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[August 10, 2020 Special Meeting](#)

***Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda***

The Board voted to approve the August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

***Reports***

***Board President***

Board President Jodi Shapira was not able to attend the meeting so Vice President Ken Fishbain presided. Mr. Fishbain read Ms. Shapira's report. Ms. Shapira reported that she, Board member Dan Struck and Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law met with representatives from the District Educational Association (DEA) leadership to discuss working collaboratively for student and staff safety. The group will be meeting weekly for the foreseeable future.

Ms. Shapira met with the District Director of Equity and Inclusion Mirah Anti to plan the equity training for the Board that will take place within the next couple of weeks and following the completion of the Board training, the Equity Committee will select a date to meet as a committee of the whole. In regards to the Finance Committee, Ms. Shapira's report indicated that Finance Committee Chair Ken Fishbain made a recommendation to change the structure of the Finance Committee to be more like the Policy Committee with a few Board members serving on the committee rather than a committee of the whole structure that it is currently. Given the nature and depth of the finances, it is time to have a smaller committee do more of the deeper work and then bring that work to the full Board.

Ms. Shapira's report noted that she had received a letter of concern from the DHS Boosters about the request for proposal (RFP) that expires on September 16 for the replacement of the scoreboard at Deerfield High School. Therefore, the scoreboard will be an agenda item at the August 24 regular meeting.

In closing her remarks, Ms. Shapira's report said that Administrators, teachers and staff are looking forward to getting our school year off to an usual but great start and all are looking forward to welcoming the staff together virtually on August 13 and students virtually on August 17.

***Superintendent***

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law provided an update to the Board on school year 2020-21 following the July 27 Board approval of the [Return to School Plan](#). An [infographic](#) highlighting key points of the plan

was produced in English and Spanish, both can be found on the [SY2020-21 website](#), along with a lot of other pandemic-related information.

In regards to services, Dr. Law shared with the Board a graphic of the elements of onsite and remote services provided to students while we are in remote learning. For any in-person service a supplemental safety plan will be developed with those providing that service. This supplemental safety plan will be specific to that service. Dr. Law reiterated that what happens outside of school has a big impact on what happens in school, reminding everyone that a community effort is needed to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Dr. Law then shared the [guidance the Lake County Health Department issued last week](#) that updates the symptom screening questions that certify staff, students, parents or any vendor to District 113 property are safe to participate in any school activity. He thanked the District 113 Information Technology Department for their skill and hard work in developing an app that allows for the daily electronic completion of symptom screening before coming onsite. The symptom screening function can be found in the new [District 113 app](#), which he encouraged everyone to download to make the required process of completing daily symptom screening easier and faster.

The Lake County Health Department guidance now directs schools to let the school community know of each new confirmed case of COVID-19. A case at Highland Park High School was confirmed Saturday night and notice was sent to the Highland Park High School community Sunday. After discussing this communication protocol with the Board, the entire school community will be advised of confirmed cases in the future.

Dr. Law also reminded everyone that [the virtual town hall](#) for parents has been rescheduled for Thursday, August 13 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM. The time was selected so that it did not interfere with other orientation meetings being held for the start of school.

### ***Discussion***

#### ***Board of Education Operational Calendar***

Dr. Law presented an operational calendar that indicates those items that regularly come before the Board as part of the regular operations of a school district and when they typically come. This calendar is for reference purposes and planning.

#### ***Quest FY21 MOU***

Administration discussed with the Board a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Quest Food Management Services, the District's food service provider. The MOU would provide a temporary adjustment to the contract given the material changes in the agreement stemming from remote learning and also to keep the core management team and oversight personnel in place to ensure the food service program serve our lower income students during remote learning, but also be ready to reopen the food service program when students return. The item will come back to the Board at a future meeting.

#### ***Board of Education Policies - First Reading***

The Board reviewed the following policies for first read.

2-120, Board Member Development

2-220, School Board Meeting Procedure

4-180, Pandemic Preparedness; Management; and Recovery

2-265, New Title IX Policy: Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure

### ***Action***

*2020-21 School Calendar Amendment*

The Board approved the 2020-21 school calendar amendment as presented which makes November 3, 2020 - Election Day, a school holiday as required by the state of Illinois.

*2-265, New Title IX Policy: Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance Procedure - Second Reading*

The Board voted to approve policy 2-265 as presented.

*Resolution providing for the issue of not to exceed \$21,500,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds of the School District, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the School District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing and directing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with said refunding, and authorizing the proposed sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.*

The Board voted to adopt a resolution to refund \$21.5 million in general obligation bonds, allowing the District to realize estimated savings of approximately \$3.9 million due to lower interest rates, savings that are passed to taxpayers.

*Guaranteed Energy Savings*

The Board voted to approve as presented a guaranteed energy savings contract agreement with Performance Services Incorporated (PSI).

*Nurses Office Expansion*

The Board voted to approve the expansion of the Health Services Offices in both buildings. The additional space will be used to separate students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms from students who need to come to the nurse's office for routine, non-COVID-19 reasons. The expansion of the spaces is in anticipation of having up to 50 percent of students onsite in the hybrid rotation. It is estimated that the work will take approximately three weeks to complete.

*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 9.

The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

**Upcoming Meetings**

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