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[September 16, 2019 Regular Meeting](#)

Board President Elizabeth Garlovsky spoke about changes to the placement of the Public Comment agenda item and the addition of board comments. By moving Public Comment from the start of the meeting to a point in the agenda between Discussion and Action Items, the public has the opportunity to comment on what they have heard in Board discussion and before the Board takes action.

This practice complies with *The Open Meetings Act*, which requires one Public Comment period per meeting. Responding to a previous inquiry, President Garlovsky noted that the Board would not be reading aloud a list of email correspondence received as all email to any one Board member is automatically electronically shared with the entire Board and Superintendent. She indicated that no documented evidence exists that the practice of reciting correspondence received ever occurred.

Adding Board comments immediately following Audience Comments gives Board members the opportunity to clarify information or direct Administration to follow up on items that may need additional information not immediately available at the meeting.

Reports

Board President

In an effort to have an open line of communication between the Board and all District 113 parent groups, President Garlovsky introduced an idea for the Superintendent to organize a meeting of representatives from all the parent groups in District 113 and the Board agreed. Two Board liaisons, Stacey Meyer and Jodi Shapira, were appointed to represent the Board.

President Garlovsky announced that there will be a Finance Committee meeting on October 7. She appointed all Board members to the committee and said that as such the Finance Committee will operate as a committee of the whole. Board members Ken Fishbain and Dan Struck will act as liaisons for the Finance Committee.

Student Liaisons

Liza Greenberg from the Highland Park High School Student Senate, and Matthew Dawson and Amy Weiner student council officers from Deerfield High School reported to the Board the highlights from their respective schools since the beginning of the year.

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law thanked the Board for attending the Joint Special Meeting between Districts 106, 109, 112 and 113 on September 9.

Following up on the report Administration presented to the Board in August, Dr. Law shared that Administration will be implementing a custodial and facilities ticketing system. The system will allow an efficient and quick response to the needs that staff identify, as well as provide data to

that can be analyzed to track problems, monitor trends, and ensure adequate levels of staffing to meet facilities and custodial needs.

Dr. Law reported that District 113 has earned the highest possible bond rating from Moody's Investors Service, the credit rating agency, and that District 113 has won the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for the comprehensive annual financial report.

Dr. Law also discussed with the Board on using the November 4 Workshop Meeting to facilities topics to continue the work on facilities the Board did over the summer.

Information

Levy Calendar

Assistant Superintendent for Finance Ali Mehanti reviewed the levy calendar with the Board in advance of the upcoming Finance Committee meeting on October 7, 2019.

Discussion

Internal Controls Audit Recommendation

Dr. Law presented the recommendation that the Board engage Sikich to conduct a review of the District's internal controls. He stated that the reason for initiating a review of internal controls is to improve the process the District uses for transactions it conducts. Dr. Law emphasized that no problem of internal controls has been identified to prompt this recommendation. The item will come back at the October regular meeting.

Policies for First Read

The Board reviewed for First Read proposed changes to the following policies recommended by the Policy Committee:

- 6-320 Granting Credit
- 7-40 Home and Private School Students
- 8-90 Parent-Teacher Organizations
- 8-100 Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies
- 7-150 Agency and Police Interviews
- 4-40 Incurring Debt
- 8-25 Advertising, Donations, Gifts, Tributes and Naming of Facilities
(Exhibits to Policy 8-25)
 - Booster Club Advertising Agreement
 - Model Vendor Advertising Agreement

After discussion, the Board had questions and requested changes be made to all the policies except 4-40. Revised policies and more information will be brought to the October regular meeting.

Action

Approval of Engagement with Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning (CASEL)

The Board decided to move this agenda item to a future meeting.

Approval of one-year Employment Contract for Lilly Brandt, Director of Academic and Administrative Services

The Board voted to approve a one-year contract for Lilly Brandt, Director of Academic and Administrative Services.

Approval of Contract Social Worker for Alternative Education Program

The Board voted to approve a contract social worker for alternative education program at Highland Park High School.

Approval of Malko Communication Services

The Board voted to approve a contract with Malko Communications Services to continue to their work repairing the public address systems at both schools.

Accept or Reject Hearing Officer's Recommendation Regarding Residency Status of Student #2020-01

The Board voted to accept the Hearing Officer's recommendation regarding residency status of student #2020-01

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda as presented. The consent agenda includes personnel, stipends, and board bills. Click on the link to access the meeting agenda and then scroll down to see consent agenda items beginning under number 11.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

September 25, 2019 - 5:30 p.m. - Policy Committee Meeting
Administration Building 1040 Park Ave W, Highland Park, IL 60035

October 7, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. - Finance Meeting
Administration Building 1040 Park Ave W, Highland Park, IL 60035

October 21, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session
Administration Building 1040 Park Ave W, Highland Park, IL 60035