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 6:30 PM on Monday, June 28, 2021.

# ROLL CALL

Present: Amy Flaherty Hartman, Elias Lopez, Candice Mares, Robert Sherman, Kelly Young

Late: None

Absent: Sheila Bryck, Virginia Kogen

Due to the absence of the Board Secretary Sheila Bryck, Kelly Young filled in as secretary for this meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the Board of Education adjourn and reconvene in closed session at 6:35 PM.

On roll call, members voting AYE: Hartman, Lopez, Mares, Sherman, Young; Late: None; Absent: Bryck, Kogen NAY: None.

The Board met in closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, performance, and/or dismissal/resignation of personnel and the selection of a person to fill a vacancy on the school board.

**RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Ms. Mares, to return to general session at 7:30 PM. The motion carried with a voice vote. After a brief recess, the meeting was called to order at 7:36 PM.

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

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Ganan congratulated Mrs. Marci Ortiz on receiving the Youth Commitment Award from the LeaderShop for her outstanding work and support of the RISE (Resilience in Social Opportunities and Educational Support) program.

Dr. Ganan also congratulated Ms. Eilidh Hall, principal at Ideal Elemetary School, who was recognized at the West Suburban Chamber of Commerce & Industry’s Regional 30 Under 40 event. Thirty incredible young professionals were selected for the professionalism, leadership and philanthropy within the Region

The D105 Foundation hosted a Dollars for Scholars fitness fundraiser on Sunday, June 27th. This event was led by Megan Wenstrup, founder of FitGive and a D105 parent; and Alyssa Orocz, a D105 teacher. The event was a big success. Dr Ganan thanked all those who participated and/or made a donation to the Foundation’s scholarship program. He also thanked the following sponsors of the event:

* Liam Bresnahan, @Properties – Platinum Sponsor
* Riordon Legacy – Silver Sponsor
* Countryside Nissan – Silver Sponsor
* Mathnasium, La Grange – Bronze Sponsor
* La Rocca Builders – Bronze Sponsor
* Highline Automotive – Bronze Sponsor

**PUBLIC PRESENTATION**

There was no public presentation.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**Budget Update**

Dr. George Tolczyk, D105 Business Manager, provided the Board with a financial overview that included budget data with fund comparisons from the last few years. The presentation included estimated financials for the closing of the fiscal school year. In his presentation, Dr. Tolczyk shared that the District is projecting all fund balances at the end of the school year to be higher than last year, and the District will see some additional cash reserves. The Districts also anticipates receiving slightly over a million dollars extra from last year’s tax levy due to new construction in the area.

**COVID-19 Testing Update**

Dr. Ganan provided a presentation on COVID-19 Testing. Currently, IDPH recommends testing for:

* Any individual (vacinnated/unvaccinated) with symptoms of COVID-19.
* Unvaccinated individuals who are determined to be close contacts to someone with active COVID-19 infection.
* All staff and students/participants with possible exposure during outbreaks (5 cases with a shared setting (e.g. classroom) and time (14 day period).
* Screening of unvaccinated staff and/or students/participants especially when the risk of transmission is high to moderate.

At this point in time, the recommendation is for the District to utilize the SHIELD (state approved) saliva screener to voluntarily test unvaccinated individuals once per week and allow these individuals access to modified quarantine (only quarantine if closer than 3 feet from case in classroom setting and off the BinaxNOW (state approved) diagnostic test for symptomatic individuals.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

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

A. - Approval of Minutes, Regular, General, and Closed – May 17, 2021; June 3, 2021

B. - Approval of Payment of Bills/Payroll

C. - Administrative Reports

1.) District Goals

2.) Curriculum/Instruction/Professional Development

3.) Business and Finance

4.) Technology

5.) FOIA

D. - Approval of Additions to Substitute Teacher List

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

**ACTION ITEMS**

***Approval of Employment***

Motion by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 approve the employment of the following:

1. Samantha Beilke, 5th Grade Teacher at Seventh Avenue School, at a salary of $47,119.00, effective August 23, 2021;
2. Sandra Fields, Paraprofessional at Hodgkins School, at a rate of $14.50 per hour, effective July 7, 2021 (she will be working Summer School too);
3. Richard Kogen, Math Interventionist at Ideal School, at a salary of $74,731.14, effective August 23, 2021, pending issuance of the Short Term Authorization Approval;
4. Krystal Schmidt, EL Teacher at Hodgkins School, at a salary of $48,400.00, effective August 23, 2021;
5. Meghan Schuemann, ELA and Social Studies Teacher at Gurrie Middle School, at a salary of $60,879.74, effective August 23, 2021;
6. Jan Solano, STEM Teacher at Gurrie Middle School, at a salary of $45,747.00,

effective August 23, 2021;

1. Alexander Wilkinson, PE Teacher for the District, at a salary of $54,271.40, effective August 23, 2021;

AND THE FOLLOWING SUMMER SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Sarah Blecha-Norwich, Summer ’21 Achiever Teacher, at a rate of $37.00 per hour, effective July 7, 2021;
2. Sharon Dammala, Summer School Paraprofessional, at a rate of $14.50 per hour, effective July 7, 2021;
3. Kimberly Fugman, Summer School Teacher, at a rate of $37.00 per hour, effective July 7, 2021;
4. Jina Hoffman, Summer School Paraprofessional, at a rate of $15.50 per hour, effective July 7, 2021;
5. Matthew Hyland, Summer School Teacher, at a rate of $37.00 per hour, effective July 7, 2021;
6. Valerie Smetana, Summer School Teacher, at a rate of $37.00 per hour, effective July 7, 2021;
7. Kristina Wallner, Summer School Teacher, at a rate of $37.00 per hour, effective July 7, 2021;
8. Dawn Wiegel, Summer School Paraprofessional, at a rate of $15.50 per hour, effective July 7, 2021;

AND THE FOLLOWING SUMMER SCHOOL CUSTODIANS:

1. Danny Callaghan, Summer Custodian, at a rate of $11.00 per hour, effective June 7, 2021;
2. Thomas Eicken, Summer Custodian, at a rate of $11.50 per hour, effective June 7, 2021;
3. Patrick Engels, Summer Custodian, at a rate of $11.00 per hour, effective June 7, 2021;
4. Dayne Hultman, Summer Custodian, at a rate of $11.50 per hour, effective June 7, 2021;
5. Audrey Hultman, Summer Custodian, at a rate of $11.00 per hour, effective June 7, 2021;
6. Abigail McMahon, Summer Custodian, at a rate of $11.00 per hour, effective June 7, 2021;
7. Jack Tullis, Summer Custodian, at a rate of $11.00 per hour, effective June 7, 2021;
8. Josh Woolfington, Summer Custodian, at a rate of $11.00 per hour, effective June 7, 2021.

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

***Approval of Resignation***

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 approve the resignation of the following:

1. Clare Kopp, Preschool for All Teacher at Hodgkins School, effective June 1, 2021.

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

***Approval of Landscape Maintenance Agreements***

This item was tabled and not presented for approval.

***Adoption of FY22 Regular Board Meeting Schedule***

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 hold its regular business meetings on the fourth Monday of each month, in the Library Learning Center at Gurrie Middle School, at 7:30 P.M., with exceptions as approved by the Board.

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

A copy of the FY22 Board meeting schedule will be posted to the website and bound with the minutes.

***Approval of FY22 West 40 Intergovernmental Agreement***

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 approve the Intergovernmental Agreement for FY2022 between West 40 and School District 105 as presented.

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

A copy of the FY22 West 40 Intergovernmental Agreement will be bound with the minutes.

***Approval of Transportation Contract Agreement***

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 approve the First Student Transportation Agreement for the 2021-22 school year.

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

A copy of the 2021-22 First Student Agreement will be bound with the minutes.

***Approval of Agreement for Board Payment for Continued Educational Excellence with the Teacher’s Association***

Motion by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 approve the attached agreement for Board payment for continued educational excellence with the Teacher’s Association

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

A copy of the agreement will be bound with the minutes.

***Approval of Agreement for Board Payment for Continued Educational Excellence with the Educational Support Personnel Association***

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 approve the attached agreement for Board payment for continued educational excellence with the Educational Support Personnel Association.

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

A copy of the agreement will be bound with the minutes.

***Approval of Resolution Revising the 2020-2021 School Calendar***

Motion by Ms. Hartman, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 adopt the attached resolution confirming the closing date of the 2020-21 school year to be Friday, May 28, 2021.

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

A copy of the resolution will be bound with the minutes.

***Second Reading and Adoption of Exhibit 5:20E – Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment***

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Lopez, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 adopt the recommended revisions to exhibit 5:20 E – Resolution to Prohibit Sexual Harassment.

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

***Possible Action to Ratify Employee Resignation Agreement***

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 ratify the approval of the employee resignation agreement as discussed in closed session.

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

***Approval of Resignation of School Board Member***

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of

School District 105 approve the resignation of Virginia Kogen from the Board of Education.

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

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

*Acknowledgement of Gifts & Donations*

The Board gratefully acknowledgesdthe following donations to Ideal School:

1. $500.00 from Mayor McDermott of Countryside to the Ideal Sensory Garden – the money will go towards purchasing outdoor furniture;
2. $500.00 from the United Party for Progress to the Ideal Sensory Garden – the money will go towards purchasing outdoor furniture.

*Update of 1:1 Computer Take Home Program*

Trish Murphy provided the Board with the results from the survey that was sent to staff and parents of students in grades K-2. Based on the results of this survey and some additional input from parents of students in grades 3 and 4, the District has decided that students in K-4 will take home their devices as needed to complete homework. The initial recommendation was for students to bring home their device each day. If a student in K-4 has a home device with which they are able to complete assignments, parents may choose to have their child keep the district device at school on days when others bring it home to complete homework. Parents should connect with their child’s classroom teacher in the fall if their family does not want their child to take home a district device during the school year. The District is currently working on charging station issues, including finding room for charging carts.

*Summer Programming Update*

Kathryn Heeke and Coleen Winterfield provided the Board with an update of the programming that will be taking place in District 105 this summer.

* **Traditional Summer School –** At this time, the District has 132 incoming Pre-K – 6th grade students signed up for summer school and 30 incoming 7th-8th grade students. Summer school will include a variety of both online and offline learning experiences to best support students’ needs. Summer school will run for four weeks (July 12 – August 5) from Monday – Thursday, and will last from 8:30 am – Noon.
* **Achievers ’21 –** This is a new program that will be offered to all current students PK- 7th grades focusing on shorter, “microbursts” of learning in the areas of math and/or reading in the most essential grade levels and will last one week at a time. The sessions, occurring during the weeks of July 12- August 6, will focus the learning on the most essential math or reading learning standard as determined by the grade level teachers. Each session will run for one week, Monday – Friday, and will last two hours a day, either 10:00 am– 12:00 pm or 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Currently the District has 114 Pre-K – 7th grade students attending 32 different Achievers ’21 classes. All sessions will be held in air conditioned classrooms at Gurrie Middle School. Sessions will include a variety of both online and offline learning experiences and students will leave their week-long session with an individualized online experience to continue skill practice and learning. This application will be available all summer.

**ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

* Strategic Plan Update
* Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund/2021-2022 School Update

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Lopez moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Sherman. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM on Monday, June 28, 2021.

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

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