



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent  
January 4, 2024, Board Briefs

Rita Balgeman, Board President  
Morgan Banasiak, Board Vice President  
Tom Doyle, Board Secretary  
Chad McLean, Board Treasurer

Sandra Garcia, Board Member  
Felicia Gills, Board Member  
Janette Hernandez, Board Member

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at Lemay Middle School on  
Thursday, January 4, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance**

Rita Balgeman, Morgan Banasiak, Tom Doyle, Sandra Garcia, Jannette Hernandez, and  
Chad McLean were present. Felicia Gills was absent.

**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*

**Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

Item XIV: Close Session will be postponed to the January 18, 2024 board meeting.

**Shared Agreements Reflection**

No shared argument at this time.

**Recognition/Showcase/Presentation**

**Presentation** *Dual Language Presentation*

Kellie Barros, Director of Multilingual Learners, presented the Dual Language Program. The presentation included information on the different types of language learners, a review of the enrollment trends, requirements for the one-way dual and two-way dual programs, analyze options, a timeline, and recommendations.

There are 4 types of Language Learners in the Dual Program at D33. Native Spanish Speakers (native Spanish speakers who are learning English as a second language);

Non-Native Spanish Speakers (non-native Spanish speakers who are learning Spanish as their second language), Former EL (English language learners who demonstrate English proficiency on a language proficiency test), and Spanish Heritage Speaker (native Spanish speakers who experience a shift in a language dominance from Spanish to English).

Two-way dual language began at Gary School in 2000. In 2014, parents petitioned for the dual language program expansion across the district, and in 2015, a one-way dual was established for the native Spanish speakers. In the school year 2023, the 50/50 content language allocation model was implemented.

In the Spring of 2023, 29 PreK English learners demonstrated proficiency in the English Language Proficiency Assessment. Of all Kinder students who were registered, 50% of the monolingual students were not able to attend the two-way, and the one-way dual was not offered. Parents of Spanish Heritage Speakers are asking for dual language services. The district recommendation is to expand the two-day dual language program at a different school.

\*\*Felicia Gillas arrive at 7:17 p.m.

### **E.T.A.W.C. Statement**

No E.T.A.W.C. statement at this time.

### **Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

No public follow-up at this time.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

- Approved the list of bills dated December 23, 2023, through December 27, 2023, in the amount of \$289,756.81;
- Approved the personnel report:
  - 0 Administration:
  - 0 Certified:
  - 2 Classified: Brian Guevara, Head Grounds at ESC, effective January 2, 2024; Norma Baker, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective January 8, 2024;
  - 2 Resignations: Amy Matz, Math Interventionist at Turner, effective June 12, 2024; Guadalupe Avila, Speech Language Pathologist at Preschool, effective January 5, 2024;
  - 0 Terminations:
  - 0 Position Change:
  - 0 Leave:
  - 0 Retirements:

### **Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action**

- *1st Reading of Policy* - The Board reviewed the 1st reading of the policy as follows: Policy 5:30 - Hiring Process and Criteria. The board will review the policy and vote at the January 18, 2024, board meeting.
- *Finance/Facilities* – Karen Apostoli, Executive Director of Business and Operations, stated that since the last Board meeting, the district has received \$175,493.41 for the National School Lunch Program and \$75,258.53 for the School Breakfast Program.

- *Triple I Topics* - The Board reviewed the different topics to present at the Joint Annual Conference in November of 2024.
- *Mandated School Training Software* - The Board of Education received information regarding the Illinois Mandated School Training and will review the purchase of safety services from Public School Works. The board will vote at the January 18, 2024 board meeting.
- *Student Fees* - The board received information regarding the 2024-2025 school year fees and will vote at the January 18, 2024 board meeting.
- *Bus Transportation* - The board discussed the current transportation struggles and improvements from the current contractor. Karen Apostoli will gather more information and will bring it back to the January 18, 2023 board meeting.

### **Action Items**

No action items 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.
- Timeline for the Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning search.
- Timeline for the Indian Knoll Principal search.
- No suggested items at this time.
- No Board outreach at this time.
- Parking lot - Morgan Banasiak suggested starting looking at how the district can become more “green”. The Principal Advisory Committee has been working on it since last year. More information to come at a future meeting.

### **Report of District Committee Meetings**

- LEND - Kristina Davis provided an update on LEND.
- SASSED Board of Control - Krsitina Davis provided an update.
- 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,

**Kristina Davis, Ed. S.**

Kristina Davis,  
Superintendent of Schools

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