



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
August 18, 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,
August 18, 2022, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

There were no additions or changes at this time.

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 Secretary Tom Doyle shared his statement: I am appreciative of our commitment to shared leadership. Over the past 12 months, we have had several meetings throughout the bargaining process for multiple workforce unions, have participated in multiple committee meetings, and have been involved in the hiring process for several administrative positions. This board values shared leadership as a team. Some of us have been able to commit more time to these extremely important

responsibilities than others and I would like to thank our board members who have given so much of their time and thoughtful input to ensure we are providing the best opportunities and leaders for our district. Unfortunately, work schedules, family schedules, and other commitments prevent us from being able to participate in some of these responsibilities. We all have a desire to share our experiences and knowledge to support decision making for the best interest of our families and staff members and have been able to through other forms of communication, but again, I would like to thank our Board members who have represented those of us who were not able to attend as many meetings in person or online. Shared leadership is extremely important for every team and I hope we continue to value this belief as a board and support each other as we begin an outstanding school year in District 33.

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Recognition – No recognition at this time.

Showcase – No showcase at this time.

Presentation – No presentation at this time.

Board Salutes - No Board Salutes at this time.

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

No ETAWC statement at this time.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

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.

Brenda Vishanoff, Principal of Preschools, shared with the Board the results of Preschool for All (PFA) and Preschool for All Expansion (PFAE) monitoring visits. All three locations (Trinity, Early Learning Center, and Winfield) achieved the Gold Circle of Quality, the highest rating given by the state.

Consent Agenda

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

- Approved the Board meeting minutes of July 14, 2022, and the regular Board meeting minutes of August 4, 2022;
- Approved the list of bills dated July 8, 2022, through August 12, 2022, in the amount of \$6,244,788.49;
- Approved payrolls of July 15, 2022, in the amount of \$215,597.56, and July 29, 2022, in the amount of \$383,779.09;
- Approved imprest account from July 9, 2022, to August 8, 2022, in the amount of \$0;
- Approved the disposition of audio tape of the Board of Education regular closed session dated December 17, 2022, January 7, 2021, January 21, 2021, and February 4, 2021. Meetings that are at least 18 months old, and meet the State criteria, are disposed of.

- Approved the personnel report:
 - 3 Administration: Stephen Rogers, Dean of Students at LMS, effective 2022-2023 school year, Jessica Raiser, Assistant Principal at Gary, effective 2022-2023 school year, and Kathy Grogan, Interim Principal at Pioneer, effective 2022-2023 school year;
 - 8 Certified: Lesli Botello Barajas, General Education Teacher at Pioneer, effective 2022-2023 school year; Carli Benn, LBS1 at Winfield, effective 2022-2023 school year; Morgan Christerson, Remote Teacher at Currier, effective 2022-2023 school year; Melanie Keane, Speech Language Pathologist at ELC, effective 2022-2023 school year; Sarah Epich, Social Studies Teacher at LMS, effective 2022-2023 school year; Lisa Duewel, Enriched Social Studies at LMS, effective 2022-2023 school year; Emily Talbott, Science Teacher at LMS, effective 2022-2023 school year; Rachelle Gleason, Enriched Science Teacher at LMS, effective 2022-2023 school year;
 - 1 Classified: Cathleen Major, Health Aide at LMS, effective 2022-2023 school year;
 - 1 Transfers: Jodi Neece, Health Aide at Wegner, effective 2022-2023 school year
 - 6 Resignations: Jocelyn Grauer, LBS1 at LMS, effective August 5, 2022; Margarita Neighbors, Medical Education Nurse at Wegner, effective August 4, 2022; Hanah Nickrand, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective July 25, 2022; Kristin Vallaro, LBS1 at ELC, effective August 13, 2022; Natalie Moore, LBS1 at Indian Knool, effective August 14, 2022; Lissette Jacobson, Principal at Pioneer, effective August 16, 2022;
 - 2 Retirements: Scott Williams, Math Teacher at LMS, effective August 31, 2022; Traci White, Instructional Coach at LMS, effective end of 2025-2026 School Year.
 - 0 Leave:

Financial Reports

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of July 31, 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; \$201,164.00 for Title I Low Income; \$11,176.00 for Title IV A - Student Support and Academic Enrichment; \$4,823.00 for Federal Special Education Pre-School Flow Through; \$459,037.00 for Federal Special Education IDEA Flow Through; \$33,827.00; \$33,821.00 for Title III Language Instruction Program - Limited English LIPLP; \$35,01300 for Title II - Teacher Quality, and \$546,136.00 in other Federal Programs (4998).
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of July 31, 2022.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No follow up at this time.
- *Future Air Conditioning Projects* - John Haffner, Executive Director of Business and Operations, and Fred Cadena, Director of Facilities and Grounds gave an update on the current air conditioning project. They also presented to the Board future project planning in the remanding schools.
- *Workload Plan*- Sherri Massa, Director of Student Services, presented to the Board the Workload plan for the 22-23 school year. At the end of the school year, they will review, report, and reevaluate the plan and adjust if necessary for the following school year.

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 of Education received the Freedom of Information Act report noting there were 8 new requests since the last board meeting.
- The Board of Education received a brief on Summer Program 2022.
- No suggested Board items at this time.
- No Board Outreach at this time.
- Parking Lot – Karen Apostoli, Director of Business and Operations updated the Board regarding LMS drop-off and pick-up resolution.

Report of District Committee Meetings

No District Committee meetings 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,

Kristina Davis, Ed. S.

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Superintendent of Schools

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