

**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 6:35 PM on Monday, November 15, 2021.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Sheila Bryck, Amy Flaherty Hartman, Elias Lopez, Candice Mares, Robert Sherman, Bryan White (Virtual), 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 6:36 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, compensation, performance, and/or dismissal/resignation of personnel.

**RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Young to return to general session at 7:37 PM. The motion carried with a voice vote. After a brief recess, the meeting was called to order at 7:45 PM.

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

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Dr. Ganan welcomed Kerri Martin, the new part-time Communications Manager, to the District.
- There was a local optional vaccine event at Lyons Township high school held on Saturday November 13. Those that need a second shot are scheduled to come back on December 4.
- There is another optional event being held at Ideal School on Friday, November 19 from 4 – 7 pm. The second dose will be given on December 10. Walk-ins will be welcome, but pre-registration is also available.
- The D105 Teachers' Union put together a document with celebratory news on each school. This document was distributed to all the Board members at the Board meeting.

- Claudia Leutsch, a 6<sup>th</sup> grade student at Ideal Elementary School, was awarded an Honorable Mention Ribbon in the “Young at Art” 2021 show at the La Grange Art League. Congratulations to Claudia!
- November 15<sup>th</sup> is National School Board Member Recognition Day. Dr. Ganan thanked the Board members for their leadership in serving on the Board.

## **PUBLIC 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 read the comment either virtually or in-person
- You must state your full name when making a public comment.
- Everyone in a school building must wear a properly fitting mask, including while making public comments.
- 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 was no comment made at the meeting.

## **PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2021 TAX LEVY (TRUTH IN TAXATION HEARING)**

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 open the public hearing to consider the 2021 tax levy for School District 105.

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

The hearing was open at 7:51 pm

Dr. Mike Zelek provided the Board with the same detail on the Levy that was shared at the October Board meeting. He recommends the Board approve the Levy.

Mr. Lopez asked if there were any questions from the audience and there were no questions.

Motion by Mrs. Bryck, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board of Education of School District 105 close the public hearing on the 2021 Levy.

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

The hearing was closed at 7:54 PM.

### **Metrics Update**

Dr. Ganan provided an update on the COVID-19 metrics in the District. The number of cases are rising in the community and it is evident in the District. Last month in October the District had 20 total cases, and now the District has 35 cases. The nurses are doing a fantastic job keeping the students safe. The District needs to continue to take precautions as the District heads into the flu season.

### **Strategic Plan Goal 1 – Academic Success Presentation**

Kathryn Heeke, Marci Ortiz, and Emmie Crement presented on the Strategic Plan to improve Academic Success. D105 will continue to implement the Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) to make content accessible to all students. SIOP training is an ongoing process that includes specialists and general education teachers. Curriculum in reading and writing will continue to prioritize literacy, enhance and align K-12 foundational skills, enhance small group differentiated reading, and implement the Lucy Calkins Writing Units of study.

Math Interventionists are participating in training for the Bridges Program. Social Studies and Science curricula upgrades are currently in an investigational phase.

Preschool is renewing its focus on using observational data for instructional decision-making. D105 will be using Creative Curriculum.

### **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### *Acknowledgement of Gifts & Donations*

The Board gratefully acknowledged the following donations to the District:

1. \$10,000.00 to Hodgkins School from Vulcan Materials;
2. \$1,500.00 to Ideal School from Vulcan Materials.

#### *Architect Process Update*

On September 30, 2021, LaGrange School District 105 requested proposals for architectural services to provide comprehensive construction design and project oversight for periodic projects and become the Architectural Firm of Record. The district's current priority is improving the learning environment for students and staff using limited resources. The deadline for submitting proposals was October 15, 2021. The district received seven proposals from interested firms. The RFP had ten specific items that needed to be included in their proposals. A matrix was used to identify if their proposals met the items requested. The next steps will be setting up interviews with the finalists. The interview committee should include two Board Members, Superintendent, Interim Business Manager and Director of Buildings/Grounds.

#### *Parent/Teacher Conference Update*

Dr. Ganan provided a chart that summarized conference attendance by number of total conferences and the percent of in-person meetings. Hodgkins had a highest number of virtual conferences, but that was due to two classroom teachers in quarantine during conference times. Moving forward, the District will likely continue to offer a virtual option to those that need/prefer it.

## *ISBE/School Report Card Update*

Each year, the Illinois State School Board releases a report card for the District and each school. It is required to recognize the report card at a school board meeting and post it on our website. At this point, the State is expected to release assessment data on December 2. The report cards will be posted to the District website once the data is released.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The Board received the following correspondence since the last Board meeting:

1. A thank you card from the Mary Pat Larocca (Kindergarten Teacher at Ideal), for the plant sent in remembrance of her mother;
2. A thank you card from the D105 Teachers' Association for their appreciation of the School Board.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. - Approval of Minutes, Regular, General, and Special – October 25, 2021
- 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: Lopez, Mares, Sherman, White, Young, Bryck, Hartman; ABSENT: None; NAY: None.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### ***Approval of Employment***

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mrs. Bryck, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the employment of the following (pending fingerprinting reports):

- 1) Taylor Carrara, Paraprofessional at Ideal, at a rate of \$14.50 per hour, effective November 29, 2021;
- 2) Kerri Martin, Communications Coordinator (Contracted Employee), at a rate of \$28.00 per hour, effective November 4, 2021;
- 3) Jennifer Olszowka, Nurse at Seventh Avenue School, at a rate of \$31.00 per hour, effective November 29, 2021.

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

### ***Approval of Resolution Authorizing Tax Levy***

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

School District 105 approve the resolution authorizing the tax levy on the taxable property of School District 105 for the year 2021 and that a copy of the certificate of Tax Levy be attached to the minutes of the meeting.

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

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

### ***Adoption of Certificate of Compliance with Truth in Taxation Act***

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt the certificate of compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act.

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

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

### ***Adoption of Levy Reduction Resolution***

Motion by Mrs. Bryck, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the adoption of the resolution to instruct the county clerk how to apportion the 2021 tax levy extension reductions.

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

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

### ***Adoption of Resolution for Abatement of Debt Service Tax***

Motion by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Mr. Lopez, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2021 to pay debt service on the taxable general obligation bonds (alternate revenue source) series 2010C, and general obligation refunding school bonds (alternate revenue source), series 2020.

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

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

### ***Approval of Authorized Signer at Republic Bank***

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105, approve Brian Ganan as an authorized signer for the District 105 Imprest Account at Republic Bank.

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

### ***Approval of Increase in School Meal Fees***

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the student breakfast price per meal to \$2.33, the student lunch price per meal to \$3.18 and the adult price per meal to \$3.48 for the 2021-22 school year.

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

### ***Approval of Equipment Disposal***

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board of Education of School District 105, approve the disposal of Equipment from the attached spreadsheet from the District 105 inventory.

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

A copy of the spreadsheet will be bond with the minutes.

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- FY23 School Calendar Discussion
- Capital Project Discussion.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Lopez moved to adjourn, seconded by Mrs. Bryck. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM on Monday, November 15, 2021.

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

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Board President

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Board Secretary