

**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 7:45 PM on Monday, June 26, 2023.

CLOSED SESSION

There was not a Closed Session meeting held on June 26, 2023.

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 as this is her last Board Meeting as her last day in the district is June 30, 2023.

PUBLIC PRESENTATION

Mrs Bryck 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.

PRESENTATIONS

There were no Presentations at this meeting.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

First Reading Press Policy 112

Press Policy updates are received every couple of months. Press Policy 112 is mostly 5-year reviews. Changes in these policies are mainly changes in footnotes, legal references, and exhibits. There is one policy that has been rewritten (includes new language). This is policy 7:330-E. The new language requires that emergency medical dispatches to be added to the list of first responders included in an annual review of the district's emergency action plans for interscholastic activities. The Second Reading and Adoption will take place at the July Board Meeting.

FY24 School Board Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations

As suggested by Dr. Sherman at an earlier Board Meeting, the monthly Board Meetings will take place at each of the schools for the upcoming proposed Board of Education Meeting Calendar. The meetings will take place at the schools where the students from that building will be presenting to the Board.

The fourth Monday of each month has been designated as the official Board of Education regular meeting date, at **7:00 PM**, with exceptions as approved by the Board, according to the following schedule:

July 24, 2023

August 28, 2023

September 25, 2023

October 23, 2023 (at Ideal)

***November 20, 2023 (at Hodgkins)**

***December 18, 2023 (at Seventh)**

January 22, 2024 (Gurrie to present)

February 26, 2024 (at Spring)

***March 18, 2024**

April 22, 2024 (preschool to present-meeting at Gurrie)

May 20, 2024

June 24, 2024

Unless otherwise indicated on the date above, meetings will be held in the Gurrie library.

Note: For ease of meeting preparation, overall quality of the online broadcast, and the fact that our preschool includes students from all over the District, the preschool presentation will be held at Gurrie. This will take place during the April meeting.

Our Closed Session meetings will begin at **6:15 PM**. Our goal will be to finish all closed session meetings by 7:00. There may be a time or two when we run a little late. (Or, if we have a long closed session agenda, and it works for all Board members, we could start those particular sessions a little earlier). *It is important to note that our technology team feels strongly that the quality of the streaming will be compromised for the meetings in locations other than the Gurrie library.*

Communication Development (CD) Program Update

Coleen Winterfield shared the following: Enrollment: We currently have 10 students enrolled in the CD program; 8 are incoming kindergarten and 2 are incoming first grade students. Staffing: We are conducting second-round interviews for the classroom teacher on Tuesday. We are also continuing our search for paraprofessionals. Curriculum & Instruction: We will utilize the Unique Learning System (ULS) for Math and Reading and Matt & Molly for Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Staff professional development will be provided. Additional Supports: Easterseals has designated a coach that will provide support and guidance two times a month. This coach previously worked for LADSE in a CD classroom and will be such an asset to the development and success of the program!

Safety/Security Update: Interior Door Keys

Scott Blumberg provided the Board with the following information: As part of our safety audit conducted in the Fall of 2022, Facilities Engineering Associates (FEA) made a recommendation to adjust our keying system in the district. These adjustments will help us with that should there be an emergency situation, any staff member can get into a locked classroom or office for safety. In order to achieve this, the District has worked with two locksmith companies that have worked in the district before to provide quotes to do this over the summer. Quotes are below: Vendor

Price Fullmer Locksmith \$16,761.50 American Building Solutions \$19,791.55 We recommend moving forward with the Fullmer Locksmith quote for \$16,761.50.

Air Conditioning Update

Scott Blumberg provided the Board with the following information: On June 13th, the District met with Arcon, CS2, and Nicholas and Associates to go over the 50% drawings and budget information that Nicholas was able to get back. Upon review, it was determined that the next set of drawings that would be 80% complete would be needed to get a more accurate idea of budget for the project. This same team will be checking in this week to review the drawings and ensure that we get back good budget estimates to continue to move forward with the project.

The updated timeline is as follows:

<u>Date/Week of:</u>	<u>Milestone</u>
Week of June 26	Review 80% completed drawings
Week of July 10	Review 80% completed drawings budget assessment
Week of July 24	Bid Documents released
August 11	Bid Opening
August 28	Board Approval

Tennis Court Update

Scott Blumberg provided the Board with the following information: This past week Midwest Sports Surfaces notified the District they wanted to start the tennis court work at Gurrie. We were happy to hear this as this work is starting sooner than anticipated. They are first filling the cracks, then they will even the surface and lastly they will lay the membrane on top as planned. The work will take approximately 10 working days - weather pending. Looking at the calendar, that would put estimated completion during the week of July 3rd. Dr. Ganan expressed that the plan right now is just for the use of tennis. If there are other considerations, we will come back to the Board for further discussion. It will be posted on the website when the tennis courts will reopen. There are a few more steps that still need to be completed.

Spring Avenue Kindergarten Enrollment

Dr. Ganan presented the following information to the Board:

We are still in a difficult position with the current 2023-2024 kindergarten enrollment at Spring Avenue. As of Thursday, June 22, 2023, we had 44 students fully enrolled for kindergarten. There were an additional seven students who attended the spring 2023 kindergarten orientation event. At that time, I did not recommend opening a third section because our actual enrollment was at 22 students per classroom. On Friday afternoon, we were notified that four additional kindergarten students (of the remaining seven) registered on that date. Therefore, we are now at a total of 48 fully registered students. This is at our "soft cap" of 24 primary students per classroom. We are still trying to get confirmation from the remaining three families. Dr. Ganan's recommendation is to post, at least, an anticipated kindergarten opening at Spring Avenue. He will also need to contact LADSE to let them know that they will need to begin the process of finding another site for the classroom currently housed at Spring. With this new increase in enrollment, timing is critical for both the District and LADSE and a decision needs to be made as soon as possible.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- A. - Approval of Minutes, Regular, General, and Special –May 22, 2023 and May 31, 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 Mrs. Young, seconded by Dr. Sherman that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the employment of the following:

- 1) Gillian Allen, 2nd Grade Classroom Teacher at Ideal Elementary School, at the annual salary of \$46,661.94, effective August 21, 2023,
- 2) Sophie Brown, Kindergarten Teacher at Ideal Elementary School, at an annual salary of \$46,661.94, effective August 21, 2023,
- 3) Amanda Geballe, 3rd Grade Teacher at Seventh Avenue School, at an annual salary of \$46,661.94, effective August 21, 2023, and
- 4) Jill Parkinson. ECE/PFA Teacher at Hodgkins Elementary School, at an annual salary of \$56,122.98, effective August 21, 2023.

AND THE FOLLOWING SUMMER SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS:

- 1) April Kujawa, Summer School Teacher at Seventh Avenue Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$38.00, effective July 8, 2023, and
- 2) Reyna Nunez, Summer School Social Worker at Seventh Avenue Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$38.00, effective July 8, 2023 (pending licensing).

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

Approval of Resignation

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

- 1) Sonia Blanco, Paraprofessional at Gurrie Middle School, effective June 6, 2023,
- 2) Julia DeStefani, Paraprofessional at Ideal Elementary School, effective June 6, 2023,
- 3) Violet Garcia, Paraprofessional at Seventh Avenue School, effective May 23, 2023,
- 4) Elisa Jaramillo, Paraprofessional at Gurrie Middle School, effective June 6, 2023,
- 5) Colleen Mizera, Kindergarten Teacher at Ideal Elementary School, effective June 7, 2023,
- 6) Nisa Tlaseca, Paraprofessional at Hodgkins Elementary School, effective June 6, 2023

And Resignation for Retirement of:

Susan Blazek, LLC Coordinator at Spring Avenue School, effective August 3, 2023.

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

Approval of FMLA Leave of Absence

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. White that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the FMLA Leave of Absence request for the following:

Lauren Rybakowski (Huebner) Teacher at Spring Avenue Elementary School, beginning August 21, 2023 through November 27, 2023. This includes 60 paid sick days covered by FMLA and an additional 5 paid sick days.

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

Approval of FY24 Service Contract for the Communications Coordinator

Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the FY24 Service Contract for the Communications Coordinator..

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

Approval of FY24 Regular Board Meeting Schedule

Motion by Ms. Mares seconded by Mrs. Bryck, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the FY24 Regular Board Meeting Schedule.

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

Approval of Safety/Security Update Interior Door Keys

Motion by Mrs. Bryck, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the Safety/Security Plan for interior door keys..

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

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Spring Data Presentation – Kathryn Heeke
- FY24 Tentative Budget Presentation – Scott Blumberg
- Second Reading and Adoption Press Policy 112
- Declaration of Closed Session Recordings
- Air Conditioning Update

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Lopez moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Young. The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM on Monday, June 26, 2023.

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

Board President

Board Secretary