



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent  
September 7, 2023, 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, September 7, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance**

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

**Additions/Changes to the Agenda**

Kristina Davis, Superintendent, added the following items to the agenda: XIV Close Session - Reason 2 - Pending litigation.

**Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Tentative Budget** – The Board of Education held a public hearing on the tentative 2023-2024 School Budget. There were no questions or comments from the public. The public hearing was concluded on the tentative 2023-2024 School Budget at 7:05 p.m.

**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

agreement's purpose is to help maintain a positive environment in which to conduct board work. Board Treasurer Chad McLean shared his statement.

“Respecting staff and other board members and their opinions I would like to start by welcoming back all staff and students for the 2023 2024 school year. For the staff, there have been many changes that have been put in place to improve the educational environment for our students. The Pioneer transition and the changes to the dual language program are two big and much discussed changes. These and many other things have been done to help better our students achieve their full potential. Thank you for your commitment and hard work to prepare for our students. As one of the board's shared agreements, we welcome the input of your opinions. Your input is critical to doing the best for our unique West Chicago community. Without your input, we are missing out on the large majority of the professional educational perspectives in the district. Thank you for caring for our students.”

### **Recognition/Showcase/Presentation**

#### ***Presentation*** – IL 5 Essentials Survey

Beth Walrath, Director of Assessment and Accountability, presented the IL 5Essentials Survey District Results. The 5 Essentials survey was taken in the Spring of 2023. The state requires this survey; it's the leading indicator of school improvement and reliably predicts school success for outcomes.

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

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

#### **Public Comment**

No public comment at this time.

#### ***Prior Public Comments follow-up***

No public follow-up at this time.

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

- *Presentation follow-up* - No presentation follow-up at this time.
- *1st Reading of Policies* - The Board reviewed the 1st reading of the policies as follows: Policy 2:170 - Procurement of Architectural, Engineering, and Land Surveying Services; Policy 2:80-E Exhibit- Board Member Code of Conduct; Policy 2:80 - Board Member Oath of Conduct; Policy 4:100 - Insurance Management; Policy 4:45 - Insufficient Fund Checks and Debt Recovery; Policy 5:230 - Maintaining Student Discipline; Policy 6:10 - Educational Philosophy and Objectives; Policy 6:190 - Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities; Policy 6:240 - Field Trips and Recreational Class Trips; Policy 7:180 - Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; Policy 7:305 - Student Athlete Concussions and Head Injuries; Policy 8:25 - Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities; and Policy 8:95 - Parental Involvement. The Board of Education will do a second reading at the September 21, 2023 Board meeting.
- *Committee Assignments* - The Board received the list of committees with sign-up dates.

- *Consultant for Literacy and Language Development Work* - The Board voted to approve the consulting services with Mario Palma of Palma Multilingual Educational Solutions, LLC.
- *Curriculum Leadership Institute Contract* - The Board voted to approve the contract for consulting services with Curriculum Leadership Institute for the 23-24 school year.
- *Disposal of Equipment* - The Board voted to dispose of 3 shelf units/cabinets, 4 small tables, 4 large tables, and 2 whiteboards from preschool.
- *Finance/Facilities* – 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 \$1,200,907.00; National School Lunch Program in the amount of \$102,246.53; School Breakfast Program in the amount of \$53,229.78.
- *FY24 Final Budget* - The Board of Education held a public hearing on the 2023-2024 school budget and will vote to adopt the 2023-2024 school budget, as presented, at the September 21, 2023, board meeting.
- *IdentiSys PerfectPass* – The Board voted to approve IdentiSys PerfectPass for Lemay Middle School.
- *Leadership Coaching with Dr. Blattner* - Kristina Davis provided information to continue working with Dr. John Blattner for the 2023-2024 school year to provide leadership coaching to building and district administrators. The board will vote at the September 21, 2023 board meeting.
- *Vending Machines* - The Board voted to approve the contract with Aliza Vending for beverage and snack machines at each building.

### **Action Items**

The Board of Education took action on the following items:

- ***Approved the Personnel report:***  
0 ADMINISTRATION:  
5 CERTIFIED: Taylor Bassett, Science Enrichment Teacher at LMS effective 2023-2024 School Year; Eduardo Mendoza-Santiago, Dual Language Teacher at Pioneer, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Ruth Bovey, Dual Language Teacher at Pioneer, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Emily Majkrzak, Social Worker at ELC, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Elizabeth Conroy, Speech Language Pathologist, at IK, effective September 28, 2023;  
9 CLASSIFIED: Haley Battle, Paraprofessional at Wegner, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Maria Fernandez, Paraprofessional at Indian Knoll, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Ilse Sotelo, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant at ELC, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Aila Hoori, Part Time Speech Language Pathologist Assistant, location to be determined, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Nayeli Aranda, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant at IK, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Carman Gallardo, Paraprofessional at IK, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Menfis Martinez, Utility Custodian at ESC, effective August 29, 2023; Rosa Benitez Acosta, Paraprofessional at IK, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Laurel Bollenberg, Speech Language Pathologist Assistant at ELC, effective September 11, 2023;  
6 RESIGNATIONS: Ann Martin, Paraprofessional at Wegner, effective August 9, 2023; Sonia Rodriguez, Paraprofessional at Gary, effective August 22, 2023; Josephine Chavez, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective August 22, 2023; Ines

Erickson, Speech Language Pathologist at IK, effective August 24, 2023; Dana Williams, Paraprofessional at Wegner, effective September 8, 2023; Rosalba Ayala, Family Liaison, effective August 29, 2023;

0 RETIREMENT:

1 TERMINATION: Yeraldi Cornejo, Paraprofessional at IK, effective August 22, 2023;

0 LEAVE:

0 FTE Change:

- The Board voted to approve the contract renewal of Capstone- PebbleGo.
- The Board voted to approve the SSPA Custodian Incentive Memorandum of Agreement.

### **Information Items**

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

- Safety Consultant Update.
- Open Enrollment and Child Care requests update.
- Kinder Camp report.
- Staff Salaries and Benefits.
- Staffing and Enrollment Update.
- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33.
- Building Goals will be moved to the October board meeting.
- Rita Balgeman and Tom Doyle were present at LMS walk the schedule.
- No parking lot at this time.

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

- D33 BPAC will provide child care for families at the District 94 Parent Engagement Series: Richard Montanez presentation on September 12, 2023.

### **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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