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[April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting](#)

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda

The Board voted to approve the April 20, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

Reports

Board President

Board President Elizabeth Garlovsky again thanked all of the teachers and staff for all the hard work they have been doing in dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law expressed his gratitude to President Garlovsky for recognizing teachers and staff for their hard work during this challenging time. Dr. Law said that in light of Governor Pritzker's announcement on Friday, April 17 closing school buildings for the remainder of the year, he knows that although not unexpected it was a tough thing for everyone to hear. He and all staff are thinking about all students, but the seniors especially and their milestone events that serve as a transition from one phase of life to another. All understand how important these events are and staff are working on plans to celebrate in the event that a public gathering is not possible, and all understand that a virtual celebration will not be as good as being together.

FOIA Responses

Dr. Law reported to the Board the FOIA requests received and responded to since the last regular Board meeting.

Remote Learning Days

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Dr. Michael Lach, Directors of Instructional Technology Dan Kim at DHS and Lisa Berghoff at HPHS gave a report on remote learning, with information from teachers and librarians in how they are [supporting remote learning](#).

Discussion

Textbook Adoptions

Information is still being compiled for this item and textbook adoption will come back at a future meeting.

Cooperative Purchasing Paper Bid

Administration presented to the Board a recommendation to accept a bid for the cooperative purchasing of paper from Murnane Paper Company in the amount of \$116,266.90 for the District's portion of the bid for the 2020-21 school year. The item will come back for a vote at the May regular meeting.

Action

Approve Settlement Agreement for Student 2020-03

The Board voted to approve a settlement agreement for student 2020-03 as recommended.

Providing Five Additional Sick Days to Employees

The Board voted to approve granting five additional sick days to all employees who are not licensed staff members (LSMs) as discussed at the April 6 meeting. At its March 26 meeting, the Board provided LSMs five additional sick days as an acknowledgement of the extraordinary health situation created by the coronavirus pandemic. These five additional sick days for all employee groups expire June 30, 2020.

Approve One-Year Employment Contracts

The Board voted to approve one-year employment contracts with the following employees:

- Lilly Brandt, Assistant Principal, Deerfield High School
- Whitney Draeger, Director of Business Services/Chief School Business Official
- Randall Oberembt, Interim Athletic Director, Deerfield High School
- Gayle Luehr, Interim Athletic Director, Deerfield High School

Approve resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of general obligation alternate revenue bonds of the District

The Board voted to approve a resolution expressing official intent regarding certain capital expenditures to be reimbursed from proceeds of general obligation alternative revenue bonds is another procedural step in the process if the Board decides to move forward with the issuance of alternative revenue bonds in the allotted time frame to fund construction projects.

Approval for Perkins & Will's Design Services for the Deerfield High School Cafeteria Furniture

The Board approved an agreement with Perkins & Will Design Services for cafeteria furniture at DHS as presented. The fees for these design services was included in the cost for cafeteria furniture the Board approved March 16.

Approval of Gilbane for construction management services for the Highland Park High School Blackbox Theatre

The Board voted to amend an agreement with Gilbane for construction management services for the Blackbox Theatre project at HPHS. This amended agreement applies to construction management services if the Board chooses to move forward with finishing the Blackbox Theatre project, and it also applies to the work for preparing bids for the Blackbox Theatre. This vote means that bids will be solicited for the Blackbox Theatre.

Highland Park Library and Deerfield Auditorium - Design Direction

The Board voted against approving an agreement to retain Perkins & Will for further work on the proposed Highland Park Library and the Deerfield Auditorium projects and instead directed the Administration to slow the pace of future construction projects. During the pause, the Board directed Administration to begin the process of selecting a new architect. The Board also discussed the unforeseen economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on starting large construction projects, construction pricing and the financing of the projects, all of which will become clearer over time. Selecting a new architect will add approximately three months to the current tentative timeline for each project, pushing back the completion of the DHS Auditorium from August 2022 to January 2023 and the HPHS Library from August 2021 to October or November of 2021. The Board noted that the process used for creating the project charters and the work of the functional teams for both projects were valuable and will be the basis for resuming the work to renovate these spaces.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda as amended. 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 8.

Public Hearing – Bond Issuance Notification Act

The Board moved the public hearing required under the Bond Issuance Notification Act (BINA) to May 11, which will meet statutory guidelines for holding a public hearing prior to voting May 18 on the parameters of issuing alternative revenue bonds for the purpose of financing capital projects in the summer of 2021 and 22.

The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings - Subject to Temporary Rule 2:230 Public Participation at School Board Meetings During COVID-19 Emergency

April 28, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. - Special Board of Education Meeting

May 1, 2020 - 8:30 a.m. - Special Board of Education Meeting

May 11, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. Special Board of Education Meeting

May 18, 2020 - Regular Board of Education Meeting
6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session