

**WESTERN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 101**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2020
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Julie O'Connor, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:45pm, in the McClure Junior High School Library Learning Center, 4225 Wolf Road, Western Springs, Illinois 60558.

Ms. O'Connor led the Board of Education and those in the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ms. O'Connor acknowledged the presence of Dr. Barnhart and Dr. Coffey.

On roll call, the following answered present: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego. Meredith Adler was unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Garvin moved, seconded by Mrs. Heit, to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Minutes from the meeting of January 21, 2020 and the Special Meeting held on February 6, 2020.

On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. O'Connor had no report.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

STEAM Night

Dr. Barnhart reported that STEAM night was a big success with 382 students attending this year, an increase of thirteen students over last year. He expressed his appreciation to staff, administration, and WSFEE for making this event possible.

Western Springs Rotary

Dr. Barnhart shared that he recently presented to the Western Springs Rotary Club on the topic of wellness and the District's "3 to 6" portion of the strategic wheel. He commented that the topic was well received, with much discussion among the Rotarians, some of whom are current D101 parents and many former D101 parents.

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ACTION ITEMS

Employment of Certified Staff

Mrs. Sendaydiego made a motion to approve the hiring of certified staff Patrick Duncan, Special Education Resource Teacher at Laidlaw for the 2020 - 2021 school year. Ms. Cahill seconded the motion.

On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Employment of Non-Certified Staff

Ms. Heit made a motion to approve the hiring of non-certified staff: Jeannette Lloyd, Special Education 1:1 Assistant (.30 FTE) at Forest Hills and Rebecca Milos, Library Assistant (.50 FTE) at McClure. Mrs. Garvin seconded the motion.

On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Approve Fire Alarm System Replacement

Mrs. Sendaydiego made a motion to approve the replacement of the fire alarm system at McClure over spring break, and Ms. O'Connor seconded the motion.

On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Approve 2020 - 2021 Milk Vendor

Mrs. Garvin made a motion to approve the 2020 - 2021 milk vendor, Cloverleaf Farm, and Ms. O'Connor seconded the motion.

On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Approve of Resignation

Ms. O'Connor made a motion to approve the resignation of Stacy Falls, Speech Pathologist and Mrs. Garvin seconded the motion.

On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Approve Leave of Absence

Mrs. Garvin made a motion to approve a leave of absence for Jodie Hansen, Electives Instructor at McClure and Erin Smith, 2nd grade teacher at Forest Hills. Mrs. Sendaydiego

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seconded the motion. Dr. Barnhart clarified that Ms. Hansen's leave would fall under the contract's FMLA provisions.

On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Education Committee

Mr. Lettiere, Education Committee Chair, reported that second trimester report cards will be sent home the first week of March and principal messages will include parent messages on the topic of SBR.

Building Committee

Mrs. Adler, Building Committee Chair, was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Dr. Barnhart shared Mrs. Adler's update that the Field Park library renovation project has been completed with the exception of a short punch list. The project turned out very well.

Dr. Barnhart reminded the Board that later on in the meeting a discussion would be held regarding a proposal for lighting solutions with potential energy savings, as a possible summer renovation project.

Finance Committee

Mrs. Sendaydiego reported for the Finance Committee, sharing that the month of January includes an extra pay period, resulting in higher than usual expenses. The month's expenses also included the purchase of three (3) new Pro-Wise boards, two at Field Park for the new library renovation, and one at Laidlaw.

Mrs. Sendaydiego made a motion to approve the January 2020 expenditures and liabilities in the amount of \$2,127,070.31. Ms. O'Connor seconded the motion .

On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Mrs. Sendaydiego reported the January 2020 Fund Balance was \$7,317,182.67, and she referenced Dr. Barnhart's message on comparisons to last fiscal year, especially given the additional January pay period as noted earlier.

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Policy/Legislative Committee

Mrs. Heit, Policy/Legislative Committee Chair, reported that DCFS now provides a free web-based training for mandated reporters. Mrs. Heit also reported that the Illinois Department of Human Rights will release approved Sexual Harassment Prevention Training, better allowing districts to meet the new mandate for the upcoming school year. All Illinois employers must provide employees with sexual harassment training prevention before December 31, 2020. Dr. Barnhart shared that the District is aware of this new requirement and has plans to include the training as part of the opening institute days in August.

Communications Committee

Mrs. Garvin, Communications Chair, had no report.

Educational Foundation

Ms. Cahill, Board liaison for the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence (WSFEE), reported that no grants were submitted or reviewed at the February meeting and dinner dance preparations were in full swing.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. O'Connor noted there was no correspondence in the Board's materials for review.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

At 6:54 pm, Ms. O'Connor requested a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for approximately 45 minutes to discuss personnel, legal, and negotiations matters. The Board will return to Open Session following Closed Session, and will check for any remaining attendees. Mrs. Garvin made a motion and Mrs. Sendaydiego seconded to adjourn to Closed Session. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

At 9:00 pm, Mrs. Garvin moved to return to Regular Session. Mrs. Sendaydiego seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Julie O'Connor and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

A check of the McClure library resulted in no awaiting meeting attendees.

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OTHER

Policy Discussion

Dr. Barnhart briefly updated the Board on continuing efforts to bring policies and procedures into compliance with new State mandates. We are up to date with those needing updates as outlined periodically since the start of the current school year. Dr. Barnhart shared that he would be asking the Board to approve a new policy next month to bring D101 into compliance with a new Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) requirement. A short discussion followed.

Facility Planning Discussion

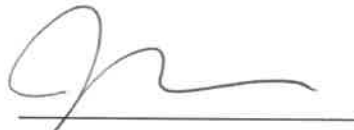
Dr. Barnhart overviewed in detail a proposed solution process to upgrade District lighting to 100% LED by the start of next school year. He shared that this planning was contingent on the receipt of a supplementary capital grant from the State of Illinois, but noted that this approach would provide the district with decision-making control while still implementing a project that would yield an approximate \$30,000 annual energy savings. This would yield a Return On Investment of slightly under nine years, if proposals are as anticipated. A lengthy and interactive discussion ensued, with support being shared by the Board for such an approach. Dr. Barnhart shared that he would be providing updates to at the next several monthly meetings.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

At 9:18 pm, Mrs. Garvin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Heit seconded the motion, and all voted yes.



Brian T. Barnhart, Ph.D.
Board of Education Secretary



Julie O'Connor
Board of Education President