



Board Briefs

[July 15, 2019 Regular Meeting](#)

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Reports

Board President

Board President Elizabeth Garlovsky asked fellow Board members to reschedule the July 19 Special Meeting. The Board agreed to move the meeting to Friday, August 2 at 8 a.m.

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law asked the board to hold the evening of Monday, September 9 for a meeting with the boards and superintendents of D113 sender elementary districts to discuss the ways D113 can work with elementary districts together as a system.

In response to questions Dr. Law received from Board members regarding a scoreboard the Deerfield High School Boosters are proposing, Dr. Law said all efforts thus far have been on how to accept the donation not due diligence on the scoreboard itself. Administration will be reviewing the due diligence the Deerfield High School Boosters Club has done to this point on the scoreboard and will report to the Board at a future meeting.

Agreements Between the Board and Booster Clubs

The Board reviewed the documents and requested additional language that further protects the District. The agreements will be sent to legal counsel for revisions.

A Board member requested a staffing study by employee group compared to other districts or standard. Dr. Law suggested that the study be presented to the board in February, which would be in line with the update of the five-year financial forecast and ahead of determining staffing levels for the 2020-21 school year. The Board agreed and Administration will prepare the study for presentation in February.

Approval of Minutes

The Board approved draft meeting minutes as presented. To see the entire list of meeting minutes

approved, click on the link at the top of this page to access the meeting agenda and then scroll down to approval of minutes beginning under number 8.

Discussion Items

District 113 Education Association (DEA) Request for Meeting

The DEA President requested a meeting with the Board and Superintendent to discuss the results of a climate survey given to teachers. Dr. Law recommended that Administration use the results to develop a plan for addressing areas of opportunity and present the survey results and the plan to the Board in August. The Board accepted his recommendation. He also said that moving forward the Administration should administer a climate survey to all employee groups so that the Board could receive feedback from everyone. The Board agreed that all employees should be included in a climate survey and that the feedback should be shared with the Board in open session to build rapport and trust, giving all groups access to the feedback to provide guidance for moving forward.

Action Items

Textbook Adoptions for 2019-20

The Board voted to approve additional textbook requests following the completion of summer curriculum work.

Student Behavior Policies

The Board voted to approve the following policies as presented: Policies 7-190 Student Behavior, 7-200 Out-of-School Suspension Procedures, 7-210 Expulsion Procedures, 7-220 Bus Conduct, 7-230 Misconduct by Students with Disabilities. The full text of each policy can be found under agenda item 10 B.

Posting of 2019-20 Tentative Budget 2019-20

The Board voted to approve posting the 2019-20 District 113 budget as presented. This vote authorizes the Administration to post the budget before it is approved in August to meet the state September 30 deadline.

Consideration of a resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$43,750,000 of general obligation refunding bonds, providing for the levy of taxes to pay the bonds and authorizing the sale of bonds to the purchaser thereof

The Board voted to approve a resolution authorizing the refunding of general obligation bonds in an amount not to exceed \$43,750,000. Similar to a mortgage refinancing, by refunding the bonds the Board lowers the amount of the District's total debt service while keeping the term of the refunded bonds the same as the original bonds. That is, refunding the bonds lowers the interest rate which lowers the amount district taxpayers have to repay while also paying off the bonds within the same timeframe as the original referendum bonds.

One-Year Contract with Suzan Hebson for Coaching and Mentoring

The Board voted to approve a one-year contract with administrative consultant Suzan Hebson for coaching and mentoring services.

Review of Closed Session Minutes

Two Board members reviewed closed session minutes. The recommendation was to keep closed all but one closed session meeting minutes and to destroy audio recordings from August 14, 2017 to January 8, 2018. State law requires the Board to retain audio recordings of closed session for a period of 18 months.

Board and Superintendent Agreements

Following the June 22 Special Meeting of the Board to conduct a Board self-evaluation, the Board voted to approve the expectations they drafted for communications between the Board and Superintendent.

Approve Engler Callaway Baasten & Sraga, LLC as the District's Legal Counsel

The Board voted to approve Engler Callaway Baasten & Sraga as one of the Board's legal firms. Changes made to the District's insurance coverage mandated that the Board align some of its legal services to approved firms and policy requires that the Board must approve its legal counsel.

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 8:38 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

August 2, 2019 - 8 a.m. - Special Meeting

Administration Building, 1040 Park Ave. W., Highland Park, IL 60035

August 19, 2019 - Regular Meeting 6 p.m. - Closed Session, 7 p.m. Open Session

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