



**WEST CHICAGO ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL DISTRICT 33**

Kristina Davis Ed.S., Superintendent
September 5, 2024, Board Briefs

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

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

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at Lemay Middle School on Thursday, September 5, 2024, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Board Members in Attendance

Rita Balgeman, Morgan Banasiak, Tom Doyle, Chad McLean, Sandra Garcia, and Jannette Hernandez were present. Felicia Gills was absent.

Additions/Changes to the Agenda

No additions or changes at this time.

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 agreement's purpose is to help maintain a positive environment in which to conduct board work. Board member Sandra Garcia shared her statement. “Making decisions according to what is best for all District 33 students is the shared agreement I will be talking about tonight.

As the new school year finally arrived, everyone was welcomed back into the buildings and are slowly settling in. New routines and methods have been implemented to ensure

positive learning environments for our students. Presentations from our district schools are right around the corner. Emphasizing something new, they have learned and are excited to share. Those are some of my favorite meetings: when I walk in, and see a room full of students, families, and teachers waiting for us to begin. They each bring their own level of excitement to talk to all of us about things they are doing in each of their schools and highlighting where they are excelling. I'm confident that working together with our teachers, students, parents, and staff, this will be a great year for our district."

Recognition/Showcase/Presentation

Board Salutes

Salute to: Emily Hernandez, Teacher, Turner Elementary School

Submitted by: Jenny Brunke, Asst. Director for Teaching and Learning

"Emily Hernandez was instrumental to our Summer School program's success this year. She effectively communicated with students, staff, families, and district administrators, ensuring a safe and engaging learning environment. Many staff members wanted the program to continue, and 100% of families found the experience enjoyable, with 91% expressing interest in enrolling their children again next year. This success is a testament to Ms. Hernandez's leadership skills. We appreciate her dedication to our staff, students, and families."

Salute to: Arturo Arvizu, Instructional Coach, Wegner Elementary School

Submitted by: Jenny Brunke, Asst. Director for Teaching and Learning

"Arturo Arvizu was instrumental in making Kinder Camp a great experience for students and families. His communication with families, staff, and district administrators was timely and effective. Feedback from parents highlighted the camp's organization and their children's clear understanding of daily activities. Many families were excited for the upcoming school year and wished Kinder Camp could be longer. Arturo's leadership was essential to this success. We greatly appreciate his dedication to our staff, students, and families."

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 list of bills dated August 19, 2024, through September 5, 2024, in the amount of \$3,268,906.85:
- Approve the current imprest list from July 29, 2024, to August 20, 2024, in the amount of \$731.38;
- Approved the personnel report:
0 Administration:

2 Certified: Patricia Dopp, Learning Behavior Specialist at LMS, effective 2024-2025 School Year; Keziah Silva, Dual Language Teacher at Gary, effective August 26, 2024;

9 Classified: Rosa Barron, Paraprofessional at Pioneer Preschool, effective 2024-2025 School Year; Monica Romero, Paraprofessional at Turner, effective 2024-2025 School Year; Maribel Rivera, Family Liaison at LMS, effective August 26, 2024; Saida Perez, Paraprofessional at Wegner, effective August 26, 2024; Laura Cahill, Paraprofessional at Pioneer Preschool, effective September 1, 2024; Ana Munoz, Paraprofessional at Indian Knoll, effective September 1, 2024; Mariela Valencia, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective September 16, 2024; Natalia Hernandez, Paraprofessional at Turner, effective September 16, 2024; Lucia Cruz, Paraprofessional at Turner, effective September 16, 2024;

9 Resignations: Juana Arguello Mora, Paraprofessional at Wegner, effective August 14, 2024; Jose Juan Rivera, Newcomer Teacher at LMS, effective August 14, 2024; Carmen Gallardo, Paraprofessional at Indian Knoll, effective August 16, 2024; Marcia Salzman, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective August 15, 2024; Daniel Guzman, Temp Help at ESC, effective August 30, 2024; Teresa Ocon-Olhagaray, Family Liaison at Turner, effective August 21, 2024; Stephanie Martinez, Paraprofessional at Pioneer Preschool, effective August 23, 2024; Teresa Carreno, Paraprofessional at Currier, effective August 26, 2024; Stephanie Ortega, Nurse at Gary, effective September 20, 2024;

2 Retirement: Graciela Moreno, School Counselor at LMS, effective June 12, 2025; Luisa Arguello, Dual Language Kindergarten Teacher at Currier, effective August 1, 2026;

0 Leaves:

- Approve the contract renewal with the following vendors: Worldbook Online, MusicPlay, and Newsla;
- Approve the Memorandum of After-School Agreements with Chicago Eagles.

Discussion of New /Ongoing Business with Possible Action

- *Finance/Facilities* - Kirstina Davis, Superintendent, stated that the district has received \$1,205,673.00 for Evidence-Base Funding, \$67,080.00 for the National School Lunch Program, and \$52,083.00 for the School Breakfast Program since the last board meeting.
- *Committee Assignments* - Board members were provided with different committee information and sign-up sheets.
- *FY25 Final Budget* - An updated final operating budget for the 2024-2025 school year was provided. The public hearing will be held on September 19, 2024. The Board will vote at the September 19, 2024, meeting.
- *PTEL Agreement* - The board received the annual information on the Property Tax Extension Limitation law and the continuation of Robbins Schwartz to represent the district for any tax appeals at the county.

Action Items

- *2nd Reading of Board Policies* - The Board voted to approve the 2nd reading of the policies as follows: Policy 2:125 Board Member Compensation; Expenses; Policy 2:125-E1 Exhibit - Board Member Reimbursement Form; Policy 2:125-E2 Exhibit - Board Member Estimated Expense Approval Form; Policy 2:160 Board Attorney; Policy 2:160-E Exhibit - Checklist for Selecting a Board Attorney; Policy 2:70 Vacancies on the Board of Education - Filling Vacancies; Policy 2:70-E Exhibit -

Checklists for Filling Board Vacancies by Appointment; Policy 4:15 Identity Protection; Policy 4:70 Resource Conservation; Policy 4:80 Accounting and Audits; Policy 5:130 Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information; Policy 5:180 Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity; Policy 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; Policy 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions; Policy 5:310 Compensatory Time-Off; Policy 6:110 Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program; Policy 6:140 Education of Homeless Children; Policy 6:150 Home and Hospital Instruction; Policy 7:170 Vandalism; and Policy 7:300 Extracurricular Activities.

Information Items

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

- Kinder Camp
- Open Enrollment and Child Care Requests
- Staff Salaries and Benefits
- Most current postings of available job positions are in School District 33.
- No suggested items at this time.
- No board outreach at this time.
- Parking lot - IASB annual board dinner information; review of the new food options; Principal advisory update; and a possible kinder camp survey.

Report of District Committee Meetings.

- Open comments - Chad McLean started discussing how better to utilize this portion of the “board open comments” to provide updates to the community.

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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