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[January 24, 2023 Regular Action Meeting](#)

Approval of Agenda

The Board voted to approve the January 24 agenda as presented.

Recognition

Each District 113 supporting organization under Policies 8-90 and 8-100 have been invited to a winter-spring 2023 Board meeting to share the wonderful work they do to support the staff, students and parents of our community.

[Deerfield Parent Network](#)

Co-Presidents Wendy Moskovitz and Becky Erdman shared information about the support, programs and events that the Deerfield Parent Network offers to students, families and staff at the elementary, middle, high schools as well as the community. Deerfield Parent Network is a supporting organization under Policy 8-100.

[DHS Friends of the Arts](#)

Co-Presidents Lori Gross and Julie Simon shared information about how Friends of the Arts functions as boosters of all the arts at Deerfield High School through faculty and staff grants, student scholarship and support, as well as community building. Friends of the Arts is a supporting organization under Policy 8-90.

Board Reports

President

Board President Ken Fishbain provided an update on the most recent bargaining session with the District Education Association (DEA), January 17. Mr. Fishbain said the teams reached consensus on the grievance procedure and continued to discuss proposals related to seniority, reductions in force, and recall. He added that they also discussed a calendar for upcoming sessions and scheduled the next five working sessions. The next session is scheduled for February 3.

Mr. Fishbain reported that the HP City Council met Monday night to discuss a permanent memorial for the mass shooting July 4, adding that the temporary memorial in the Rose Garden will stay in place until the permanent memorial is finished. He said the process will take some time as the City is consulting with experts at the Department of Justice in these matters as well as soliciting input from victims, families of victims and other stakeholders.

He closed his comments by releasing January 31 as a hold date for a potential Board of Education meeting.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee

Committee Chair Jaime Barraza provided an update from the January 17 meeting, noting that the main topic was student engagement in extracurriculars and sports and the academic data related to it. He said a report will be coming to the Board with more information, but preliminarily shared that the data confirm that the more involved a student is the better a student's grades are. Mr. Barraza also indicated that the next steps will include encouraging engagement and improving mechanisms for doing so, not focusing on why at this point. He thanked Director of Equity and Inclusion Mirah Anti for her work in bringing together all the data.

Facilities Committee

Committee Chair Jodi Shapira provided an update from the January 17 meeting, saying that the summer 2023 infrastructure project bid results and DHS Auditorium improvement bid results were presented, and that both items are listed on the agenda for discussion and action later in the meeting.

TrueNorth

As District 113's representative on the TrueNorth special education cooperative's Leadership Committee, Jodi Shapira provided an update on the work TrueNorth has been doing on its continuous improvement implementation plan and the evaluation of its governing structure. Ms. Shapira relayed that TrueNorth is supported by 18 member districts, each with equal representation with one vote cast by each representative who serves on the 18-member Leadership Council and with a vote considered valid if one of the three high schools on the Leadership Council votes. She also shared that TrueNorth is evaluating its programs and facilities, and in so doing is determining whether to follow a program-based model or a service-delivery model. Ms. Shapira said she has asked to have a standing agenda item added to the Board report section of the meeting so that all seven Board members can receive and discuss the same TrueNorth information at the same time.

Administration Information Reports

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law began his report by congratulating DHS Principal Kathryn Anderson for being named Lake County Principal of the Year by Lake County administrators. A representative from the Illinois Principal Association would come to a future meeting to officially bring Principal Anderson a plaque in congratulations.

In recalling the goals update provided to the Board in November, Dr. Law reiterated that those goals serve as a baseline to improve outcomes for all students. He added that in order to set longer-term goals, all current D113 parents and guardians as well as those of rising freshmen have been sent a short survey to ask them what the hopes are for their children five years post-graduation from high school. He said that data will be used to articulate goals to define what we as a District aspire for our students and to align the District's work to those aspirations. The survey is being conducted by the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence's Dr. Marc Brackett, who has also been working on collecting and analyzing data from staff.

Dr. Law added that Dr. Brackett will be sharing results with staff during Institute Day on February 21, and then Dr. Brackett will stay to share the results from the parent survey in a special session later that evening. All parents and guardians who reside in District 113 and Project 440 partners (sender elementary districts Bannockburn 106, Deerfield Public Schools 109 and North Shore School District 112) are welcome to attend. Time, location and registration details will be shared when they are available.

FOIA

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

Discussion

External Audit for Fiscal Year Ending 2022

The Board reviewed the District's audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, completed and submitted by the District's auditors Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. The audit included a review of the District's financial statements, federal programs, student activity, and insurance funds. The auditors reported a clean audit with no material findings. The Board thanked Assistant Superintendent for Finance Ali Mehanti and the Business Office staff for their hard work.

DHS Auditorium Improvements-Bid Results-Early Awards

The Board reviewed the bid results for the DHS Auditorium project which came in under budget by \$1,390. The two packages that went out for bid were the theatrical equipment and theater seating totaling \$1,222,934. Chief Operations Officer Brian Ahmer noted that the theatrical equipment alternate for the main curtain totaling \$22,500 was not included in this bid package as it will be included in a future bid package. The item is listed for action later in the agenda.

Summer 2023 Infrastructure Projects-Bid Results-Early Awards

The Board reviewed the bid results for summer 2023 infrastructure projects. Brian Ahmer, COO, indicated that by refining the scope, the bid results, not including alternates, came in under budget by \$1,043,055. The two packages out for bid were the HVAC and roofing projects totaling \$3,119,950. Mr. Ahmer recommended holding off on approving the alternate until the whole package is complete. The item is listed for action later in the agenda.

Action

DHS Auditorium Improvements-Bid Results-Early Awards

The Board voted to approve as presented a contract with Iweiss Holdings LLC in the amount of \$1,010,000 for theatrical equipment and a contract with H2I Group in the amount of \$212,934 for theater seating.

Summer 2023 Infrastructure Projects-Bid Results-Early Awards

The Board voted to approve as presented a contract with Anthony Roofing in the amount of \$899,950 for roofing.

Annual Renewal of the Agreements Regarding the Receipt of Developer Subdivision Contributions and Indemnification

The Board voted to renew as presented a one-year agreement with Lake County regarding developer fees.

Accept External Audit for Fiscal Year Ending 2022

The Board voted to accept the annual audit for the year ending June 30, 2022 as submitted by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP.

Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement with Village of Deerfield and School District 109 regarding Deerfield Downton/Village Center Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District

The Board voted to approve as presented an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Deerfield and Deerfield Public Schools District 109 for a tax increment financing district in the Deerfield Downtown/Village Center.

Review of Closed Session Minutes

The Board voted to approve a motion as presented to open or keep closed minutes from closed sessions from June 14, 2022 through November 29.

Consent Agenda

The Board approved [the consent agenda](#) as presented. The consent agenda includes personnel, stipends, and board bills.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings-

February 7, 2023

Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

Administration Building

February 14, 2023

Policy Committee Meeting

4:00 p.m.

Administration Building

February 21, 2023

Regular Action Meeting

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

Administration Building