



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed. S., Superintendent
October 20, 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 20, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

Appoint Secretary Pro-Tem - The board voted to approve Morgan Banasiak as Secretary Pro-Tem in the absence of Board Secretary, Tom Doyle.

Appoint President Pro-Tem - The board voted to approve Chad McLean as President Pro-Tem in the absence of Board President, Rita Balgeman.

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, Sandra Garcia shared her statement: Tonight I chose to reflect on shared agreement #5, which is to commit to share leadership. Not only does this mean working towards having a common purpose and goal but

also appreciating the unique way each one of us as Board members contributes. Being a part of important nights hosted at our adopted schools, such as curriculum night, was a great opportunity to be able to connect and meet with parents, students, and school personnel. A couple of days this week, on my way to drop off my high schooler, I passed by Lemay Middle School and saw one of our community police officers assisting students crossing the street. I thought to myself, what a great chance for our families and students to get to know the officers in our town. All the while helping expand leadership throughout our community even more.

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 Grown and Achievement

Amie Correa, Gary School Principal presented with the 4th-grade teachers and students. Ms. Brandt introduced student Ramiro R. and shared that Ramiro is a leader, sweet, and always helping in class. Ramiro learned that Mrs. Davis is in charge of all schools and would like to keep forever moving up in reading. Mr. Rodriguez introduced student Alan M. and shared he sees Alan as a future leader since he has a strong leadership personality. Alan shared that he learned Mrs. Davis is in charge of everyone and has many responsibilities. They were able to talk about many important things. His goal is to level up in geometry and reading and what he would like to keep forever is this experience. Ms. Barajas introduced student Alina S. and shared that Alina is always prepared and sets good examples for her peers. Alina learned about Mrs. Davis that she started as a teacher then became a Principal and finally became a Superintendent. Her goal is to do better in math and what she would like to keep forever is to increase her math scores. On behalf of Mrs. Garcia, Ms. Brandt presented student Kaylin J. Kaylin has a very striking confidence and smile. Kaylin learned that Mrs. Davis is in charge of all the schools. One thing she liked about the day was when they asked questions to the 5th graders about what their goals were, she heard the students say they would like to keep reading at home for 30 minutes and keep doing good in math. Her goal is to increase more levels in math and reading.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Recognition – Gary School - Goals, Plans, and Grails

Principal Amie Correa shared with the board the new engagement of students. All students at Gary school have set a goal and plans for their personal growth. They have a binder called the Grail to put all their goals, and plans, and are being held accountable for keeping up with entering the information.

Showcase – Gary School Grail

Gary school students shared and showed the Board members their grail binders and discussed their levels and goals as well as their plans.

Presentation –

Fall Benchmark

Beth Walrath, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented to the board the fall benchmark for all grade levels. The administration is very excited about the results of the fall assessment, as the results were similar to the Spring of 2022 and there was no slope from during the summer.

Attendance

Beth Walrath, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented to the board the information regarding the new attendance data system. The new system being used “Hoonuit” is able to provide specific information including specific schools, grades, ethnicity, and area. Each school has a building attendance team that works with community schools and family liaisons to come up with a plan for family support.

Technology Presentation

Lea DeLuca, Director of Instructional Technology and Innovation, and Jeff Cowart, Assistant Director of Technology and Infrastructure, presented to the board the new graphics they will be utilizing. New to eSchool is a behavior data dashboard to track data and solve. Chromebooks were collected during the summer to give an update and keep it as up-to-date as possible. This year 2nd, 5th, and 6th grades were replaced. SMART boards and projectors were replaced with Interactive Flat Panels in every classroom at Currier, Gary, and ESC this summer. Lead Technology teachers will start to roll out the new D33 Micro-Credential program.

Board Salutes -

Salute to: Winfred, Bus Driver for Currier and Preschool

Submitted by: Anna Leuer, Currier, Teacher

“Winfred always has a great attitude and is patient with students. He picks up & drops off students on Bus 2 & 4. He is friendly to the students and to staff members. It is my honor to nominate Winfred.”

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

Good Evening. I am Tristan Cure, the Vice President of ETAWC. ETAWC would like to begin an Administrator Spotlight at least once a Trimester. Today I am here to shine a spotlight on one of the district's administrators, Mrs. Rubi Ortiz, the Director of Multilingual Learners. Mrs. Ortiz came to us this year after serving 4 years as a director in Lyons. Mrs. Ortiz has already proven herself as a strong and compassionate leader. We want to highlight her passion and commitment for consistency across the district. Her understanding of meeting teachers where they are at in the implementation of the district's initiative, the Dictado, and her desire to support teachers in the endeavor is truly appreciated. We look forward to our continued collaboration with Mrs. Ortiz and the district in meeting teachers where they are at to help them reach their full potential.

In addition, we wanted to take a minute to shine some light onto some amazing unsung heroes, our Paraprofessionals. Paraprofessionals are the frontline workers who interact with some of our neediest and most challenging students. They are constantly called upon to perform tasks that are at times physically and emotionally demanding or unpleasant, and they do these tasks with a smile and a positive attitude. They care for, encourage, and support our students, providing an essential foundation for student success and acting as vital partners in our schools. On the behalf of the teachers, we want to express our appreciation for our paraprofessionals; especially our seasoned paraprofessionals. They have brought vital and valuable experiences and expertise to our classrooms; particularly to our new teachers who have benefited from their support. Their efforts have not gone unnoticed. Thank you again to Mrs. Rubi Ortiz and our paraprofessionals for their efforts and dedication. We couldn't do it without you.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approved the Board meeting minutes of October 6, 2022;
- Approved the list of bills dated September 16, 2022, through October 15, 2022, in the amount of \$2,244,783.84;
- Approved payrolls of September 15, 2022, in the amount of \$1,941,103.73, and September 30, 2022, in the amount of \$1,876,413.57;

- Approved imprest account from September 9, 2022, to October 8, 2022, in the amount of \$1,665.00;
- Approved the disposition of the audio tapes of the Board of Education regular closed session dated March 18, 2021, and April 8, 2021. Meetings that are at least 18 months old, and meet the State criteria, are disposed of.
- Approved the personnel report:
 - 0 Administration:
 - 1 Certified: Alma Vargas, Bilingual Preschool Teacher at ELC, effective October 12, 2022;
 - 1 Classified: Laurel Bollenberg, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant at ELC, effective October 21, 2022;
 - 3 Position Changes: Oksana Paihr, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective October 17, 2022; Layuna Foster, Paraprofessional at Wegner, effective October 11, 2022; Aridana Ballines, Utility Custodian at ESC, effective October 17, 2022;
 - 0 Transfers:
 - 1 Resignation: Tonya Sennesse, Lunch Supervisor at Winfield, effective October 5, 2022;
 - 0 Retirements:
 - 0 Leave:

Financial Reports

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of September 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 \$1,188,210.00 payment for Evidence-Based Funding; \$60,317.00 for Other Federal Programs; \$139.00 for Title IV-A Student Support & Academic Enrichment; \$7,105.00 for Title II - Teacher Quality; \$6,804.00 for Title III - Lang. Inst. Prog. Limite Engl LIPLEP
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of September 30, 2022.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No follow-up at this time.
- *Insurance Renewal - Blue Cross Blue Shield* - Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations, shared with the Board the increase of 4% for the renewal of health and dental insurance for the 2023 calendar year.
- *Pre-Purchase of Air conditioning Equipment* - The Board approved the second request for the pre-purchase of air conditioning equipment for the elementary projects scheduled for 2023 and 2024.
- *Purchase of District Vehicle*- Fred Cadena, Director of Facilities and Grounds shared with the Board the price for the purchase of a new district vehicle for the Facility Engineer. Board to vote on the purchase of a district vehicle at the November 3rd meeting.

Action Items

The Board of Education did not take action at this time.

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 COVID-19 Guidelines;
- The Board received an update on ESSER/ARP;
- The Board received the IMRF Compensation report;

- The Administrator and teacher salary and benefits report for the 2022 school year;
- Short term maternity leave report was shared;
- Student Suspension Report for September 2022, indicated 3 out of school suspensions, 2 in-school suspensions, 0 student in the LMS Pause Room and 0 Bus suspensions;
- Truancy Referral Report of September 2022 indicating 0 new students referred to the ROE and 16 students continue to be listed on the ROE truancy referral report;
- Vandalism Report - The third quarter vandalism report had no incidents to report;
- The Board of Education received the Freedom of Information Act Report noting there were 2 new requests since the last board meeting;
- Out of District placement of Students with Disabilities report stating that 18 special education students and 4 general education students have been placed out of district as of October 14, 2022;
- The Board of Education was provided with the School newsletters from the buildings.
- No suggested Board items at this time.
- Kristina Davis, Superintendent, spoke on behalf of Board President, Rita Balgeman, Citizens Advisory met last week for a recap and there were several new people. Subjects to address include the promptness of communication to parents and the engagement in safety with the West Chicago Police Department
- Parking Lot –
 - Morgan Banasiak asked for a status on one-way Hazel street. Karen Apostoli reached out to The City of West Chicago and they have not received any negative feedback. The next step is for City to vote on a permanent change.
 - Kristina Davis spoke on the collaboration with District 94. The Superintendents met recently and reviewed the collaboration with all surrounding districts. Specific departments have already started meetings. Superintendents will meet again in February or March and after the elections.

Report of District Committee Meetings

Board members were provided with the District committee meeting lists and dates.
Board members were provided with the 2022 Resolutions Committee Report.

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