

**OFFICIAL MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LA GRANGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT 105  
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the District 105 Board of Education was called to order by Mr. Lopez at 5:33 PM on Monday, August 15, 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 5:33 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 a matter relating to an individual student and potential litigation.

**RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION**

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. White to return to general session at 6:35 PM. The motion carried with a voice vote. After a brief recess, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Lopez at 6:42 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:

He stated that we are all extremely excited to start the school year. There have been teachers coming into their classrooms and participating in Professional Development all week. He said that he can feel that the energy is back and he is looking forward to a great year.

Dr. Ganan welcomed Candice Barrette to the meeting. Ms. Barrette will be the new Communications Manager for the District.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Sheila Bryck 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**

### **2022-23 Return to Learn Presentation**

Dr.Ganan presented to the Board the plan for preparing for the 2022-23 school year. He stated that this information will be shared in a letter sent to parents, board members, and staff on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>.

Full In Person Learning Model: Pending Additional Guidance

- Tables and flexible seating can return to classroom
- Lunchroom tables will be brought back into cafeterias
- Desk shields as no longer required at lunch
- Physical distancing is no longer a recommendation by CDC.
- 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 contract tracing protocols implemented as February 28, 2022.

\*Mitigations may be dependent on future guidance and spread in community/district.

How does a student connect to the classroom when absent?

**COVID-19 Related Absences (Positive test or symptomatic: vomiting, loss of tast or smell (without negative COVID test), diarrhea, or fever over 100.4).**

- If a student is required to remain at home due to COVID-19 related absences, as listed above, he/she will be able to access up-to-date assignments via Google Classroom/Seesaw. Each teacher will reserve some time during the school day to provide a check-in opportunity with parents/students.
- With the acceptance of home antigen tests and need to provide differentiated instruction for those in school, the Zoom platform will no longer be used for student absences.

## **Non-COVID 19 Related Absences**

- Students will have access to up-to-date online learning via Google Classroom or Seesaw.

Health and Safety Updates were presented. Binax testing kits will be available for families in need. The district will be receiving 576 testing kits. Right now, there are not enough kits available to supply to all families. Dr. Ganan recommends having at-home kits of your own available in case there is a need over the weekend.

Options for testing include: SHIELD Illinois, BinaxNOW rapid antigen tests for students, and staff can test themselves at home or in school with their own “at home testing kit”. Mr. Lopez stressed the importance of having a signed consent on file for all students in case there is a need to test. Mr. Lopez thanked the nursing staff and the teaching staff for their hard work.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### ***Approval of Return to Learn Presentation 2022-23***

Motion by Mrs. Hartman, seconded by Mr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the Return to Learn Presentation 2022-23 as presented.

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

### ***Approval of Increase in Hourly Rate of Technology Assistant***

Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the increase in hourly rate of technology assistant as recommended.

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

### ***Approval of Meal Pricing for the 2022-23 School Year***

Motion by Mr. Sherman, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the student breakfast price per meal at \$2.45, the student lunch price per meal at \$3.31 and the adult price per meal at \$3.80 for the 2022-23 school year. The reduced pricing to be approved for reduced price breakfast at \$0.30 and reduced price lunch at \$.40 for the 2022-23 school year, milk pricing to be approved at \$.32 per carton.

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

### ***Approval of Purchase of Window Security Film in the Amount of \$13,530.00***

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the purchase of window security film in the amount of \$13,530.00.

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

### ***Approval of Security Audit with Facility Engineering Associates***

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mrs. Bryck and Mr. Sherman with discussion. that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the security audit with Facility Engineering Associates.

Mr. Sherman questioned the \$15,000.00 for consultation. Dr. Ganan shared that he received several strong recommendations referring their work. Mr. Blumberg shared his concern about coming forward with one single quote but reassured the Board that he was confident in the recommendations that he received. He focused on what can we do to improve the security of our schools while still feeling comfortable in our buildings. Dr. Ganan shared that he expects to get back from this audit, things that the district had not considered. The first priority is the safety of the students and staff.

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

### ***Approval of Capital Needs Assessment and Plan***

Motion by Mrs. Bryck, seconded by Mr. Sherman with discussion. that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the Capital Needs Assessment and Plan.

Mr. Sherman was looking for more detail. He said that back in February we approved the architect of record. Now we will have the cost of consultation. He felt that we are paying for someone to come up with ideas who we will pay later to flesh out as a plan. This is why he would like a little more clarity on the cost. He stated that this is another \$26,000.00 on consultation. Dr. Ganan shared that the quote from the former architect from 2016 was very similar. Mr. Blumberg spoke to some of the work that they will perform. He explained that they will be developing the road map of the work that needs to be done. He explained that this will give the district an actionable live document. Dr. Ganan stressed that at this time, the district does not have a long range facility plan.

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

## **INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### ***Update on Tennis Courts***

Mr. Lopez stated that on August 16<sup>th</sup>, he will be meeting with Mr. White, Dr. Ganan, Mr. Brian Opyd, President of the La Grange Park District Board, a Board member, and Ms. Jenny Bechtold Executive Director of the La Grange Park District.

It will be an informational gathering of both parties. They will address options of how to address the tennis courts. They have reached out to get some costs. There were three proposals:

- 1) Crack fill, color overcoat, once over the surface. Problems may occur in a short period of time; three to five years. There is no warranty on the cracks. Cost is \$36,000.
- 2) This option would be to go over the top, not ripping out the base, and lay a thicker surface on top of that. This would have a longer duration of the life expectancy. Cost is \$111,000.00.
- 3) Remove everything and rebuild. Cost is \$204,000.00.

Mr. Sherman stated that we have reached out to other facilities that have tennis courts.

- 1) LaGrange Field Club has done an option that was about \$100,000.00.
- 2) Pleasantdale Park District did a patch and paint for about \$40,000.00. Their cracks were not as severe as ours.

Mr. Sherman stated that he is looking forward to having continued conversations with La Grange Park District on this matter. He does not recommend the patch and paint option as it is just a quick fix and there will be problems down the road. Dr. Ganan stated that he looking forward to meeting with the Park District and he is grateful to them for scheduling this meeting. The goal is to come to a solution soon.

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- Approval of Hazardous Condition Transportation Resolution
- 2022-23 School Year Update
- Update on Tennis Courts

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Lopez moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Mares. The special meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM on Monday, August 15, 2022.

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

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Board President

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Board Secretary