



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
July 18, 2023, Board Briefs

Rita Balgeman, Board President
Felicia Gills, Board Vice President
Tom Doyle, Board Secretary
Janette Hernandez, 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 Leman Middle School on Thursday,
July 18, 2023, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

Rita Balgeman, Morgan Banasiak, Tom Doyle, and Sandra Garcia were present. Felicia Gills, Janette Hernandez, and Chad McLean 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 Vice-President, Morgan Banasiak, shared her agreement.

“Let cooler heads prevail.” This is a popular idiom that dates back to the early 1800s. Even then, people knew that being calm during the debate was the best way to accomplish big things. This allows ideas to flow and people to hear the ideas of all involved. I can not imagine being on a board that is so divided the members involved don't get along, yet this happens on other boards in other communities. I am proud to say this School Board does an excellent job of listening to each other. We don't always agree, but we are able to reach a consensus when a decision needs to be made. With that in mind, I look forward to the coming school year and working with these wonderfully dedicated individuals.”

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation***Board Salutes***

The Board Salutes will be a standing item on the agenda starting with the February 3, 2022, board meeting. The Board of Education would like to recognize individuals of the District 33 community - which includes all staff members, students, bus drivers, parents/guardians, and guardians - for actions that build a positive culture and climate in District 33. This “shout-out” will become part of the official Board minutes under Board Salutes on the bi-weekly agendas.

Salute to: Members of the Lemman Middle School Book Club

Submitted by: Janet Ayala, Instructional Coach and Book Club Sponsor, Lemman Middle School

“I would like to give a Board Salute to every member of Lemman Middle School’s Book Club: Max Ayala, Henry Bagelman, Josie Bryson, Jasmine Carreto, Adriana Cuautle, Rihanna Cruz, Sylvia Cherney, Catherine Foss, Sophie George, Ellie Lay, Camila Montalvo, Vanessa Munoz, Elisa O'brien, Naomi Odom, Larry Parra, Yaritza Ruacho, and Oliver Ruiz. These students have shown outstanding character and leadership qualities through acts of service in the district. It has been an honor to work alongside them. Their commitment to their school and community is truly commendable. They have volunteered at West Chicago Library's Trunk or Treat to give candy and put over 1,000 books in the hands of younger kids. They have also volunteered at Gary Elementary School's Fall Fun Fest. They have written books for elementary kids and visited and read to kindergarten students. They have created posters of encouragement and attended Lemman's first-ever Unified Basketball team's home game to cheer for them. They have also run the Tournament of Books at Lemman Middle School to spread the love of reading. These students embody all the qualities of a Lemman Charger. Their compassion for others and their ability to make a positive impact on the community is truly inspiring. They are all exemplary students that are paving the way for a brighter future. A special thank you goes out to Elisa, Max, and Sylvia, who were members from sixth through eighth grade and have recently graduated. I would like to commend them for being exemplary students and role models for our younger members. Remember to continue pushing the boundaries of your capabilities. Keep challenging yourselves, embrace new opportunities, and never stop seeking knowledge. Once again, a heartfelt salute to every member!! They are shining stars of their generation, and their achievements will leave a lasting impact on our community. I hope you continue to inspire others.”

Presentations

No presentations at this time.

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 May 23, 2023, and June 15, 2023;
- Approve the contract renewal with the following vendors: EdPuzzle, Frontline Education, Riverside Insights, and Illuminate Education;
- Approved the list of bills dated June 16, 2023, through July 14, 2023, in the amount of \$3,801,421.93;

- Approved payrolls of June 14, 2023, in the amount of \$1,992,761.43; June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$2,145,482.52; July 14, in the amount of 1,442,994.51; July 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,442,942.83, August 15, 2023, in the amount of \$ 1,354,062.07, and August 31, 2023, in the amount of \$1,354,010.43;
- Approved imprest account from June 8, 2023, to July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$150.00;
- Approved the disposition of the audio tape of the Board of Education’s regular closed session dated December 16, 2021. Meetings that are at least 18 months old and meet the State criteria are disposed of;
- Approved the personnel report:
 - 2 Administration: Megan Bartlett, Dean of Students at LMS, effective 23-24 School Year; Kelly Reinmann, Dean of Students at LMS, effective 23-24 School Year;
 - 22 Certified: Yvette Hernandez, Social Worker at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Gisel Espinoza, Bilingual Teacher at Preschool ELC, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Kaitlin Gaynor, Beginning Band Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Daniella Fox, Newcomer/ESL at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Jennifer Thueson, Enriched Social Studies Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Bonnie Ryan, Art Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Amber Astroth, 3rd Grade Teacher at Currier, effective 2023-2024 School Year, Laurel Lebo, LBS1 at Pioneer, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Meghan Lange, Language Arts Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Ines Erickson, Speech Language Pathologist at ELC, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Jaqueline Desiderio, Preschool Teacher at ELC effective 2023-2024 School Year; Guadalupe Calderon, Dual Language Teacher at IK, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Katharyn Mattern, Language Arts Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Jessica Ascencion, Dual Language Teacher at Indian Knoll, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Christy Perez, Language Arts Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Rebecca Camargo-Diaz, Advanced Spanish Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Sara Gillmar, IEP Specialist at Gary, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Joelle Nelson, Library Media Specialist at Pioneer, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Lauren Kroscher, Language Arts Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Olesia Mohline, Dual Language Teacher at Pioneer, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Charles Klapp, Beginning Orchestra Teacher at LMS, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Mario Rene Garcia, Dual Language Teacher at Currier, effective 2023-2024 School Year;
 - 8 Classified: Leticia Murillo, Nurse at Wegner, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Robyn Palermo, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Yeraldi Cornejo, Paraprofessional at Indian Knoll, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Miriam Garcia-Munoz, Building Secretary at ELC, effective August 10, 2023; Alyssa Apostoli, Temp Custodian at ESC, effective June 20, 2023; Maria Pacheco, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Keziah Silva, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective 2023-2024 School Year; Marisol Marquez, Paraprofessional at ELC, effective 2023-2024 School Year;
 - 21 Resignations: Elizabeth Ayala, Physical Education Teacher at Pioneer, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Marianne Moise, Social Worker at ELC, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Lauren Lannert, IEP Specialist at ESC, effective end of 2022-2023 School Year; Kate Tebrugge, Speech Language Pathologist at ELC, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Nicole Simmons, LBS1 at Pioneer, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Rocio Mendoza, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Susan Salak, Student Supervisor at LMS, effective June 15, 2023; Kathryn Martin, Math Teacher at LMS, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Carla Ramirez, Advanced Spanish at LMS, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Grace Quiroga, Bilingual Preschool Teacher at Winfield, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Nelson Lopez, Custodian at Pioneer, effective June 20, 2023; Gustavo Rodriguez, Lead Technology Teacher at LMS, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Monique Wodzinski, Assistant Principal at Winfield, effective End of 22-23 Contract; Jordan Stanczyk, Dual Language Teacher at Pioneer, effective End of 2022-2023 School Year; Emily Talbott, Science Teacher at LMS, effective End of the 2022-2023 School Year; Jenna Turner, 5th Grade Teacher at IK, effective End of the 2022-2023 School Year; Elizabeth Meyers, English

Language Arts at LMS, effective End of the 2022-2023 School Year; Yarely Luna ESL/Newcomer at LMS, effective End of the 2022-2023 School Year; Susan Space, LBS1 at IK, July 12, 2023; Sylvia Resendiz, Building Secretary at LMS, effective July 1, 2023; Maria Phillips, Dual Language Teacher at Currier, effective July 14, 2023;

0 Position Change:

0 Leave:

0 Retirement:

Financial Reports

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of June 30, 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 \$1,188,206.77 payment for Evidence-Based Funding, \$125,172.42 in the National Breakfast Program, \$262,147.67 for National School Lunch Program, \$2,069.74 in Safe Free Breakfast and lunch; \$254,625.14 payment for Transportation -Regular Vocational, \$2,796.61 for Transportation-Regular Vocational, \$152,741.29 for Transportation-Special Education; and \$63,680.00 in Special Ed. Private Facilities;
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts as of June 30, 2023.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Presentation follow-up* - No presentation follow-up at this time.
- *23/24 Calendar Amendment* - The Board voted to approve the amendment for the 23/24 school year.
- *Consultants for Curriculum Work* - The Board voted to approve the contract for Dr. Antoinette Taylor for summer 2023 work and continue with curriculum work in the 2023/2024 school year in collaboration with the Kindergarten SAC team.
- *Equipment Disposal* - The Board voted to approve the disposal of 2 Alto Glockenspiel, 1 Also Xylophone, 4 Sonor tunable hand drums, and 2 Remo hand drums.
- *Paper Bid* - The board voted to approve the paper bids as indicated in Boardbook.
- *Phonak Equipment* - The Board voted to approve the transfer of Phonak Equipment to District 94.
- *1st Reading of Board Policies* - Mark Truckenbrod, Director of Human Resources, discussed the following board policies to be revised. Policy 3:40-Exhibit, 4:40- Incurring Debt, 4:55- Use of Credit and Procurement Cards, 4:60- D33 & PRESS, 5:30- Hiring Process and Criteria, 5:90- Abuse and Neglect Child Reporting, 8:20- Community Use of School Facilities, 8:70- Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities, 2:110- Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers, 5:125- Personal Technology and Social Media: Usage and Conduct, 5:150- Personnel Records, 5:202- Initial Employment; Experience and Training Credit, 5:260- Student Teachers, 5:285- Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers, 6:135- Accelerated Placement Program, 6:210- Instructional Materials, 6:230- Library Media Program, 6:230- Administrative Procedure. The Board will review the policies and vote at the 2nd reading on August 3, 2023.

Action Items

- No action items at this time.

Information Items

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

- Get Involved D33
- 3rd Trimester Academic Accolades
- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;

- Enrollment Update
- Freedom of Information Act Report noting there were 2 new requests since the last board meeting;
- Short-term maternity leave report was shared;
- Student Suspension Report for June 2023, indicating 14 in-school suspensions, 3 out-of-school suspensions, and 0 Bus suspensions;
- Truancy Referral Report of June 2023 indicating 0 new students were referred to the ROE, and 17 students continue to be listed on the ROE truancy referral report;
- The Board of Education was provided with the Quarterly report indicating one report since the last board meeting.
- Verifent Contract
- No suggested items at this time.
- No Board outreach at this time.
- No parking lot at this time.

Report of District Committee Meetings

- 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.

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Superintendent of Schools

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