

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

**SEPTEMBER 19, 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 7:22pm pursuant to the Open Meetings Act.

ATTENDANCE

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

Devore lawsuit

Dr. Barnhart shared that the Devore lawsuit was no longer an active issue.

Parent Bus Incident

Dr. Barnhart reported that a parent boarded a D101 bus and reprimanded a D101 student. D101 filed a police report regarding the event and met with the parent who was genuinely apologetic. Representatives from D101 rode the bus route in question for a few days following the incident to ensure there would not be a repeated event.

Texas/Mexican Immigrants

Dr. Barnhart noted that 367 immigrants were relocated to the western suburbs. Per West 40, the regional educational office for D101, the students can attend local school districts, including D101, based on their status as homeless. A discussion ensued regarding the laws around student immunizations and the required exclusion of non-immunized students. Dr. Barnhart noted that we would proactively communicate to all parents and staff in the event this moves forward.

SEL Opt Out

Dr. Barnhart shared that two families opted out of some, not all, of the SEL lessons and three families opted out of other aspects of school, including health class. Interim Principal Epstein did a fabulous job communicating with the families involved in this at Laidlaw.

Referendum Safety Net

The Board discussed financial options open to us in advance of the spring referendum vote.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

At 8:15pm, Catherine Dudley moved to adjourn the Closed Session. Mr. Lettiere seconded the motion, and all voted yes.


Brian T. Barnhart, Ph.D.

Board of Education Secretary


Caitlin Sendaydiego

Board of Education President