September 29, 2022; Cecilia Mantabela, Paraprofessional at Indian Knoll, effective September 30, 2022; Berenice Martinez, Paraprofessional at Turner, effective September 23, 2022; Emmeline Gonzalez, Lunchroom Supervisor at Currier, effective October 11, 2022;

0 RETIREMENTS:

0 TERMINATIONS:

0 LEAVE:

0 FTE Change:

Crossing Guards

The Board of Education approved the shared cost of Crossing Guards for the 2022-2023 school year.

Information Items

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

- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- 1st and 6th-day enrollment for Preschool – Mark Truckenbrod, Director of Human Services, presented to the Board the enrollment information regarding the 1st and 6th day of school for Preschool.
- Bussing Update – John Haffner, Executive Director of Business and Operations updated the Board of the bussing that issues are slowly getting better. IL Central has hired new employees and are starting to get back to normal and consistent times. The Preschool routes are a little harder to fix due to frequent changes in student enrollment and each student is a house stop. The rollout of HCTB (Here Comes the Bus) will roll out in January, this App is designed to monitor where the bus is currently at and better estimate the arrival times.

- Constitution Day - Gloria Trejo, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, shared with the Board the different activities that all schools (PreK, Currier, Gary, Indian Knoll, Turner, Wegner, and Leman) participated on September 17, 2022, in honor of Constitution Day.
- Kristina Davis, Superintendent, Gloria Trejo, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, and Hannah Christie, Assistant Principal at LMS, updated the Board on the Subject Area Committees (SAC) for the school year 2022-2023.
- No suggested Board items at this time.
- Board Outreach - Rita Balgeman, Board President, was at a couple of Curriculum Nights distributing Books at Gary School and Curriculum Guides at Currier.
- No Parking Lot at this time.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- No open comments at this time.

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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