



## **Board Briefs**

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[November 14, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

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### **Approval of Agenda**

The Board voted to approve the November 14 agenda as presented.

### **Recognition**

#### ***School Board Member Appreciation***

In honor of School Board Member Appreciation Day on November 15, Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law thanked the Board for the leadership they have demonstrated during very difficult circumstances, displaying [the resolution written in their honor](#). He also said that all should be most appreciative to Board members for the long hours and all the hard work in serving District 113.

### **Board Reports**

#### ***President***

Board President Dan Struck said the Board wants to hear from everyone as the Board works to replace the Superintendent who is retiring, and he urged people to take the survey for the superintendent search. Mr. Struck then remarked that the fall sports and activities season was coming to a close and he congratulated all for a great fall season as the schools gear up for the winter season. He closed his remarks by wishing everyone a very happy Thanksgiving.

### **Administration Reports**

#### ***Superintendent***

Dr. Law began by wishing everyone a happy Thanksgiving as well. He noted that the weapons detection system had been rolled out at Deerfield High School that morning. He said he anticipated providing the Board with an update on security in the very near future and that information about the DHS rollout will be shared at that time.

### ***Illinois Report Card 2023***

Dr. Michael Lach, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, provided [a full academic report](#) on the recently released school report cards created by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) as required by Board policy and Illinois School Code. DHS and HPHS were named commendable as their summative designations. During the extensive discussion, Dr. Lach also provided student performance data not included in the report card reviewed with the Board steps the District is taking to address concerns and enhance successes.

[The report cards can be found on the District 113 website.](#) If a District 113 parent or guardian wishes to receive a printed copy by mail, please contact Dr. Lach at 224-765-1016.

### ***FOIA***

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

### **School Reports**

#### ***Student Liaison Reports***

HPHS Student Liaison Miles Walker and DHS Student Liaison Jada Harris provided reports on the latest happenings at their respective schools to the Board. Miles and Jada also shared their perspectives during the Illinois Report Card discussion.

### **Action**

#### ***Construction Manager Approval – Summer 2024 Construction***

The Board voted to approve as presented an amendment to the contract with Pepper Construction in the amount \$73,866 for construction manager services for summer 2024 construction projects.

#### ***FY2024 Round 1 School Maintenance Project Grant Application***

The Board voted to authorize Administration to apply for the School Maintenance Grant and to reserve local funds in the amount of \$50,000 to cover the District's portion of the grant costs.

This dollar-for-dollar state matching grant is made available to the District by the Illinois State Board of Education. The District has identified a fire alarm project for the application.

#### ***Estimate the Aggregate Levy***

The Board voted to approve its intent to levy for the tax year 2023 a total aggregate of \$109,578,141 exclusive of bond and interest costs, \$115,520,551 with bond and interest costs, and authorize the publication of a notice in compliance with the Truth-in-Taxation Act for a public hearing on the 2023 tax levy to be scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at Township High School District 113, 1040 Park Avenue West, Highland Park, IL 60035. In order to comply with The Truth-in-Taxation Act, an estimate of the 2023 tax levy must be determined by Board action at least 20 days prior to the Tax Levy Hearing.

### **Consent Agenda**

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

### **Upcoming Meetings**

November 28, 2023

Regular Action Meeting

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

Administration Building

December 12, 2023

Regular Action Meeting

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