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### ***Reports***

#### ***Board President***

Board President Jodi Shapira reflected on recent events and shared a message as Board President. President Shapira then looked ahead to the action item of creating a Return to School Committee made up of staff, administration, parents and community members. President Shapira also asked the Administration to work on being able to serve as testing centers for the standardized tests of ACT and SAT with the appropriate health guidelines in place. Lastly, President Shapira said she would be sending out a request to all Board members for their availability to meet for a Board self-evaluation session this summer.

#### ***HR Committee***

HR Committee Chair Ken Fishbain provided the Board a report from the May 26 HR Committee meeting. Mr. Fishbain relayed that the committee discussed its scope and processes for moving items forward from the committee to the full Board.

#### ***Facilities Committee Report***

Facilities Committee Chair Stacey Meyer provided the Board a report on the May 27 Facilities Committee meeting.

#### ***Superintendent***

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law began his remarks by saying that the viewers who tuned in starting about 15 minutes before the meeting would have seen some amazing artwork that students from Highland Park High School created during remote learning. Dr. Law then shared that staff are in the middle of the return to school work and the Remote Learning Plan 2.0, and he looks forward to the report that Administration will be bringing to the Board at the June 15 meeting.

Dr. Law then read a statement regarding recent events occurring nationally and in our communities and the commitment to equity in our schools.

### ***Discussion***

#### ***2021-22 School Calendar***

Administration presented the draft 2021-22 school year calendar. The item will come back for a vote at a future meeting.

#### ***Determination of Date and Time of Board Education Meetings 2020-21***

Based on discussions at the May 18 meeting, Administration presented to the Board a draft calendar for Board of Education meetings beginning in July 2020 through June 2021. The item will come back to the Board for approval at the June 15 meeting.

*Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Presentation and Posting of the Tentative Budget*

Assistant Superintendent for Finance Ali Mehanti presented to the Board the tentative budget for the 2020-21 school year that had been previously reviewed with Finance Committee Chair Mr. Ken Fishbain. Every year at this time, Administration presents a tentative budget for the upcoming fiscal year to the Board for review. By statute, a final budget must be approved before September 30.

*Co-Curricular Participation 2020-21 and Associated Stipends*

Administration discussed with the Board including co-curricular participation and associated stipends in planning for school year 2020-21. The Board agreed that co-curricular participation is a way for students to engage with school and with fellow students and gave Administration direction to have coaches and sponsors come up with a plan that would allow them to articulate how they could run the sport or activity if school is onsite, remote or transitions between the two.

*Climate Survey Results*

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Tom Krieger presented to the Board the results of a climate survey given to all District 113 employees during a one-week window from April 30 through May 7. As this is the first year of this survey to all employees, this year's results will serve as a baseline for future surveys. Dr. Law and Mr. Krieger said it was decided to go through with administering this climate survey this spring even in the midst of the pandemic and remote learning because they had made a commitment earlier in the year to administer a climate survey to all District 113 employees for the 2019-20 school year and given the continued uncertainty that there was no opportune date in the foreseeable future to which the survey could be postponed.

***Action***

*Return to School Board Committee*

As discussed earlier in the meeting, the Board voted to approve a Return to School Board Committee as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 11:51 p.m.

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

June 15, 2020 - Regular Board of Education Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session