

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

JULY 16, 2018

Public Comments

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 7:15 p.m., in the McClure Junior High School Library Learning Center, 4225 Wolf Road, Western Springs, Illinois 60558.

Ms. O'Connor led the Pledge of Allegiance and invited the Board of Education and those in the audience to participate.

Ms. O'Connor acknowledged the presence of Dr. Brian Barnhart, Superintendent, and requested a roll call. On roll call, the following answered present: Lisa Garvin, Todd McLawhorn, Julie O'Connor, Jeanne Padgett, Jamie Secord, and Caitlin Sendaydiego. Mr. Lettiere was absent due to previously scheduled out of town travel.

Ms. O'Connor acknowledged the visitors in attendance tonight and thanked them for attending.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Sendaydiego moved, seconded by Mrs. Garvin, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 18, 2018. All voted yes.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As scheduled annually, the administrative team and the Board met for approximately one hour prior to this meeting. Mrs. O'Connor thanked the administrative team for the excellent presentation and interactive discussion with the Board on the continuous improvement developments for the upcoming year. She noted the impressive work the past two years on the progress and development of The Wheel and associated work. It was agreed by the Board that at next year's meeting with the administrative team, the first topic of discussion will be special education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kindergarten Enrollment 2018 - 2019

Dr. Barnhart noted that kindergarten numbers have remained very stable since last month as numbers are currently at 30 at Field Park, 40 (with one more expected) at Forest Hills, and 74 at Laidlaw - reflecting an increase of two in the past three days from last month. The incoming kindergarten cohort of 144 is very much in line, overall, with Kasarda projections. In response to the Board's inquiry, Dr. Barnhart indicated that, at this time, he does not anticipate the need for additional communications to parents regarding kindergarten enrollment expectations.

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ACTION ITEMS

Approve Safety Camera Proposal

Mrs. Padgett made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLawhorn to accept the low safety camera bid of \$34,115 from SkyNet Communications. On a roll call, the following voted yes: Mrs. Garvin, Mr. McLawhorn, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Secord, and Mrs. Sendaydiego.

The Board asked if the installation would be completed prior to the start of school and about connectivity with the Western Springs Police Department (WSPD). Dr. Barnhart and Mr. Chick each commented that the majority of work has already been completed. SkyNet is expected to be completely finished in the next ten days. Dr. Barnhart shared that WSPD has had, and will continue to have, full access to our video feeds.

Accept Resignations

Mrs. Garvin made a motion, seconded by Mr. McLawhorn to accept the resignations of Laidlaw fifth-grade teacher Jaime Vance and teacher assistant Erin Burke. Dr. Barnhart noted that Mrs. Vance and her husband decided to re-locate to Seattle, Washington, with Jaime already securing a position in an excellent suburban school district there. On a roll call, the following voted yes: Mrs. Garvin, Mr. McLawhorn, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Secord, and Mrs. Sendaydiego.

Approve Leave Request

Ms. O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Secord to approve the leave request of McClure Assistant Principal Ashley Burger from September 24 to December 20, 2018. On a roll call, the following voted yes: Mrs. Garvin, Mr. McLawhorn, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Secord, and Mrs. Sendaydiego.

Accept Retirements

Dr. Barnhart noted that no additional retirement requests were received prior to our meeting, although we expect to receive up to three additional requests in advance of the August 31 notification deadline. Hence, no action needs to be addressed this evening.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Education Committee

There was no Education Committee report for the month, although the Board was updated on many instruction-related issues earlier during the workshop with the administrative team, as Ms. O'Connor noted earlier in the evening.

Building Committee

Mr. McLawhorn, Building Committee Chair, noted no updates or report this month.

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Finance Committee

Mrs. Padgett, Finance Committee Chair, reported that June payables were as expected. She noted large expenditures due to several annual fees being included as this is the onset of the new fiscal year. The safety audit fee from FEA and first half of the security camera payment are included this month.

Mrs. Padgett moved to approve the June payables in the total amount of \$2,928,294.96 and Mr. McLawhorn seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Mrs. Garvin, Mr. McLawhorn, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Secord, and Mrs. Sendaydiego.

Mrs. Padgett reported that part of the requested fund transfers have been executed by the TTO, with our current total fund balance of \$9,745,000 that is very near last year's fund balance total. Dr. Barnhart noted that this month's Investment and Fund Summary and Investment Report is labeled "draft," due to TTO needing to finalize the transfer of funds and other related actions prior to the fiscal year being officially closed. Mrs. Padgett completed her report by noting that District expenses came in under budget for the fiscal year. Dr. Barnhart added that he expects expenses to be about one percent under budget once it is closed out.

Policy/Legislative Committee

Mrs. Secord, Policy/Legislative Committee Chair shared that the Board would have a number of policies to be discussed and voted on later in tonight's meeting. On the judicial front, she shared that the United States Supreme Court handed down an important decision about union fees. As a result, staff must be offered an "opt-in" to paying these fees, and our district can no longer mandate collection of union fees. Mrs. Secord commented that this is a landmark decision for the country. Dr. Barnhart confirmed that we have sufficient time to work with WSEA on appropriate communications with staff and adjustments to dues collection practices to allow the District to be in compliance with the new requirement. Dr. Barnhart also confirmed, in response to the Board's inquiry, that non-contributing teachers will continue to be covered by the collective bargaining agreement, however, representation would not be forthcoming for those staff members.

Communications Committee

Mrs. Garvin, Communications Chair, reported that summer newsletter update is still in progress. She asked those in attendance to forward newsworthy items or topics as soon as possible. A question was posed about including an overview on the safety audit and other related safety measures. Dr. Barnhart shared that he believed an article that highlighted safety issues addressed would likely be the proper level of communication and detail.

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Educational Foundation

Mrs. Sendaydiego, Board liaison for the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence (WSFEE), had no report

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. O'Connor noted no correspondence in the Board packet.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

At 7:27 p.m. Ms. O'Connor noted the Board would return to Open Session following Closed Session. She then requested a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for approximately 30 minutes to discuss personnel and legal matters. Mrs. Secord made a motion and Mrs. Garvin seconded, to adjourn to Closed Session. On roll call, the following voted yes: Mrs. Garvin, Mr. McLawhorn, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Secord, and Mrs. Sendaydiego.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 8:50 p.m. Mrs. Padgett moved to return to Regular Session. Ms. O'Connor seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Mrs. Garvin, Mr. McLawhorn, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Secord, and Mrs. Sendaydiego.

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

OTHER

Facility Updates

Dr. Barnhart gave the Board a very brief update on the roofing project at Laidlaw, the elementary bathroom project, and the girls locker room renovation project.

Policy Discussion

Mrs. Secord led the Board through a number of discussions on various draft policies, revised drafts, and associated procedures, that had been discussed by the Board at last month's meeting and/or circulated to the Board in advance of this meeting to allow adequate time for prior review. Following a lengthy and interactive discussion, it was agreed that the revised 2000 Series was ready for formal Board approval, as were revised policies on AED's (#3120), Building and Equipment Maintenance (#3100), Transportation (#3070), and Hazardous Materials (#3105).

She made the recommendation, which all members agreed upon, that we await additional legal representation feedback and direction on revisions to our Fundraising Policy (#2471).

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A lengthy discussion was held on our current Acceleration Procedures. Specifically, there was some question as to whether or not it fully captured the requirements recently adopted by the State of Illinois regarding gifted education requirements. Dr. Barnhart was asked to forward this procedure to legal counsel for review to ensure the District's compliance with legal requirements.

Bullying Data

Drs. Barnhart and Coffey overviewed the District bullying data for the just-completed school year. The Board asked a number of related questions, including how well we market the ways in which students or parents can report instances of bullying, the varying methods by which these can be reported, the distinctions between bullying and other types of unacceptable student behavior, and how this topic has evolved in emphasis and instruction over the past decade.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Policy Revisions


Ms. O'Connor made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Secord to approve policy revisions for the following: Series 2000, 3070, 3100, 3105, and 3120. On roll call, the following voted yes: Mrs. Garvin, Mr. McLawhorn, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Padgett, Mrs. Secord, and Mrs. Sendaydiego.

Approve Custodial Bid

Dr. Barnhart noted that no formal recommendation was ready to be made for an outside service for evening custodial services. He expects to have a recommendation for the August meeting.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

At 8:50 p.m. Mrs. Secord moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Sendaydiego seconded the motion, and all voted yes.



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



Julie O'Connor
Board of Education President