

**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, July 25, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sheila Bryck, Amy Flaherty Hartman, Elias Lopez, Candice Mares, Robert Sherman, Bryan White, Kelly Young

Late: None

Absent: None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the Board of Education adjourn and reconvene in closed session at 6:31 PM.

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

The Board met in closed session for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, performance, and/or dismissal/resignation of personnel and potential litigation.

RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mr. Sherman to return to general session at 7:46 PM. The motion carried with a voice vote. After a brief recess, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Lopez at 7:46 PM.

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

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Ganan shared the following announcements:

There are a number of things that the District would like to do for the safety of our buildings. The door at Ideal has been replaced. The District is also in the process of getting buzzers installed outside for two-way security. The District is looking at utilizing safety and security auditors. They will come while students are in the building to see the operation of the school day. All information will not be shared as it will compromise the safety and security of our schools.

Dr. Ganan thanked Ross Dress for Less and Eric Bryant, Director of Buildings and Grounds, for the role he played in their donation of \$2,500 to Hodgkins School. Svetlana Popovic, Principal of Hodgkins School, will work with the staff to find the best use of this donation.

Dr. Ganan also talked about the preparations for the 2022-23 school year. The information that will be presented at this meeting is all that is available at this time. He is anticipating additional guidance prior to the start of the school year.

Amy Hartman read a statement regarding the status of the tennis courts at Gurrie Middle School. She stated that the Board understands the community's interest in continuing to use the tennis courts and they are striving to find a solution that is in the best interest of the community and the District.

Background: Recently the La Grange Park District terminated the Intergovernmental Agreement between their organization and District 105. The IGA has been in place since at least 1992. According to the IGA, the Park District was required to maintain certain properties including the tennis courts at Gurrie Middle School. Due to the condition of the courts, the IGA was dissolved by the Park District. The School District's liability provider advised them to lock the courts until a decision could be made on next steps. The condition of the courts gave the District no other option. For the past several months, it has been the hope that the two parties would come to a mutual decision prior to the end of the agreement which was June 30, 2022. The cost to repair the courts is substantial and it is not something that the District currently has in the budget. Maintenance of the courts will also take away significant funding that will take away from our student's learning environment. Although efforts have been made to get members of both parties together to discuss have not yet been successful, the School Board continues to try to work together with the Park District to come to a solution as expeditiously as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Amy Hartman read the following policy on public comment procedures for the future. "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 read the comment either virtually or in-person
- 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.

PRESENTATION

Preparation for the 2022-2023 School Year

Dr.Ganan presented to the Board the plan for preparing for the 2022-23 school year.

Full In Person Learning Model: Pending Additional Guidance

- Tables and flexible seating can return to classroom
- At this point, social distancing is not mentioned in the latest guidance outside of contact tracing. At times, we *may* require 3 feet.
- Increased cleaning protocols will remain in place.
- KN-95 masks will be available for staff and students who choose to mask and prefer to use one.
- The District will remain the same reformed contact tracing protocols implemented as February 28, 2022.

*Mitigations may be dependent on future guidance and spread in community/district.
Test kits will be available for students to test at home.

Lunch:

- Desk shields will no longer be required at lunch
- Lunchroom tables will be brought back into lunchrooms
- Increased cleaning protocols will remain in place

Health and Safety Handbook:

We have redesigned the Health and Safety Handbook. Covid policies have been revised for the 2022-23 school year based on the most recent guidance.

- Testing for Covid, 7/5/22
- IDPH Decision Tree 6/27/22
- IDHP and ISBE Joint Summary of CDC's Operational Guidance for Covid-19

Covid Screening/Testing – Voluntary

The District will begin the year offering voluntary Shield testing for interested staff and students. Based on participation rates, we will revisit the inclusion of the program

- Samples taken at home
- No cost to District

For those participating in the Shield program, we will look into the possibility of students collecting saliva samples at home. The District will offer the BinaxNOW (state approved) diagnostic test for symptomatic individuals with no cost to the District. Updated consent will be emailed to staff and parents soon. All participants must complete the updated form.

Ventilation

All District 105 school buildings have ventilation and control systems which are designed to filter, circulate, and condition the air automatically, and are designed to meet all codes and regulations.

Esser III Spending Plan Update

Dr. Ganan began the presentation of the ESSER III Spending Plan Update. He stated that at this point we have spent very minimal dollars.

- In FY22 \$146,933 was spent out of our \$1,499,914 allotment.
- This leaves \$1,352,981 left for future needs.
- All ESSER III funds must be spent by September 30, 2024.

Mr. Scott Blumberg presented the relocation plan and reprioritization for the ESSER

III funds. He stated that we ended 2022 on a very positive note.

FY23 Tentative Budget

Mr. Blumberg presented the FY23 Tentative Budget. He noted that the ESSER III Funding was not included in the budget.

D105 Summer Celebrations

Summer programming was presented by Crystal Farkaschek, Mandy Kernagis, Joanna Marek and Sylwia Zalewska.

Mandy Kernagis presented about the Achievers Program. This program allows as opportunity for all D105 students to receive extra support on the Essential Standard chosen by the grade level team. Achievers ran June 13-17 and June 27-July 1, 2022. There were 134 students, 25 staff members, 16 Essential Standards were taught, and 26 hours of additional learning to benefit our students. She explained the task cards that were used to benefit students, families and school.

Crystal Farkaschek presented about Summer School. Gurrie Summer School ran July 11th through August 4th. Gurrie hosted 32 students, 8 staff members, 6 Essential Standards for 56 hours of additional learning. Elementary Summer School hosted at Seventh Avenue welcomed 124 students, 33 staff members, 36 Essential Standards for 56 hours of additional learning.

Joanna Marek presented about the Summer Connect program. This program creates opportunities for families to learn together during the summer. The Connect program ran June 13 through August 5th. It consists of four programs: Open Library, Family Game Nights, Family Book Club and Storywalks.

Dr. Ganan thanked the Board for their support of the Summer Learning programs. He said that this clearly shows the meaning of the D105 Difference. Mr. Sherman complemented the Summer School staff for their creativity and commitment to the summer school programs.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Lopez, 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 27, 2022

B. - Approval of Payment of Bills/Payroll

C. - Administrative Reports

- 1.) Curriculum/Instruction/Professional Development
- 2.) Business and Finance
- 3.) Technology
- 4.) FOIA

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 Mrs. Hartman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the employment of the following:

- 1) Pierce Davidson, Summer Custodian for the District, at an hourly rate of \$14 per hour, effective July 14, 2022.

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

Approval of Resignation

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

- 1) Patrick Boyd, Lead Custodian at Seventh Avenue School, effective July 22, 2022;
- 2) Katherine Brand-Kramer, 2nd Grade Teacher at Seventh Avenue School, effective 06/06/2022;
- 3) Alexander Kennedy, Part-time Floater Custodian for the District, effective July 14, 2022;
- 4) Kerri Martin, Communications Contractor for the District, effective July 29, 2022;
- 5) Noelle Olinger, Lunchroom Monitor at Spring Avenue School, effective June 3, 2022;
- 6) Catalina Solis, Lunchroom Monitor at Spring Avenue School, effective June 3, 2022;
- 7) Dan Valdez, Orchestra Director for the District, effective June 6, 2022;
- 8) Maria Valenzuela, Lunchroom Monitor at Spring Avenue, effective June 3, 2022;
- 9) Natalie Walsher, Paraprofessional at Spring Avenue School, effective June 30, 2022;
- 10) Dawn Wiegel, Paraprofessional at Spring Avenue School, effective June 30, 2022;
- 11) Elizabeth Meidinger, Math Teacher at Gurrie Middle School, effective July 25, 2022;

And resignation for Retirement of:

- 12) Diane Worazek, Paraprofessional at Seventh Avenue School, effective July 31, 2022.

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

Approval of FY23 Tentative Budget

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt the tentative budget for the 2022-23 fiscal year, display said budget as required by law and publish the legal notice for the public hearing to be held on September 26, 2022 at 7:30 pm in the Gurrie Middle School Library.

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

Approval of Copier Contract with Konica Minolta

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

School District 105 approve a three-year lease agreement with Konica Minolta with a monthly lease of \$8,209.00

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

Approval of EPIC 457 Plan Termination

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Lopez, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve terminating the EPIC 457 Plan:

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

INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

Update on Air Conditioning

Mr. Scott Blumberg stated that he has reached out to different vendors. We intend to move forward with this project next summer. He said that timeline wise, the District is right on target.

La Grange Park District Intergovernmental Agreement – Tennis Courts

Mr. Lopez stated that he had a phone conversation with Mr. Brian Opyd, President of the La Grange Park District Board and they came to an agreement that both Presidents will meet to discuss this issue. Mr. Lopez said that he wanted to meet as soon as possible as the start of the school year is approaching. He stated that there is a tentative date the week of August 15, 2022 with some of the D105 Board Members and some of the La Grange Park District Board Members. There will be a Special Board Meeting on August 15th to discuss this further prior to the two Board groups meeting that week. Mr. White thanked the community members who were engaged in this matter. He said that it is helpful to hear the voices of the community. He stated that the emails and petition have helped everyone get into the frame of mind to come together and talk. Dr. Ganan reiterated that the courts cannot be opened until they are safe to do so. Mr. Sherman reminded the Board that it is also the long-term costs of maintenance that needs to be considered. Dr. Ganan stated that he is hopeful that we can work something out and that the Board of La Grange Park District is responsive to the community needs.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- Board Policy Updates
- Update on Tennis Courts

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Lopez moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. White. The meeting was adjourned at 9:17 PM on Monday, July 25, 2022.

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

Board President

Board Secretary