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[February 7, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

Approval of Agenda

The Board voted to approve the February 7 agenda as presented.

Board Reports

President

Board President Ken Fishbain reported that a lot was accomplished when the Board and District Education Association Bargaining Teams met on February 3. The teams reached consensus on language for transfer (involuntary and voluntary), just cause, no-strike and non-discrimination, seniority, reduction in force and recall. In addition, the group discussed a work plan for the next several planned sessions. The next session is scheduled for February 15, 2023.

Members of the bargaining unit will continue to receive email updates about the collective bargaining process. These updates are available [on the District's website](#).

Administration Information Reports

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law began his report by announcing that the District 113 Art Show has opened and will run through February 12 at The Art Center in Highland Park. Dr. Law said the annual reception will be held Thursday, February 9. He said the art show is one of the best things about District 113 as it provides an opportunity to showcase in a beautiful exhibit space the amazing work of artists who happen to be students.

Dr. Law also reported that he was happy to announce the details for the February 21 event with Yale's Dr. Marc Brackett. The event will include the greater D113 community, including the other 440 Partners, sender elementary districts Bannockburn School District 106, Deerfield Public Schools 109, and North Shore School District 112. Dr. Brackett will be speaking with staff during the day and then in the evening will provide results from parent/guardian surveys to as well as present [***The Power of Emotional Intelligence to Achieve Well-Being and Success in***](#)

[School and Life](#) at 7 p.m. on February 21 at the Highland Park High School Auditorium. More information can be found at the link above. All are welcome and the event is free but [registration is requested](#).

FOIA

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

[*A Passion for Excellence Video Series: Gus Pappadimas*](#)

The fifth installment of the video series, “A Passion for Excellence,” focuses on HPHS School Psychologist Gus Pappadimas. The series highlights teachers and staff telling their stories as educators, which tell the story of the passion for excellence in District 113 that drives the passion for students' potential. Future installments will come to the Board on a monthly basis throughout the school year.

School Reports

Student Liaison Reports

Highland Park High School student board liaison Raquel Bach and Deerfield High School student board liaison Anna Catella provided some highlights from the previous month to the Board.

Discussion

Planning for Section and Staffing

Since 2020, Administration has discussed with the Board how they will approach the sectioning of student course requests that results in the staffing recommendation that is brought to the Board in March for the following school year. Administration recommended changes to the planning document for the 2023-24 school year as a first step in the sectioning and staffing process. The slide deck shared with the Board, and ensuing Board discussion, focused on the planning for de-surveyed classes with freshman student enrollment and special education staffing based upon the workload plan.

Consent Agenda

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings-

February 14, 2023
Policy Committee Meeting
4:00 p.m.
Administration Building

February 14, 2023

Facilities Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m.
Administration Building

February 21, 2023
Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee Meeting
5:00 p.m.
Administration Building

February 21, 2023
Regular Action Meeting
6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session
Administration Building