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Reports

Board President

Board President Jodi Shapira said committees are hard at work, with a HR Committee Meeting scheduled for Wednesday. Ms. Shapira also said that the Equity Committee is getting underway as she and the Director of Equity and Inclusion Mirah Anti are working on to set up the scope and sequence of the meetings. A weekly meeting with the leadership of the District Educational Association (DEA) and Ms. Shapira, Dan Struck and Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law will take place on Tuesday. Ms. Shapira also reported that the Spanish language virtual town hall last week went really well and she thanked the translators for their excellent work.

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law reported that construction has been suspended at Highland Park High School cafeteria because a construction worker tested positive for COVID-19. Dr. Law reported that the protocol is to shut down the area affected to be disinfected before work can begin again. Having the construction in the space completed on time just became one of the pandemic conditions, which means that if that space is needed to offer services, it will not be possible to do so until the space is ready.

Discussion

Staffing for Onsite Services During Remote

Dr. Law began the discussion by reporting to the Board that among the pandemic conditions the District must address is matching onsite services with staff who are able to provide them. He clarified that by pandemic conditions, he means things that are not within District control because of the pandemic but limit what the District can do. He encouraged the Board to consider this issue with a long-term view because even the discovery of a safe, effective vaccine will not result in going back to normal immediately. Conditions keep changing and things look worse now than they did in June, and they may get better before becoming worse again and this will probably continue for a while.

Dr. Law said that Administration is working with staff to specify what these services are and to develop additional, specific safety procedures for each space of the building used for any service. The goal is to bring an update to the Board on August 10. Noting that he would rather create a well-thought out plan than rush, services will be provided gradually as plans are finalized.

Task Force for Determining Standards for Making Recommendations to Transition to Onsite and Remote Learning

Dr. Law discussed with the Board his recommendation to form a superintendent committee to explore whether there are metrics that can be used to determine how the District will know when it can transition to an onsite rotation of not more than 50 percent of students or what data points can be used to determine if it is safe to have anyone onsite. The members of the task force would be made up of public health and medical experts and the scope of the committee is to explore whether metrics are possible and if so, which metrics. At the September 14 Board meeting, administration will discuss with the Board whether October 20 can transition to an onsite rotation of students, using metrics to guide recommendations that would keep the safety of students and staff the highest priority while doing as much as possible for students.

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 7.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

August 5, 2020 – HR Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m.

August 10, 2020 - Regular Board of Education Meeting
6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session

August 24, 2020 - Regular Board of Education Meeting
6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session