

**OFFICIAL MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
LA GRANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 105
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the District 105 Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Lopez at 7:08 PM on Monday, July 24, 2023.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sheila Bryck, Amy Flaherty Hartman, Elias Lopez, Candice Mares, Robert Sherman, Bryan White, Kelly Young; Late: None, Absent: None

CLOSED SESSION

The closed session of the regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Lopez at 6:18 PM on Monday, July 24, 2023 in the Library Learning Center at Gurrie Middle School, 1001 S. Spring Avenue, La Grange, IL 60525.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

The Board met in closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, performance, and/or dismissal/resignation of personnel and a matter relating to an individual student.

Mr. White moved to return to general session, seconded by Mrs. Young. The motion carried with a voice vote. The Board returned to general session at 6:56 PM on July 24, 2023.

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

ROLL CALL

Present: Sheila Bryck, Amy Flaherty Hartman, Elias Lopez, Candice Mares, Robert Sherman, Bryan White, Kelly Young; Late: None, Absent: None

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ganan thanked Coleen Winterfield, Director of Student Services for her service at District 105, as this would be her last Board Meeting. He welcomed Jennifer Sabourin to District 105 as she will be starting in the position of Director of Student Services on July 1, 2023. Dr. Ganan also welcomed Lorena Mendoza, Co-Principal for Gurrie Middle School, who will officially join the district on July 1, 2023.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Mr. Lopez read the following policy on public comment procedures.

“The Board understands the importance of public comments as a means of direct communication between our community and the school board. We share a passion for decision making that best educates our students while keeping them safe. To that end, let's remember to keep this portion of the meeting functioning with mutual respect. Here are some guidelines to keep in mind for our public comments portion of the agenda:

- Each person will be allotted 3 minutes for their comments.
- You must state your full name when making a public comment.
- The audience will respect the speaker and the board by remaining silent until it is their turn to make a public comment.
- You should not expect an immediate verbal response from the Board during public comments.

There were no public comments at this meeting.

PRESENTATIONS

Spring Data Presentation - Kathryn Heeke

Kathryn Heeke presented to the Board the Year-End Data Presentation.

- 1) Year-End Student Performance 2022-23 Update
- 2) Year-End Student Progress 2022-23 School Year
- 3) Year-End Student Achievement 2022-23 School Year

Ms. Heeke presented the Spring 2023 MAP test results. She presented that in both achievement and progress, the district Math and Reading results are the highest since 2018. With these results, D105 ranks in the 71st percentile for progress and 79th percentile for achievement. According to NWEA, this classifies the District as a high-performing District.

Advanced Academics Department Presentation - Susan Calder

Susan Calder presented to the Board information about the Advanced Academics Department.

- 1) History of Accelerated Math Classes in D105
- 2) Points to Consider in Scheduling
- 3) Looking Forward to 2023-2024

The plan for this school year is to hold two separate Accelerated Math classes. One at 8:30 am at Spring/Gurrie for students from Spring and Hodgkins Schools. The second class will be held at 10:30 am at Ideal for students from both Ideal and Seventh Avenue Schools. More details will be shared when they are available. We are looking forward to expanding the number of students participating in the Accelerated Math programs. We will start the 2023-24 school year with 102 Advanced ELA students and 175 Advanced Mathematics students.

FY24 Tentative Budget Presentation - Scott Blumberg

Scott Blumberg presented to the Board the tentative FY24 Budget. Mr. Blumberg highlighted the following:

- 1) Despite deficit spending in funds 20 – Operations & Maintenance and 30 – Debt Service, this is a balanced budget overall.
- 2) In FY23 the district received \$4,076,737.32 in CPPRT revenue. He anticipates that the district will receive 75% of that in FY24 for a total of \$3,057,522.99. Should the district receive over that amount, 25% of the revenue will go into fund 10 – Education and 75% will go into fund 20 – Operations & Maintenance.
- 3) The new D105 CD program is incorporated into the budget in fund 10 - Education.
- 4) Incorporated into the expenses in fund 20 – Operations & Maintenance is the purchase of a new district truck with snowplow capabilities.
- 5) Air conditioning project: a) Fund 20 contains the revenue and expenses for the ARP/ESSER funding for the project. B) Fund 60 includes the transfer of money for this project. Most of the remaining expenses will hit in FY25, he did budget for some architect and construction manager's fees to come out in FY24 from fund 60.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

Revision of FY24 Board of Education Meeting Schedule – October 2023

When scheduling the 2023-2024 School Board Meeting dates, it was overlooked that October 23rd is the same night as parent/teacher conferences. (Due to parent feedback, we moved our fall conference up a little earlier than in year's past). Dr. Gana's recommendation is to move the October Board meeting (which takes place at Gurrie Middle School) to Monday, October 30, 2023. Gurrie Middle School will present on October 30, 2023 and Ideal School will present on January 22, 2024 at Ideal School.

Meal Pricing for 2023-2024 School Year

District 105 is continuing to participate in the National School Lunch Program. For the 2023-2024 school year NSLP participants need to go back to pre-pandemic operations. In order to comply with ISBE guidelines, District 105 needs to approve the 2023-2024 lunch pricing.

The 2023-2024 Breakfast and Lunch pricing is as follows:

1. The price of paid lunches will increase \$0.24, from \$3.31 to \$3.55 for this school year.
2. Reduced prices will rise \$0.05. Breakfast will be \$0.35 and lunch will be \$0.45.
3. Also, per the State, adult, paid breakfast, and "milk only"/extra milk costs may be determined by us, depending on food and labor costs.
 - a. Adult Lunch Cost: The previous cost of an adult lunch is \$3.80, while next school year's price \$4.08.
 - b. Paid Breakfast Cost: we are looking at an increase of \$0.15 from \$2.45 to \$2.60 for the 23-24 school year.
 - c. Milk: per our contract with Cloverleaf farms, milk will cost us \$0.34 per carton. Therefore, we recommend a \$0.02 per carton increase in our pricing moving it to \$0.34 for the 23-24 school year.

Full Price Lunch \$3.55, Reduced Price Lunch \$0.45, Full Price Breakfast \$2.60, Reduced Price Breakfast \$0.35, Milk \$0.34, and Adult Meals \$4.08

Air Conditioning Update

Scott Blumberg presented to the Board. On July 17th, the District met with Arcon, CS2, and Nicholas and Associates to go over the 80% drawings and budget information that Nicholas was able to get back. There was not much movement in the budget received back. They discussed some scope adjustments that will need to be reflected in the final drawings that will cause another shift in pricing. Therefore, Nicholas will receive the final drawings from Arcon and do one last budget round. We will review the budget that comes back and then proceed to going out to bid.

The timeline is as follows:

7/26/23 Arcon to furnish

8/10/23 Nicholas to provide update cost estimate

8/14/23 Bid documents available

8/30/23 Bid opening

It is important to note that the target all in cost for this project is \$6,000,000.

This increase in cost is driven by the following:

- The new chillers will be mounted on the roof of the buildings. This will incur costs to mount it and tie the platform into the roof supports. o Additionally, there will be cost to enclose the chiller for sound barriers.
- Replacement insulation being needed at the hanger locations.
- Electrical work at Hodgkins:
 - o Original scope: replace transformer feeding Hodgkins school.
 - o Additional scope as part of new approach as it was found that for the three phases that are the backbone for the building, not all three phases are the same voltage. This could lead to a shutdown of power once the chiller is installed. The project is being built with 208Y/120v 3 phase service sized to accommodate the chiller plus our peak load. The existing panel boards will be retrofitted to accommodate this. This service application is more standard in schools.
 - o It is estimated that all electrical work will cost \$635,000, with 80% of the cost coming from the upgrades needed at Hodgkins.

The funding for this project is currently tabulated as follows:

50/50 Matching Grant \$50,000

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ESSER III \$958,123

Capital Projects Funding FY23 \$1,900,000

Capital Projects Funding FY24 \$1,200,000 <--- New with FY24 budget CPPRT Revenue Surplus
FY23 \$968,600

Total \$5,126,723 Additional funding will come with the FY25 budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

A. - Approval of Minutes, Regular, General, and Special –June 26, 2023

B. - Administrative Reports

- 1.) Curriculum/Instruction/Professional Development
- 2.) Business and Finance

- 3.) Technology
- 4.) FOIA
- C.- Approval of Payment of Bills/Payroll
- D.- Approval of Substitute List

On roll call, members voting AYE: Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Employment

Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mrs. Hartman that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the employment of the following:

- 1) Celia Albarran, Library Learning Center Aid at Ideal Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective August 22, 2023;
- 2) Delaney Arreguin, Kindergarten Teacher at Spring Avenue School, at an annual salary of \$45,084.00, effective August 21, 2023;
- 3) Elizabeth Childers, Grade 5 Teacher at Ideal Elementary School, at an annual salary of \$49,005.34, effective August 23, 2023;
- 4) Laura Feichtinger, Paraprofessional at Ideal Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$16.00, effective August 21, 2023;
- 5) Roxanna Lugo, Paraprofessional at Gurrie Middle School, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective August 21, 2023;
- 6) Mary Alice Maloney, Library Learning Center Aide at Spring Avenue School, at an hourly rate of \$16.00, effective August 21, 2023;
- 7) Maeve Quinn, Grade 5 Teacher at Spring Avenue School, at an annual salary of \$51,156.00, effective August 21, 2023;
- 8) Amy Raschke, Part time Nurse (.5) at Gurrie/Spring Avenue Schools, at an hourly rate of \$31.00 per hour, effective August 21, 2023;
- 9) Megan Swiecicki, ELA Teacher at Gurrie Middle School, at an annual salary of \$49,984.43, effective August 21, 2023;
- 10) JeTaun Teamer, Paraprofessional at Hodgkins Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective August 21, 2023; and

And the change of position of the following:

- 1) Catherine Altobelli, Lunchroom Monitor at Seventh Avenue School to Lunchroom Monitor and Paraprofessional at Seventh Avenue School, at an hourly rate of \$13.93 for Lunchroom and \$15.00 for Paraprofessional, effective August 21, 2023.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of Resignations

Motion by Mrs Hartman, seconded by Dr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the resignations for the following:

- 1) Angela Castaldo, ELA Teacher at Gurrie Middle School, effective July 7, 2023;
- 2) Allison Cherry, Music Teacher at Ideal and Seventh Avenue Schools, effective June 7, 2023;
- 3) Maria Davey, Lunchroom Monitor at Spring Avenue School, effective July 6, 2023;
- 4) Vidalia Garcia, Administrative Assistant for Student Services, effective July 31, 2023;
- 5) Nandia Gonzalez, Paraprofessional at Gurrie Middle School, effective June 6, 2023;
- 6) Melissa Guilfoyle, Part-Time Orchestra Director for the District, effective June 7, 2023;
- 7) Lindsey Hargis, Speech-Language Pathologist at Ideal School, effective June 7, 2023, and
- 8) Tracy Naughton, Pre-K Teacher at Hodgkins School, effective June 7, 2023.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of Consolidated District Plan

Motion by Dr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Lopez, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the Consolidated District Plan to be submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education.

Each school year, the District is required to submit a Consolidated District Plan (CDP) to the Illinois State Board of Education. The CDP meets the planning requirements for the District to receive its allocated *federal* funding in a total of 12 potential areas. This plan was drafted in coordination with our departments of English Learners, Teaching and Learning, Student Services and Business. As part of the submittal process, it is required for the Board to review and approve the plan. Historically, in D105 the plan is included in a board packet some time between June and August as an action item.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Second Reading and Adoption of Press Policy 112

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mrs. Bryck, that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt Press Policy 112.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Young, Bryck, Hartman; Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of Revised FY24 Board of Education Meeting Calendar

Motion by Mrs. Bryck, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the revision of the FY24 School Board Meeting Calendar to change the date of the October 2023 meeting to the following Monday in October. THE NEW DA The new date will be Monday, October 30, 2023 at Gurrie Middle School.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of FY24 Curriculum Purchases

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the purchase for Curriculum supplies in the amount of \$242,000 as presented.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Adoption of Tentative Budget for FY24

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt the tentative budget for the 2023-2024 fiscal year, display said budget as required by law and publish the legal notice for the public hearing to be held on August 28, 2023 at 7:00 pm in the Gurrie Middle School Library.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of Meal Pricing for 2023-24 School Year

Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the meal pricing for the 2023-24 School Year. Pricing will be as follows: Breakfast price per meal \$2.60, Student lunch price per meal \$3.55, Adult lunch price per meal \$4.08. Reduced pricing as follows: Reduced breakfast price is \$0.35 and reduced lunch price is \$0.45 for the 2023-2024 school year. Milk pricing to be approved at \$0.34 per carton.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez;; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Approval of Destruction of Closed Session Recordings

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Dr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve destruction of the following closed session recordings:

Special Board Meeting July 19, 2021
Regular Board Meeting July 26, 2021
Regular Board Meeting August 23, 2021
Regular Board Meeting, September 27, 2021
Regular Board Meeting October 25, 2021
Regular Board Meeting November 15, 2021
Regular Board Meeting December 13, 2021

On roll call, members voting AYE: Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Budget Hearing and Adoption of FY24 Budget
- Approval of Hazardous Condition Transportation Resolution

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Lopez moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. White. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM on Monday. July 24, 2023.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Bryck, Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young,; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

Board President

Board Secretary