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[September 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

The Approval of Agenda

The Board voted to approve the September 13 agenda as presented.

Board Reports

President

Board President Ken Fishbain began his report by sharing that the [July 4 resolution](#) was sent to state and federal legislators, reading aloud [the letter](#) that accompanied a copy of the resolution sent to those elected officials.

Mr. Fishbain commented that Saturday he attended the Northwestern University football game, which also happened to be high school band day. He said the HPHS band was performing at half time and that there were many expressions of solidarity with Highland Park and the band receiving special recognition.

Policy Committee

Policy Committee Chair Dan Struck provided a report on the September 6 meeting, sharing that five of the seven policies are on the agenda for first reading. Of the remaining two policies, 8-82 *Fundraising* will be recommended for rescission when Policy 8-90 *Supporting Organizations* is approved. Policy 8-90 will go before the Board in October to allow time for supporting organizations to go through the formal application process to be officially recognized by the Board when the Board adopts the policy.

Administration Reports

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law began his report by providing an update on bus transportation. He said that of the 71 percent of students who are eligible for free bus transportation by living 1.5 miles or more from school or would have to cross a hazard to walk to school. Of those students, 22 percent of HPHS students and 27 percent of DHS students take the bus. This year's ridership numbers are lower than the historical range of 30-33 percent.

He then said that although there is some useful functionality in the Ride 360 app for bus transportation, he apologized that overall, it has not lived up to expectations. The Transportation Department is using a workaround solution to let families and students know when buses are running late. Dr. Law encouraged bus ridership to reduce traffic congestion around the schools and because it is better for the environment.

He thanked the Principals and their teams for all the hard work preparing for the first in-person open houses since 2019. Dr. Law said it was very exciting to be at the schools and to see all the parents and guardians who came out, noting how the parent/guardian attendance speaks highly of the community and their commitment to education.

Dr. Law remarked that this meeting is the first for the student liaisons to the Board. The students were appointed in May under *Policy 2-40, Board Member Qualifications* to serve as the student voice in Board discussions. He reminded everyone that the students do not attend closed session and they cannot vote, but they will participate in Board discussions. The student liaisons will attend the first meeting of the month, and from time to time, students' busy schedules may conflict with the meeting, making students unable to attend.

Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services 2022-23

As required by the *American Rescue Plan Act (ARP)* for school districts that received Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, Administration presented an update to the *Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan*. School districts that received ESSER funds are required to review their plans no less than every six months until September, 2023.

FOIA

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

School Reports

Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

September is suicide prevention awareness month. Principals Kathryn Anderson and Debby Finn shared what their schools are doing during this month and all year long to promote awareness, how the schools assist students who need support, and explained some of the programs that the schools run throughout the year. Both Principals spoke about using homeroom to share lessons prepared by Counseling Departments with students, the information shared through family and staff newsletters, and the as-needed options available at school. The Principals reported that there has been a lot of learning and good conversations within the schools and that there has been a lot of community support through resources like CATCH, Community Action Together for Children's Health.

Student Liaison Reports

Raquel Bach of HPHS said that she was honored and delighted to serve as a Student Liaison to the Board to support the student body. She said activities are starting up and overall, she sees lots of smiling faces with students enjoying being back at school. She then shared some good news about the HPHS football team and about Coach Kopp being named High School Coach of the

Week by the Chicago Bears. She closed her report by talking about the career participation program that provides mentors to students who wish to investigate possible future career paths.

Anna Catella of DHS was unable to make the meeting but provided the Board with a written report.

Discussion

Transition Center Intergovernmental Agreement between District 113 and TrueNorth Educational Cooperative 804

The Board discussed an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) between District 113 and TrueNorth for TrueNorth to provide transition services to young adults ages 18 through 22 who qualify for these services. The item will come back for a vote at a future meeting.

College of Lake County Data Sharing Agreement

The Board discussed a data sharing agreement with the College of Lake County. This agreement allows the two entities to share data about academic performance of students at CLC who graduated from District 113 schools. The agreement will come back for a vote at the next meeting.

Resolution Approving Teachers' Retirement System Supplemental Savings Plan Employer Participation Agreement

The Board discussed a resolution required by state legislation to offer a 457(b) supplemental savings plan through the Teachers Retirement System (TRS) to TRS members by September 30. All District 113 employees can already participate in the 457(b) plans currently available to all of its employees. The resolution will come back for a vote at the September 27 meeting.

Board of Education Policies – First Reading

1-30, School District Philosophy

2-10, School District Governance

2-130, Board-Superintendent Relationship

2-250, School Board; Access to District Public Records

8-30, Visitors to and Conduct on School Property

8-82, Fund Raising – recommending rescission following the adoption of the upcoming revisions to 8-90, Supporting Organizations

Action

Authorization of Superintendent to implement, approve, and execute specific school security measures and contracts in an amount not to exceed \$64,600

The Board voted to authorize the Superintendent to implement, approve, and execute specific school security measures and contracts in an amount not to exceed \$64,600.

Approve Settlement Agreement for Student 2020-13

The Board approved as presented a settlement agreement for student 2020-13.

Approve Employment Contract for Director of Business Services/CSBO

The Board approved as presented an employment contract for Joshua Schoot to serve as the District's Director of Business Services/Chief Business School Official through June 30, 2023, filling the vacancy created by the resignation of the previous director.

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 8:05 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings-

September 20, 2022

Equity and Inclusion Committee

5:00 p.m.

Administration Building

September 27, 2022

Facilities Committee

6:00 p.m.

Administration Building

September 27, 2022

Regular Action Meeting

6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session

Administration Building