

**WESTERN SPRINGS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT 101**

**OCTOBER 24, 2022
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL

Mrs. Sendaydiego, President, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:45pm noting that no one had signed up for Public Comments.

Mrs. Sendaydiego invited those in attendance to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

On roll call, the following answered present: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Dan Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego. Ms. Cahill was unable to attend.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Lettiere, to approve the minutes of the Regular and Closed Minutes from the meeting of September 19, 2022.

On voice vote, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Daniel Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

BOARD PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Barnhart commended several D101 graduates who, now as LTHS 204 students, have continued to perform remarkably well in their studies, as 6 of the 23 (26%) students announced by LT as National Merit Commended students are former students of ours, while 4 of the 10 recently announced LT students who were named National Merit Semi-Finalists also are former D101 students. Congratulations to all the LTHS students who reached these outstanding academic achievements, with special admiration from a distance for our proud alumni!

ACTION ITEMS

The Board asked questions of Dr. Barnhart and also discussed the following action items:

Approve Employment of Non-Certified Staff

Mrs. Adler made a motion to approve the employment of Maggie Carrabine, paraprofessional, Forest Hills and Mrs. Heit seconded the motion. On roll call, the following

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voted yes: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Daniel Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Accept Resignation

Mr. Pansing made a motion to approve the resignation of Maggie Siebert, Nurse at McClure, and Mrs. Dudley seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Daniel Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Semi-Annual Review of Closed Session Minutes (March 2022 to July 2022)

Mr. Lettiere made a motion to approve semi-annual review of closed minutes for March 2022 to July 2022 and Mrs. Adler seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Daniel Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Eliminate Closed Session Recordings (Nov 2020 to April 2021)

Mrs. Heit made a motion to approve the elimination of closed session recordings from November 2020 to April 2021 and Mr. Pansing seconded. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Daniel Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORTS

Education Committee

Mr. Lettiere, Education Committee Chair, asked Dr. Coffey to share the status of the K - 5 Math Core Resource Pilot and to provide an update on new year-two staff mentoring support. Dr. Coffey reported that D101 continues to pilot two new, potential core resources for K-5 math and is utilizing a survey tool to capture quantitative feedback for all three resources being used (i-Ready, Eureka Squared, & our current math resource EverydayMath 4). The math committee collates this feedback and meets monthly with grade level reps to analyze feedback, share qualitative data, course correct (if needed) and ultimately plan to make a recommendation for a broader pilot (all K-5) next year.

She also reported that “Year 2” mentoring and 1/2 day professional development sessions have been added to further support the success of our newer staff. Key topics covered at the in-service day included: understanding continuous improvement in D101, formative practices, constructivist approaches and why these are key ingredients of effective instruction that result in improved student ownership everywhere, but especially in D101.

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Building Committee

Mrs. Adler, Building Committee Chair, shared that bids had been received for facility renovation projects at Field Park and McClure. After a lengthy discussion, the Board agreed that the McClure FACS room renovation bid would be approved and that the Board would like to re-bid the Field Park teachers lounge project this spring, with hopes that more competitive pricing can be achieved at this later date, as the submitted bids for that project were well beyond budget estimates for the scope identified.

Finance Committee

Dr. Barnhart, sitting in for Mrs. Cahill, Finance Committee Chair, reported that October expenditures were as expected, including the annual WS Parks invoice, balcony repair at McClure, the Laidlaw asphalt project that was completed in September/October, and the Carl Hooker staff and parent evening events. Mrs. Sendaydiego made a motion to approve the October 2022 expenditures in the total amount of \$2,341,199.15 and Mr. Pansing seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Dan Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Dr. Barnhart reported the September 2022 total fund balance of \$4,102,412.97, well below last year's fund balance as the County continues to lag in collection and distribution timelines as discussed in previous months.

Policy/Legislative Committee

Mrs. Dudley, Policy/Legislative Committee Chair, had no report.

Communications Committee

Mrs. Heit, Communications Chair, had no report.

Educational Foundation

Mr. Pansing, Board liaison to the Western Springs Foundation for Educational Excellence (WSFEE), reported that WSFEE is underway with a branding project to assist in improving communication with the school and broader community.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mrs. Sendaydiego shared that there was no correspondence.

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MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

At 7:04pm, Mrs. Adler moved to adjourn to Closed session for approximately 60 minutes to discuss legal and personnel issues and Mrs. Heit seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Daniel Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

OTHER

Dr. Barnhart and the Board acknowledged the loss to the community and the D101 community of WSPD Chief Brian Budds who has accepted a similar position in Buffalo Grove. Chief Budds has been a great partner over the years with us. We thank him for his service to our community and wish him well in his new position.

Referendum Discussion

The Board discussed, at length, next steps, timelines, Committee membership, and ballot language considerations for the April 2023 Referendum.

The Board discussed a number of school safety-related issues, including the adoption and purchase of an improved Crisis Response Communication System via Intrado and SchoolMessenger, the piloting of several new protection devices for our classrooms, and the upcoming Lockdown Drills that will take place Tuesday and Thursday of this week in conjunction with the Western Springs Police and Fire Departments.

Facility Improvement Proposal Discussion

The Board discussed three bids that were received for facility renovation projects at Field Park and McClure respectively. After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the McClure FACS bid would be approved and that the Board would like to re-bid the Field Park project this spring, with hopes that more competitive pricing can be achieved at this later date, as the submitted bids were well beyond budget estimates for the scope identified.

ACTION ITEMS

Approve Facility Renovation Bid for FACS room

Mrs. Adler made a motion to approve a bid from Metropolitan Corporation for \$300,000 to conduct a complete renovation of the McClure Family and Consumer Science classroom,

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and Mrs. Heit seconded. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Daniel Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

Approve Resolution authorizing the issuance of General Obligation Bonds

Mrs. Heit made a motion to approve the issuing of General Obligation bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) of the District an amount not to exceed \$6,000,000 pursuant to the Local Government Debt Reform Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, for the purpose of defraying the ordinary and necessary costs of operating the District and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities and improving the sites thereof and Mr. Pansing seconded. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Daniel Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.

ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING

At 9:24pm, Mrs. Heit moved to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Adler seconded the motion. On roll call, the following voted yes: Meredith Adler, Megan Cahill, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Daniel Pansing and Caitlin Sendaydiego.



Brian T. Barnhart, Ph.D.
Board of Education Secretary



Caitlin Sendaydiego
Board of Education President