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[September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting](#)

Approval of Regular Board Meeting Agenda

The Board voted to approve the September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting agenda as presented.

Reports

Board President

Board President Jodi Shapira shared that it has been a busy few weeks getting things going. Gayle Byck will be the District 113 liaison to the renaming committee for Mitchell Park in Deerfield. Thanks to Director of Equity & Inclusion Mirah Anti for starting the equity training with Board members.

Facilities Committee

Committee Chair Stacey Meyer said that the notes from the September 8 meeting had been sent out for the Board to review. Ms. Meyer indicated that the District's priorities have not changed, noting the Highland Park High School library and the Deerfield High School auditorium could move into the design phase and the District would not have to expend any funds for construction until the spring when the Board would then vote to move ahead with any construction. Other topics discussed in the committee meeting included taking a look at any projects adjacent to the auditorium and the library to see if any efficiencies could be realized. The committee also discussed refreshing the Master Facilities Plan, which would take four to six months to complete and putting out a request for qualifications (RFQ) for a construction manager. Finally, Ms. Meyer reported that the finishing touches are being put on the Highland Park cafeteria and Health Services Offices at both buildings.

Policy Committee

Committee Chair Stacey Meyer provided an update from the September 8 Policy Committee meeting, highlighting that she wanted to make sure people were aware that Ms. Anti was included in the discussion at this meeting because policies in this meeting related to her area of expertise. Going forward the schedule for Policy Committee meetings will be the first Monday of the month at 4 p.m.

HR Committee Report

In her report from the September 8 HR Committee Meeting Chair Elizabeth Garlovsky said that the committee set a schedule for the year to get on regular rotation for the third Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Ms. Garlovsky reported that the committee continued previous discussion about additional support for the Communications Department. The committee also decided that an interim assistant would be the best route to provide more consistency in support for DHS Athletics until DHS has a full-time Athletic

Director. Ms. Garlovsky also reported that the committee talked about addressing administrator contract renewals to determine how best to ensure continuity and consistency. The committee supported the option to issue a one-year extension in year two of a three-year contract and one-year extensions every year after that.

Superintendent Report

Pandemic Metrics Task Force

Dr. Caryn Peterson, an epidemiologist and member of the Pandemics Metrics Task Force, provided information from the report to the Board and answered questions about the metrics to be used as the basis for recommending whether school should be in-person, completely remote or a hybrid of the two.

Dr. Peterson noted that schools do not have a recommended set of metrics from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) or the state to use to make a determination but there are metrics based in science that are recognized by Harvard Global Health Institute, the CDC, Johns Hopkins and the state for assessing the transmission of the coronavirus. Using these sources, the task force identified four data points to monitor: the weekly new case rate per 100,000 people, weekly count of new cases, weekly count of new youth cases and test positivity rate. The rate of community transmission was identified as the most important metric. The report also defined the catchment area for the District as Lake, Cook and McHenry Counties because the Illinois Department of Public Health recommends monitoring adjacent counties, and district employees live in the entire Chicagoland area. These metrics will be monitored in the catchment area for consistent trends to ensure the operational approach in delivering school aligns with the status community spread of the virus.

Operational Approach for Instruction Recommendation

When the Board approved on July 27 the plan for returning to school, October 20, the beginning of second quarter, was identified as the earliest that remote learning plus services would transition to an onsite rotation of up to 50 percent of students. Because it will take at least a month to transition to that operational approach, a recommendation needed to be made to the Board at the September 14 meeting.

Based on the metrics from the past four weeks as reported by the Pandemic Metrics Task Force and the Board discussion, Dr. Law recommended that remote learning would continue October 20 and into the second quarter. Monthly metrics reports will be provided to the Board for review as the operational approach is continually assessed.

Remote Learning Update

Administration presented an [update](#) on remote learning and services after four weeks of school. The report identified early wins, work that is still in progress, and worries that have emerged at this point.

Discussion

IASB Annual Membership

The Board agreed to continue its membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB). The item will come back for a vote at the September 29 meeting.

Policies for First Reading

The Board discussed the following policies for first reading following review from the Policy Committee.

- 2-260, The Uniform Grievance Policy
- 5-20, Non-Discrimination and Harassment
- 5-100, Staff Development Program
- 7-185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

Policies 2-260 and 5-20 will go back to the Policy Committee to review language; Policies 5-100 and 7-185 will go to the Board for second reading at the September 29 Regular Meeting.

Action

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Lake and Township High School District 113

The Board voted to approve an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Lake County so that District 113 can receive the \$113,571 in funds it is eligible for under the CARES Act.

Approval of Administrator Contract

The Board voted to approve the administrator contract as presented, making Matt Wallace a 12-month assistant principal at Highland Park High School.

Approval of Settlement Agreement for Student 2020-05

The Board voted to approve as presented the settlement agreement for Student 2020-05.

Approval of Settlement Agreement for Student 2020-07

The Board voted to approve as presented the settlement agreement for Student 2020-05.

Approval of Purchase of Panorama Software

The Board voted to approve as presented a contract for the purchase of Panorama Education software in the amount of \$29,750.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda as listed and revised. 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 10:54 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

September 29, 2020 - Regular Board of Education Meeting
6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session