



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent  
August 15, 2024, Board Briefs

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

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

The Board of Education's regular meeting was held at Lemay Middle School on Thursday, September 19, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**Board Members in Attendance**

Mrs. Rita Balgeman, Mrs. Morgan Banasiak, Mr. Tom Doyle, Mr. Chad McLean, and Mrs. Sandra Garcia. Absent: Mrs. Janette Hernandez and Mrs. Felicia Gills.

**Public Hearing on 2024-2025 Final Budget**

Mrs. Kristina Davis, Superintendent, presented the official 2024-2025 school budget. The Board of Education received no comments or questions from the public. The public hearing was concluded at 7:03 p.m.

**Changes or Additions**

Addition to close session: reason 3, safety protocols.

**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**

There are no shared agreements at this time.

**Recognition/Showcase/Presentation**

***Presentation***

**Building Goals**

Cathy Park, Director of Assessment and Accountability, led the presentation of the building goals. Principals discussed the Spring 2024 results in literacy and math. New targeted goals will be introduced this year in birth to 3 with a new measurement. They also added storytelling this year. Preschool will continue to support the five-year-olds in the transition to Kindergarten. They will also focus on the measures of student culture and help preschool students understand their feelings about themselves and others. There will be Literacy goals for elementary schools. This year, they are piloting Amplify and will continue to use Elevation Platform. Results of the APPL and ACCESS tests shared. Data of the students who exited the ELL program last year were provided to the board. Several students are on track to obtain the seal of biliteracy when they graduate from high school. The SMART goal results for 2024 were shared along with the 2025 goals. Support includes guided math, embedded fact fluency, data-driven guided math groups, and differentiated guided math training for teachers. Each building will have culture goals and customized school goals and action plans. The goals also include collaboration walks that will include the paraeducators. At the middle school, they will continue supporting future graduates by encouraging them to learn in multiple ways. This will align with the High School Ready - Portrait of a Graduate.

**Academic Leadership Council and Subject Area Committees Update**

Lea DeLuca, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, presented an update on the ALC and SAC. Board Policy 6:10 Educational Philosophy and Objectives, states “To further the educational philosophy and goals of the District, the Board of Education has established an Academic Leadership Council (ALC) and grants it the authority to reach professional decisions and make recommendations to the Administrative Council and to the Board of Education, pertaining to curriculum, instruction, and student learning.” The Academic Leadership Council (ALC) is a representative group of stakeholders that advises and makes recommendations to the Board of Education on matters concerning curriculum and instruction through the approved decision-making processes. Members of the ALC include teachers, building administrators, district administrators, board members, and a parent with a two-year commitment. Mrs. DeLuca also provided information on the long-range elementary and middle school plan. The Subject Area Committee will carry out the work designated by the ALC in alignment with the long-range plan, gather implementation feedback from staff, validate the effectiveness of the curriculum, units, assessments, and resources, and make the necessary adjustments.

**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 August 15, 2024, and September 15, 2024;
- Approve the contract renewals with the following vendors: Capstone-PebbleGo, Smart Deploy, Beth’s Notes, and Planning Implementation Evaluation (PIE) org.

- Approved the list of bills dated September 9, 2024, through September 20, 2024, in the amount of \$3,000,171.01;
- Approved payrolls of August 15, 2024, in the amount of \$463,868.67, and August 30, 2024, in the amount of \$395,751.47;
- Approved imprest account from August 21, 2024, to September 11, 2024, in the amount of \$410.00;
- Approved the disposition of the audio tape of the Board of Education's regular closed session dated March 2, 2023, and March 16, 2023. Meetings that are at least 18 months old and meet the State criteria are disposed of;
- Approved the Memorandum of After-school agreements with World Relief.
- Approved the personnel report;

0 Administration:

1 Certified: Mary Deanna Jasek, School Psychologist at Pioneer Preschool, effective September 26, 2024;

2 Classified: Kimberly Garcia, Nurse at ELC, effective September 12, 2024; Scottlyn Turner, Paraprofessional, effective September 25, 2024;

2 Resignations: Flordelis Liz Rodriguez, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective September 5, 2024; and Oksana Paihr, Lunch Supervisor at Pioneer Preschool, effective September 20, 2024;

0 Leaves:

0 Retirements:

### **Financial Reports**

- The Board of Education reviewed the Treasurers' Report and Budget Report as of August 31, 2024, along with the financial charts;
- The Board of Education received a financial report from Kristina Davis, Superintendent, stating that the district received \$1,205,673.00 in evidence-based funding since the last meeting.
- The Board of Education received a summary of each school's monthly activity accounts for August 31, 2024.

### **Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action**

- *Curriculum Night Reflection* - Board members and administrators reflected on the curriculum nights they attended.
- *Equipment Disposal* - The board received information for the disposal at Indian Knoll of 1 broken chair, 4 2-drawer file cabinets, 4 metal bookshelves, 2 wooden teacher desks, 2 metal teacher desks, 2 wooden bookshelves, 10 4-drawer file cabinets, 2 sling bookshelves, 1 broken cube chair, 2 student privacy desks, 3 rolling red carts, and 1 rolling metal cart; at Pioneer 30 child chairs, 118 adult chairs, 30 medium chairs for older primary, 13 rolling cabinets, 3 short file cabinets, 9 tall file cabinets, 2 round tables, 4 student desks, 1 rolling library cabinet, 2 teacher desks, 15 long tables, 2 small shelving units, 6 large shelving units, 1 child oven unit, 1 large rolling cabinet, 17 short stools, 2 desk toppers, and 2 easels; and at Turner 1 2-tier wooden bookshelf, 6 student desks, 1 plug in wall fan, 1 2-drawer file cabinet, 1 wood teacher desk, 2 metal teacher desks, 1 SEL skeleton/wheel attachment, 5 tall wooden bookcases, 7 gray dividers/partitions, and 1 wooden bookshelf.
- *Wrestling Mats* - The Board will review the request to donate old LMS wrestling mats to Benjamin Middle School.

**Action Items**

- *FY25 Final Budget* -The Board adopted the 2024-2025 official school budget.
- *PTEL* - The board approved the annual Property Tax Extension Limitation law and the continuation of Robbins Schwartz to represent the district for any tax appeals at the county.

**Information Items**

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

- 1st and 6th-day enrollment 2024
- Administrator and teacher salary and benefits report
- Constitution day
- First day of school report
- Most current posting of available job positions in School District 33;
- Freedom of Information Report.
- Out of District placements
- Short-term maternity leave report was shared.
- School Newsletters
- No suggested items at this time.
- Board outreach - Board member attended their adopted school curriculum night. Tom has attended several football games at Lemay Middle School.
- No parking lot at this time.

**Report of District Committee Meetings**

- Open comments - Rita gave feedback on the homework her student has been taking home recently.

**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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