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[May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting](#)

The Board conducted its reorganization of Board leadership at our May 18 meeting. As previously planned, Elizabeth Garlovsky, Gayle Byck, and Stacey Meyer concluded their terms as President, Vice President and Secretary. New Board officers are as follows: Board President - Jodi Shapira, Vice President - Ken Fishbain, and Secretary - Stacey Meyer.

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda

The Board voted to approve the May 18, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda as amended.

Reports

Board President

Board President Garlovsky added to the statement she sent earlier that day to the D113 community that apologized for comments the Board made during its May 11 discussion of remote learning.

Facilities Committee Report

Facilities Committee Chair Stacey Meyer provided the Board a report on the May 6 Facilities Committee.

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law read a statement that responded to the May 11 meeting that expressed regret over comments that were made. After his statement, the six other Board members also made individual statements about the May 11 meeting expressing their regrets.

The comments and complete meeting can be viewed [here](#).

FOIA Responses

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

SEL Audit Results

Jessica Bernstein and Dr. Pamela Randall-Garner from CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning) presented the results and recommendations from the social emotional learning (SEL) audit conducted this spring. The report indicated both the strengths and opportunities for improvement in District 113's fostering SEL skills among students and staff.

Highland Park Cafeteria Construction Update

Director of Facilities Brian Ahmer presented an update on the HPHS cafeteria construction. Mr. Ahmer said the project is on time and budget. He reported that supply-chain issues could delay the banquet seating that will be part of cafeteria seating.

2020 Summer School Overview

Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment Dr. Michael Lach presented a report on the changes to Summer School 2020. He noted that Assistant Principals Joe Taylor from DHS and Matt Wallace from HPHS are leading the program, which will offer more enrichment courses than usual to provide options for students who may have diminished opportunities for other activities like summer camps or work because of closures caused by the pandemic. While still in flux because of social distancing, students who need to finish the behind the wheel portion of their drivers education course will be given priority when the guidance changes.

Remote Learning Survey Results

Dr. Lach presented the results from the remote learning survey given to students, teachers and parents at the end of April. While not scientific, Dr. Lach said the responses provided a pulse check for feedback from key stakeholder groups that are being incorporated into the remote learning plan being revised for next year..

Discussion

Determination of Date and Time of Regular Meetings

The Board discussed adding a meeting each month to its meeting calendar, with the exception of July and December. The Board directed Administration to draft a Board meeting calendar with two meetings a month on the second and fourth Mondays. A proposed calendar will come back to the Board for approval at the next meeting.

Student Discipline Code Review

This item was moved to June.

Textbook Adoptions

Dr. Lach presented new textbooks for adoption for the 2020-21 school year. Administration advised the Board that the District would no longer charge a 15 percent markup fee but all purchases will still be subject to applicable sales tax and credit card processing fees for purchases made using credit cards. The Board directed Administration to hold the maximum fee per book to \$125 and to look into the impact of the cap on total costs.

Board of Education Policy – First Reading 4-80 Accounting and Audits

The Board reviewed for first read changes to Policy 4-80 Accounting and Audits, which would replace the current, outdated policy with the current PRESS policy. PRESS is the Illinois Association of School Board's policy service. The recommended changes come from a finding on the Grant Monitoring Report from the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) regarding the Title Grant audit. Administration reported that our auditing practices already reflect the proposed policy, but this proposed policy revision responds to a finding in the audit.

Action

Authorize Payment of Invoices to Avoid Late Finance Charges

The Board voted to authorize the Assistant Superintendent for Finance to approve charges from certain vendors to pay invoices by the due date to avoid finance charges.

Bond to Cover School Treasurer

The Board voted to authorize the renewal of bonds to cover the School Treasurer to handle District and other school funds.

Resolution to Authorize Signatories and Depositories

The Board adopted a resolution to authorize signatories and depositories for the coming year.

Cooperative Purchasing Paper Bid

The Board voted 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.

Approve One-Year Employment Contracts

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

- Brandon Hayes, Director of Transportation
- Roslyn Martin, Director of Student Services

Approve Termination of Professional Services Agreement with Cotter Consulting, Inc.

The Board voted to terminate a professional services agreement with Cotter Consulting, in which Cotter Consulting provided an employee to act as Interim Director of Facilities while the position was vacant until a full-time candidate was hired.

Approve purchase of face masks for the 2020-21 school year in an amount not to exceed \$370,000

The Board authorized Administration to purchase face masks for the 2020-21 school year in an amount not to exceed \$370,000 to have the authority to purchase face masks as required by the state to ensure we are able to meet any face mask requirements before they are needed. The Board designated Board Member/Finance Chair Ken Fishbain to serve as a liaison to consult with Administration before expending funds for face masks.

Approve Settlement Agreement for Student 2020-04

The Board voted to approve a settlement agreement for Student 2020-04.

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 10.

Election of Officers

Per Board Policy 2-20, the Board annually elects officers from among its members to serve a one-year term. The officers for the next year are:

- Board President - Jodi Shapira
- Vice President - Ken Fishbain
- Secretary - Stacey Meyer
- Treasurer - The Board voted to approve Assistant Superintendent for Finance Ali Mehanti as the non-Board Member treasurer

The meeting adjourned at 12:29 a.m.

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

May 26, 2020 - 5:30 p.m. - HR Committee Meeting

May 27, 2020 - 11:00 a.m. - Facilities Committee Meeting

June 1, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. Special Board of Education Meeting

June 15, 2020 - Regular Board of Education Meeting

6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session