

BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOREST PARK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
DISTRICT 91
Location: **Grant-White School**
March 9, 2023

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Ms. Tyler at 6:30 p.m. and was held in person and was live streamed as well.

Roll Call: Ms. Tyler, Mr. Rummel, Ms. Cotton, Ms. Valleau, Mr. Brooks, Ms. Wood, Mr. Lyons

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the Mission Statement, the Vision Statement, and the Equity Imperative videos were played. The videos were made by the Forest Park News Media Team (Forest Park Middle School students).

Mr. Lyons took a moment to honor the Native American Land and its tribes that Forest Park is on.

Consent Agenda Items

Motion was made by Mr. Rummel and seconded by Ms. Cotton-Yancy to approve the minutes of the 2/9/2023 regular meeting, closed session minutes of 2/9/2023, the payrolls of 2/15/2023 and 2/28/2023, the bills as presented, and the destruction of closed session recordings from September 2021.

Payrolls: 2/15/2023: Education \$496,982.64, Operations & Maintenance \$47,947.64, Transportation \$13,441.78

2/28/2023: Education \$494,292.06, Operations & Maintenance \$48,164.28, Transportation \$15,505.99

Bills: Education \$411,564.16, Operations & Maintenance \$86,085.37, Debt Service \$0, Transportation \$79,105.46, Municipal Retirement/Social Security \$50,969.77, Capital Projects \$0, Working Cash \$0, Tort \$0, Fire Prevention & Safety \$0

On roll call:

Ayes: Mr. Rummel, Ms. Cotton, Ms. Tyler, Ms. Valleau, Mr. Lyons, Ms. Wood, Mr. Brooks

Nays: None

Motion carried

Correspondence - None

Matters for Consideration from the Public - None

Superintendent Report

Recognition

Primary Art Club will display their work at Forest Park Public Library on 3/14/2023, thank you Ms. Bruzzini.

Social Worker Day - March 21, 2023, please take a moment to thank Andrea Coco, David Droy, Lucia Suarez and Maddie Parrilli.

Spelling Bee Champion - Emme Whitebone has advanced to regional competition on March 28, 2023.

Learning and Achievement

D91 leaders attended the Leading For Equity Conference 2/23/2023 - 2/26/2023 in California. Ms. Stauder, Ms. Bogdan, Ms. Kass, Dr. Alvarez, Mr. Edler, Ms. Huff, Ms. Wood, and Ms. Cotton-Yancy shared their experiences at the conference. They shared some of their experiences which were personal takeaways, areas of improvement, constructive listening, implicit bias, liberatory mindset, and that this work is a lifelong journey.

Family and Community Engagement

Thank you to all of the parents and staff that walked in the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Also, thank you to all that helped to celebrate National Read Across America and to all of the men that read to Field-Stevenson students. Dr. Alvarez read to Garfield students as well.

Talent Recruitment and Development

All of the evaluations for administrators and certified staff have been completed. Evaluations for non-certified staff are on track to be completed by the end of the school year.

FOIA- None

Committee Reports

Teacher Negotiations - None

Board Policy - None

Finance - Next meeting is scheduled already for May

Engagement - Thank you Ms. Wood for handing out flowers for International Women's Day, on parade day everyone was engaged, Excellence Awards will be planned. Soup and Bread events is coming back to Forest Park, it is free soup and bread for the community hosted at a Forest Park business and donations go to food outreach organizations.

Superintendent Evaluation - Vice President Wood/Member Lyons - The board members should have their evaluation document of Dr. Alvarez and shared with Ms. Wood by 3/17 and then a special meeting will be scheduled to discuss her evaluation.

Professional Progress Committee (PPC) - The February PPC minutes were shared.

Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC) - The committee is working on getting focus groups for the annual needs assessment.

IASB Delegate - Vice-President Wood - None

Items for Discussion

Dr. Robert Hubbird, Asst. Superintendent of Finance & Operations

As of today, there hasn't been any news from the county on when we will receive revenue. In April there will be an amendment made to the budget.

Thank you for signing the permits to work on the STEAM labs and the permit has been filed with ROE and we are on track to start construction in June. We received 3 quotes for lab furniture and will be asking for approval later in the agenda.

Grant-White School Opportunities

Continuing the conversation about usage of Grant-White, Dr. Hubbird has done some research on what it would take to lease it for about 6 - 15 dollars per sq foot, the building has about 17,000 sq feet on each floor. The cost to move the district office here, the board asked about the cost and that could be about \$70,000 dollars for remodeling to use the second floor. That cost would be offset by selling the District Office building.

People are interested in using Grant-White and this prompted the Board to discuss in more detail what the building could be used for. The board asked to gather information regarding taxes, leasing, and possible construction to move the district offices to Grant-White.

Due to a primary election in March of 2024 the school calendar needs to be amended and reapproved. The April Teacher Institute Day will now be moved to March 19, 2024.

Closed Session

At 7:37 p.m Ms. Tyler asked for a motion to enter into closed session for the purpose of employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of employees and lease or purchase of property. Ms. Valleau made a motion, Mr. Rummel seconded and the motion carried to enter into closed session.

On roll call: 7 ayes

Open session continued at 8:40 p.m.

Consent Agenda Items Discussed in Closed Session

Motion was made by Mr. Rummel and seconded by Ms. Valleau to approve the reemployment of full-time, nontenured 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th year teachers for 2023-2024 and the following items:

Employee

Building/Position

Date

Resignations:

Maureen Doheny	GAR/Preschool Instructional Assistant	3/4/2023
Jabri Nix	BR/ Instructional Assistant	4/7/2023
Amy Halliwell	BR/Teacher	SY2023-2024

Employment:

Retirements:

Brenda Ali	DW/Health Services Assistant	6/2027
Jamie Stauder	GAR/Principal (retirement contract)	6/2026

On roll call:

Ayes: Ms. Wood, Mr. Rummel, Ms. Cotton, Ms. Tyler, Ms. Valleau, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Brooks

Nays: None

Motion carried

Possible Action to Approve Resolution for Non-Renewal 1st, 2nd, 3rd Probationary Teachers

Motion was made by Ms. Wood and seconded by Mr. Rummel to approve resolution for the non renewal of first, second, or third year teachers. The resolution stated that effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school term the following staff will not be reemployed by the district for the 2023-2024 school term: Valerie Gonzales-Malas, Thomas Smith, Daniel Dugan, Rachel Tunnell, Luke McGuire, and Emily Morrell. The resolution was read in full and will be appended to the official minutes.

On roll call:

Ayes: Ms. Wood, Mr. Rummel, Ms. Cotton, Ms. Tyler, Ms. Valleau, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Brooks

Nays: None

Motion carried

Items for Action

Dr. Elizabeth Alvarez, Superintendent of Schools

Recommendation to Purchase Scholastic Rising Voices Libraries in the Amount of \$63,295.78

Motion was made by Mr. Rummel and seconded by Ms. Tyler to approve this purchase.

On roll call:

Ayes: Ms. Wood, Mr. Rummel, Ms. Cotton, Ms. Tyler, Ms. Valleau, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Brooks

Nays: None

Motion carried

Dr. Robert Hubbard, Asst. Superintendent of Finance and Operations

Recommendation to Accept Proposal from Frank Cooney for STEAM Lab furniture at FS \$27,467.50 and FPMS \$63,406.47

Ms. Tyler made a motion and Ms. Cotton-Yancy seconded to approve this purchase.

On roll call:

Ayes: Ms. Wood, Mr. Rummel, Ms. Cotton, Ms. Tyler, Ms. Valleau, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Brooks

Nays: None

Motion carried

Recommendation to Adopt the Revised FY2023 - 2024 School Calendar

Motion was made by Ms. Tyler and seconded by Mr. Rummel to approve the revised school calendar

On roll call:

Ayes: Ms. Wood, Mr. Rummel, Ms. Cotton, Ms. Tyler, Ms. Valleau, Mr. Brooks, Mr. Lyons

Nays: None

Motion carried

Additional Matters for Consideration from the Board

Ms. Cotton-Yancy shared her experience at Literacy Night. The author was very engaging and the parade was great.

Mr. Rummel shared his experience at Real Men Read, it was the best hanging out with the kids.

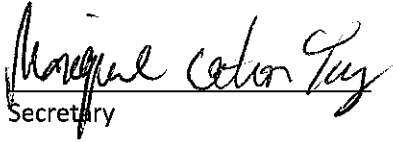
Mr. Brooks shared his experience at the 3rd grade concert and it was great to see the 2nd graders at Field-Stevenson to see where they are moving up to and seeing the older students engaging. He also participated in Ms. Finn's presentation for the Robotics Team. The kids for the first time coded and used robots to make them work - they were super excited!

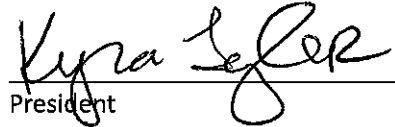
Ms. Tyler encouraged all to fill out the 5Essentials Survey. Shout out to all of the great women that work in our district included our highly qualified superintendent,

Adjournment

Motion was made by Ms. Valleau, seconded by Mr. Rummel and the motion carried to adjourn at 8:58 pm.

On roll call - 7 ayes


Secretary


President