

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

**NOVEMBER 28, 2022  
CLOSED SESSION MINUTES**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Sendaydiego, President of the Board of Education, called the Closed Session of the Board of Education to order at 7:06 pm pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

**ATTENDANCE**

The following were present: Meredith Adler, Megan Cahill, Catherine Dudley, Kate Heit, Brett Lettiere, Dan Pansing, and Caitlin Sendaydiego. Dr. Barnhart and Dr. Coffey were also present.

**Personnel Issue**

Dr. Barnhart shared that the resolution of the Field Park personnel issue discussed last month has continued to move forward as planned. The Board discussed the situation.

**Referendum Committee**

Board members reported on the status of those community members who had been asked to form a community referendum committee. The Board discussed a potential timeline for the referendum committee's actions and reiterated that no more than two Board members may be present in planning discussions for the referendum. We want to take this conservative stance to ensure that the Open Meetings Act requirements are met fully.

Potential issues and associated timelines were discussed and might include rounding out the committee membership, drafting a communications plan, explaining the "why" of the referendum to WSEA leadership, D101 staff, and meeting with a full citizens committee.

**Laidlaw Update**

The Laidlaw survey, which closes on 12/5/22, already had positive initial feedback from 14 staff and 77 parents. Dr. Coffey spoke with Renee Epstein about the survey plans and options open to consideration moving forward.

**Personnel Issue**

The Board discussed the attorney's write-up regarding the personnel situation at McClure and potential paths to move forward. In its discussion, the Board was clear to identify that they would be the decision-making body on all things related to employment, and Drs. Barnhart and Coffey would be responsible for management, improvement and assessment of the remaining aspects that will need to be implemented related to this issue. A lengthy and interactive discussion ensued.

**ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:21pm, Mrs. Sendaydiego moved to adjourn the Closed Session. Mrs. Dudley seconded the motion, and all voted yes.



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



Caitlin Sendaydiego  
Board of Education President