



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
August 17, 2023, Board Briefs

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

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at Lemay Middle School on
Thursday, August 17, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

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

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 shared agreement is to help maintain a positive environment in which to conduct board work. Board President Rita Balgeman shared her statement. “As we are about to embark on another school year in a few weeks, I want to reflect tonight upon our agreement to Adhere to our belief in our students' full potential and successful future.

I have always approached the start of a new school year with excitement. As a kid, I loved school. As an adult, I love my kids going to school.

The start of a new school year is filled with hope, optimism, and energy. We are excited to welcome back the staff and students to our buildings. It is a time when everyone is making plans for the year. This meeting and the next meeting, we are going to be hearing about goals that are being set throughout our district. As we approach these goals and decisions throughout the year, we need to set the bar high. We need to do the best and expect the best so we can ensure that our students have the brightest future possible. As a board, we are dedicated to supporting this work. I would like to wish everyone the best of luck for this school year, and I know it will be a great one.”

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Presentations

Strategic Plan Monitoring & District Department Goals 2023-2024

The Board of Education reviewed each Department's Goals. District administrators provided an update on the measures and action plans that will be used during the 2023-2024 school year to assess the implementation of the District's strategic plan.

E.T.A.W.C. Statement

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

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 July 18, 2023, and August 3, 2023;
- Approve the contract renewal with the following vendor: MusicPlay;
- Approved the list of bills dated July 15, 2023, through August 18, 2023, in the amount of \$3,190,003.97;
- Approved payrolls of July 14, 2023, in the amount of \$230,421.97; July 31, 2023, in the amount of \$138,969.08;
- Approved imprest account from July 11, 2023, to August 9, 2023, in the amount of \$300.00;
- Approved the disposition of the audio tape of the Board of Education's regular closed session dated January 6, 2022. Meetings that are at least 18 months old and meet the State criteria are disposed of;
- Approved the personnel report:

0 Administration:

6 Certified: Ashley Samata, English Language Arts Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Jose Rivera, ESL/Newcomer Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Carrie Gerry, Teacher on Special Assignment at ELC,

effective 2023-2024 School Year; Deirdre Jakabcsin, 5th Grade Teacher at Wegner, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Macormick Thom, Enriched Science and Social Studies Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Beth Hyde, Science Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year;

7 Classified: Tracy Diaz, Paraprofessional at Indian Knoll, effective September 11, 2023; Remedios Mondragon, Utility Custodian at ESC, effective August 11, 2023; Maria Sanchez, Utility Custodian at IK, effective August 16, 2023; Karina Duran, Paraprofessional at Wegner, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Rosalba Ayala, Family Liaison at Wegner, effective August 22, 2023; Cristal Guevara, Lunchroom Supervisor at IK, effective September 6, 2023; Daisy Ballines, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective 2023-2024 School Year;

7 Resignations: Lisa Duewel, Enriched Science and Social Studies Teacher at LMS, effective July 31, 2023; Lisa Huerta, Dual Language Teacher at Pioneer, effective July 28, 2023; Donna Seifert, Paraprofessional at Wegner, effective July 31, 2023; Robyn Palermo, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective August 4, 2023; Aubrey Doster, LBS1 at LMS, effective August 11, 2023; Gicela Ramirez, Grants Specialist at ESC, effective October 4, 2023; Daniela Flores, Paraprofessional at Wegner, effective August 9, 2023;

0 Position Change:

1 Leave: Daisy Castro-Murillo, Custodian at IK, effective August 8, 2023;

0 Retirement:

Financial Reports

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of July 31, 2023, 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 \$1,200,907.00 payment for Evidence-Based Funding;
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of July 31, 2023.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No presentation follow-up at this time.
- *2024/2025 School Calendar* - The Board voted to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar.
- *Elementary Air Conditioning Equipment Pre-Purchase* - The Board voted to approve the pre-purchase of elementary air conditioning equipment through Termosystems in the amount of \$114,000.
- *Equipment Disposal* - The Board voted to approve the disposal of 2 health office cots, 2 bookshelves, 3 long tables, 18 office chairs, 9 PreK storage cabinets, 10 file cabinets, 1 office desk, 1 wheelchair, 1 plastic children's picnic table from Preschool and 1 broken glass trophy case with wheels from Pioneer School.
- *Summer Construction Update* - Fred Cadena and George Demarakis updated the board on all the summer construction.
- *Tax Abatement* - The Board voted to approve the resolution providing for real estate tax abatement with an updated PIN and updated language for the completion of Suncast's second facility.

Action Items

- No action items at this time.

Information Items

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

- After School Academic Program (ASAP);
- Institute Day Agenda;
- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- Freedom of Information Act Report noting there were 3 new requests since the last board meeting;
- Short-term maternity leave report was shared;
- No suggested items at this time.
- Tom Doyle spoke about the success of the incoming 6th grade field trip at Lemman Middle School.
- Parking Lot - Curriculum Night Schedule and presentation.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- Committee Sign-up information was provided.
- Tom Doyle reported on SASSED.
- Kristina Davis attended the new teacher orientation and opening institute day at District 94. She met with the Superintendents who will be sharing roles and responsibilities this school year.
- Lemman's Ballet Folklórico performed at District 94's opening day.

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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