

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

**JULY 15, 2019
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 7:15pm p.m., 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: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego. Brett Lettiere was absent due to a prior commitment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Garvin moved, seconded by Mrs. Sendaydiego to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Minutes from the Meeting of June 24, 2019.

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

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Ms. O'Connor thanked the D101 administrative team for their informative presentation to the Board earlier this evening. Both the presentation and the lively and interactive discussion that followed were appreciated by the Board and illustrated the administrative team's continued commitment to improving the District.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Kindergarten Enrollment

Dr. Barnhart reported that there were no changes to the number of incoming kindergarten students since the June 2019 Board meeting, therefore, the number of kindergarten sections at each school would remain the same.

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DLT Retreat

Dr. Barnhart reported the District Leadership Team, made up of teacher and administrative representatives from each of the school buildings, had a very successful summer retreat this past week and made significant progress in their work solidifying plans for constructivist practices rollout to the full staff, continuing and systemizing the vibe and culture work begun last year, and in planning to bring the Center of the Wheel student attributes a more tangible piece of our future work. The administrative team did a great job facilitating this work during the summer retreat, a reflection of the work they have done together since our own June administrative retreat. And, our DLT teachers continue to be very committed to sharing their talents.

Dr. Barnhart reported that only a few open positions remain for the 2019 - 2020 school year, and while we are nearing the end of the process for the two open positions, those recommendations are expected to be presented at the August Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

There were no Action Items for approval.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Education Committee

Dr. Coffey reported that Mr. Lettiere, Education Committee Chair, had shared with her that he did not have anything to report this month.

Building Committee

Mrs. Adler, Building Committee Chair, shared that the tuckpointing and roof repair project across all of our buildings should be completed prior to the first day of the school year and the Renovation for Innovation (R4I) undertaking would be mostly completed by the first day of school, with the exception of some classroom furniture that is expected to be delayed in receipt until mid-September.

Dr. Barnhart commented that while the Village's project on the property adjacent to Field Park was scheduled to be completed prior to the start of school, the drilling portion had not yet started. Dr. Barnhart reported he, along with Mrs. Burger, would be meeting with the Village to ensure all necessary precautions would be taken at the project site to ensure the safety of students and minimize noise and other disruptions at Field Park.

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Finance Committee

Mrs. Sendaydiego reported for the Finance Committee that the July bills included annual LADSE invoices that are greater than those we have received historically; however, this increased billing is due to a mandated mechanical change in how Federal funds are allocated, with monies now being routed to the school district and then to LADSE. In the past, all of our IDEA funds flowed directly to the special education cooperative to offset annual costs purchased by the District. The effect of this routing change is net neutral.

Mrs. Sendaydiego moved to approve July 2019 expenditures and liabilities in the total amount of \$3,298,817.43 closing out school year 2018-2019 and including expenses for the start up to the 2020 fiscal year.

Ms. O'Connor seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Mrs. Sendaydiego commented that the fund balance at the end of June is \$9,184,497.56; which is \$600K below last year and as expected. She noted that our expenses came in at 2% below budget for the 2018 - 2019 school year.

Policy/Legislative Committee

Mrs. Heit, Policy/Legislative Committee Chair, had no report.

Communications Committee

Mrs. Garvin, Communications Chair, reported that the committee has reviewed and commented on the newsletter and that it was at the printer for final layout. The 6 page newsletter communicates not only the District goals and values, but also includes the supporting data within each of these areas.

Educational Foundation

Ms. Cahill, Board liaison for the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence (WSFEE), had no report. The WSFEE Board is on hiatus.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. O'Connor noted there was no correspondence.

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Ms. O'Connor thanked everyone for the July meeting, noting that holding the meeting, even as short as it is, ensures that our Board time in August will be more efficient.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

At 7:25p.m., Ms. O'Connor requested a motion to adjourn to Closed Session for approximately 20 minutes to discuss personnel, legal, and negotiations matters. The Board will return to Open Session following Closed Session. Mrs. Garvin made a motion and Ms. Heit seconded, to adjourn to Closed Session. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At 7:48 p.m., Mrs. Sendaydiego moved to return to Regular Session. Mrs. Garvin seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Meghan Cahill, Lisa Garvin, Kate Heit, Julie O'Connor, and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

OTHER

Facilities Update

Dr. Barnhart provided the Board with a short update on a number of on-going facility projects this summer. The overviews included those related to roofing repairs, renovations connected to our Renovation For Innovation projects, painting and general maintenance, and the upcoming re-bidding for the Field Park Library renovation. A short interactive discussion followed.

Administrative Team Presentation Discussion

Ms. O'Connor led the Board through a de-briefing from the administrative team presentation earlier in the evening, where the Board and the administrative team spend approximately 90 minutes discussing the District leadership's work over the past year and its plans for the upcoming school year. Two particular areas of discussion were special education services and culture and vibe throughout the District. There was general agreement that the information presented was very useful, showed the degree of deep planning the team puts into the work, noting the "fluency" of the team members in discussing their work. That final attribute was amplified by the comments made by a couple of veteran Board members, as they shared their own experiences over six-plus years, including the vast improvement of the team's messaging, understanding, and ability to

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converse with Board members. Ms. O'Connor finished the discussion by asking Drs. Barnhart and Coffey to thank the entire administrative team for making the time together meaningful and informative.

Aegis Update

Dr. Barnhart updated the Board on the partnership with Aegis, including that group's willingness to continue our work together for the upcoming school year for a \$3,600 all-in monitoring fee, far below previous estimates in the \$25,000 to \$30,000/year range. A short discussion followed, with Board members viewing this development favorably, especially given the continued concerns over false-positive notifications.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

At 7:59 p.m., Mrs. Heit moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Cahill seconded the motion, and all voted yes.



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



Julie O'Connor
Board of Education President