

**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 7:01 PM on Monday, October 30, 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**

There was not a Closed Session held on this meeting date.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Ganan welcomed the staff and students from Gurrie who presented to the Board. Dr. Ganan thanked the D105 staff members and students for all that they do to make this District what it is. He highlighted that Kathryn Heeke will be sharing the District Data Presentation and that we have several things to celebrate.

Dr. Ganan congratulated the Gurrie Cross Country Teams. Both the Girls' and Boys' teams both qualified for State. The Girls finished 8<sup>th</sup> in State, which is the best in Gurrie history. The Boys finished 3rd in State. Thanks to coaches Orosz, Driscoll, Kiley, LaBud and Mayer for a great season. The girls' basketball teams both had outstanding seasons. 8<sup>th</sup> grade finished as Conference Champions and 7<sup>th</sup> grade finished as Co-Conference Champions. Dr. Ganan congratulated CeCe Sanchez, Liam Cherry, and Ryan Miller who represented Gurrie Middle School at the Illinois Music Educators Association District 1 Honors Festival on November 4<sup>th</sup>.

Hodgkins Student Leadership Team is planning its first all school assembly for Veterans' Day on November 11<sup>th</sup>. The After 3 Clubs are also starting the first week of November. Four different clubs will be offered by the teaching staff this winter.

Ideal School staff and students are working to implement the Responsive Classroom C.A.R.E.S. social/emotional components into their everyday learning. This stands for Cooperation, Assertiveness, Responsibility, Empathy, and Self-control.

Spring Avenue is preparing for Veterans' Day. The first graders have been running a pencil sale to raise funds to send a Veteran on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Their goal is to raise \$1,200 which is the cost to send one Veteran to Washington. They have raised \$791 so far.

Seventh Avenue has started their Tier 1 ABC Coping Toolbox. Social workers, teachers, and specialists have been working with students to help them learn what each component looks like and sounds like at each grade level.

**CHANGE IN AGENDA**

Mr. Lopez asked for Board approval to make a change to the agenda. The auditor from Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C. was not able to attend the meeting. Mr. Lopez asked for the Board approval to move this presentation to the November Board Meeting.

Motion by Dr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the change in agenda. He motioned to move items 4 (B) and 7 (C) to section 8 “Items for Next Agenda”, seconded by Mr. White.

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

## **PRESENTATION**

Kelly Young 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/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Gurrie Middle School Student Presentation – GMS Fitness Program***

Mr. Ed Hood addressed the Board with updates in the Gurrie Middle School Physical Fitness program and how it ties into our district mission and vision. Students Mia Kosenesky and Jesse Nunez-Garcia and staff members Ms. Ray and Mr. Pontrelli presented to the Board. They presented their individual fitness plans including setting goals, using the data to create action plans, and their focus on their growth mindset.

### ***Fall Data Update – Kathryn Heeke***

This information was presented by Kathryn Heeke. She gave a Student Performance Update: Year-End 22-23 Student Performance, Fall 23-24 Student Performance, and IAR Assessment Results FY23. Math continues to be a focus area. The D105 staff continues to work hard on strategic goal setting throughout the district.

Ms. Heeke presented the State of Illinois Summative Designation for each of our schools: Gurrie- Commendable, Hodgkins School- Commendable, Ideal School – Commendable, Seventh Avenue School – Exemplary, and Spring Avenue School – Exemplary.

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### ***IASB Resolution and Position Belief Statements Recommendations***

Board members discussed the appointment of a representative to the IASB Delegate Assembly and Annual Business Meeting that will take place at the Joint Annual Conference on Saturday, November 18, 2023. Mr. White was asked to represent La Grange School District 105 and he accepted. Ms. Mares nominated Mr. Bryan White to represent D105, seconded by Mrs. Bryck.

The five proposed resolutions on each proposal: 1) Industrial Construction: Do not Adopt; 2) School Resource Officer Funding: Do Adopt; 3) Bus Driver Regulations: Do Adopt; 4) Employment History Review: Do not Adopt; 5) Alternative Safe School Funding: Do not Adopt. Dr. Ganan shared that, historically, the district has gone with the IASB recommendations.

### ***FY24 School Maintenance Grant***

Mr. Scott Blumberg presented to the Board the following information: ISBE is making available to all School Districts in the state a maintenance project matching grant of \$50,000. As we are completing our air conditioning this summer, we will use the grant to help offset some of the electrical costs at Ideal and Hodgkins schools. Before the application can be submitted to West 40 and ISBE, the School Board is required to do the following at a Board Meeting: 1) Authorize the School Maintenance Grant Project application 2) Reserve local funds for the district's portion of the matching grant for the project. 3) Ensure work has not started for the items that are part of the project. Upon completing the above, the accompanying District Certification must be signed by the Board President. Once that is complete, the application will go to West 40 and then ISBE.

### ***Transportation Discussion***

Mr. Scott Blumberg presented the following: Throughout the year so far, we have experienced different challenges with First Student: To start the year, bus 2 at Ideal had a driver that was calling off due to the heat which led to inconsistent service for this route. We worked with First Student on a temporary solution and now have a new driver on the route. The preschool bus was running late mid-day at one point because the driver would refill the bus with fuel at a time that interfered with running the mid-day route. This was rectified quickly. The accelerated math bus from Gurrie to LT on Wednesday was consistently late in picking up students at Gurrie and bringing them to LT. We have since changed transportation providers for this. Gurrie has had 5 days so far this school year where we were short a bus and routes were combined, including 3 instances of this in October.

The District has bi-weekly meetings with First Student to discuss any problems we are having and ways to solve them. That said, we contract with them to provide safe and reliable transportation for our students, and we are not getting the reliable part. The District is exploring future options to provide a contract for the District that provides reliable transportation for our needs.

## **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 –September 25, 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 Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the employment of the following:

- 1) Bianca Pasillas, Night Custodian at Seventh Avenue and Ideal Elementary Schools, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, effective October 13, 2023; and
- 2) Madison Wagner, Library Media Specialist at Gurrie Middle School, at an annual salary of \$51,156.00, effective October 30, 2023 (pending licensing).

And the following long-term substitute position:

- 1) Amanda Kuna Pavela, Long-Term Substitute Social Worker at Hodgkins Elementary School, at a daily rate of \$281.08 (waive 10-day waiting per Dr. Ganan), pending background check results, through approximately 11/28/2023.

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

### ***Approval of FMLA Leave of Absence Request***

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the FMLA Leave of Absence of the following:

- 1) Luke Arneson, Physical Education Teacher at Spring Avenue School, starting November 30, 2023 through December 18, 2023 and April 1, 2024 through May 30, 2024.

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

### ***Authorization for FY24 School Maintenance Grant***

Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Dr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 authorize the FY23 School Maintenance Grant Application and reserve the necessary \$50,000 of matching funds.

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

### ***Adoption of Resolution to Transfer Funds from the Operations and Maintenance Fund and Education Fund to the Debt Service Fund***

Motion by Dr. Sherman, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt the following resolution approving the transfer of \$395,000 from the Education Fund and \$1,321,790 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Debt Service Fund for FY24 bond payment principal of \$1,236,275 and interest of \$480,515.

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

### ***Adoption of the Resolution to Authorizing Transfer to Capital Projects Fund***

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Bryck, that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt the following resolution approving the transfer of \$2,168,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Capital Projects Fund.

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

### ***Approval of Purchase of Library Furniture***

Motion by Mrs. Bryck, seconded by Mr. Lopez, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the purchase of library furniture from School Specialty in the amount of \$37,847.42.

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

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Tax Levy Presentation
- Auditor Presentation – Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C.
- Hodgkins School Presentation

Before adjourning, Mr. Lopez thanked the Technology Department. For the next Board Meeting, we will be meeting at Hodgkins School. The board meetings will be held at different school locations for the remainder of the school year.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Lopez moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Young. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM on Monday, October 30, 2023.

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

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Board President

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Board Secretary