

Board Briefs - Para español, por favor haga click aquí. March 29, 2022 Regular Action Meeting

Public Hearing

Public Hearing to Discuss the School Board's Proposal to Contract for Bookstore and 1:1 Device Management Services

The Board held a public hearing on this topic as required by law. The hearing adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Approval of Agenda

The Board voted to approve the March 29 agenda as amended.

Board Reports

President

Board President Jodi Shapira welcomed everyone back from spring break and said she hoped everyone had a restful, relaxing time. She shared good news she had heard about DHS alumnus Chris Douglas for placing 5th in the world indoor hurdles, she thanked DHS Track and Field coaches for their roles in encouraging student success.

Facilities Committee

Facilities Committee Chair Jodi Shapira thanked Ken Fishbain for chairing the March 15 meeting in her absence. Mr. Fishbain said the committee reviewed the just-completed Master Facilities Plan (MFP) and noted that the MFP is its own topic later on the agenda. Mr. Fishbain said the committee was provided an update on the construction of life skills spaces at both schools.

Finance Committee

Finance Committee Chair Ken Fishbain provided a summary of the March 15 meeting. Chair Fishbain said at the meeting the Assistant Superintendent for Finance Ali Mehanti reported on the sale of alternative revenue bonds in the amount was closer to \$50 million rather than the \$51 million originally anticipated due to a rise in interest rates. Chair Fishbain also shared information on the health insurance renewals for fiscal year 2023, noting that the District's insurance broker was able to reduce renewal costs from the anticipated increase of 22.8 percent

over fiscal year 2022 to 14.88 percent. He reported that the committee received an update on internal controls and pandemic expenses.

Administration Reports

FOIA Requests

Dr. Law reported the FOIA requests received since the last meeting and their disposition. The report is posted in BoardDocs online.

Discussion

Master Facilities Plan and Long-Term Financial Planning

The Board discussed a draft of the District's 10-year Master Facilities Plan (MFP) that was presented and discussed at the March 15 Facilities Committee meeting. Representatives from the District's architect of record, FGM, presented highlights of the plan, project priorities and the rationale behind those priorities, explaining that the focus is on equity and inclusion. The architects noted that energy efficiency has been and will continue to be evaluated as work continues to refine the plan. The Board discussed community engagement and input on the MFP and its priorities, as well as funding options for the projects and goals for funding capital projects. The Board asked Administration to bring back a timeline for community engagement to help plan and indicated that they will continue their discussion of refining the MFP at future meetings.

Janitorial Supplies Bid

The Board discussed a bid for janitorial supplies provided on an as needed basis. The savings from the proposed bid from Pike Systems is estimated to be \$19,000.

School Bus Purchase Plan 20222-2026

The Board discussed a school bus purchase plan to lease-purchase four new buses and one used bus for a cost of \$484,484 per year for three years for the new buses and for the used bus. Director of Transportation Brandon Hayes explained that this approach will lower maintenance costs, increase fuel economy, continue to lower the age of the school bus fleet by one year. Delivery of the buses is expected to occur in September of 2022.

Action

Licensed and Non-Licensed Staffing Recommendation for 2022-23

The Board voted to approve as presented a motion to approve 354.5 FTE licensed staff and 250.24 non-licensed staff for the 2022-23 school year. Comparing non-pandemic staffing for the 2021-22 school year to the staffing request for 2022-23 shows an overall reduction of 20.88 FTE, a 1.88 FTE reduction in licensed staff and a 19.0 reduction in non-licensed staff.

IGA to share student records with North Shore School District 112

The Board voted to approve as presented an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to share student records with North Shore School District 112.

IGA to share student records with Deerfield Public Schools District 109

The Board voted to approve as presented an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) to share student records with Deerfield Public Schools District 109.

Bollards Bid

The Board voted to approve as presented a motion to accept the bid for bollards from Manusos General Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$45,000 plus an additional \$5,000 for contingency for removable bollards.

Bookstore Bid

The Board voted to award the bid for bookstore and Chromebook operations to Beck's Book Store Inc. The five-year contract will cost \$96,000 annually and has \$70,000 in transition costs for fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

Resignation Agreement for Teacher

The Board approved as presented a resignation agreement for a teacher.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda as amended. The consent agenda includes personnel, stipends, and board bills. Click on this link to access the meeting agenda and then scroll down to see consent agenda items beginning under number 11.

The meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings-

April 5, 2022 – Policy Committee Meeting 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Administration Building

April 12, 2022 – Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Administration Building

April 12, 2022 – Committee of the Whole Meeting 6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session Administration Building