

**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 7:30 PM on Monday, November 14, 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 Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. White, that the Board of Education adjourn and reconvene in closed session at 6:35 PM.

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

Administrators present: Dr. Brian Ganan, Other Guests/Visitors present: None.

The Board met in closed session for the purpose of discussing appointment, employment, performance, and/or dismissal/resignation of personnel, insurance and a matter relating to an individual student.

**RETURN TO GENERAL SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mr. White, to return to general session at 7:32 PM. The motion carried with a voice vote. After a brief recess, the meeting was called to order at 7:38 PM.

**BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dr. Ganan welcomed the Seventh Avenue representatives to the Board Meeting. He thanked the students and staff for attending the Board Meeting. He announced that November 15<sup>th</sup> is National School Board Member Appreciation Day. He thanked the board members for the work they do to support our community.

Dr. Ganan announced that we received the building safety audit reports. There will be a detailed report presented to the Board in December.

Parent Teacher conferences were held. Dr. Ganan thanked the parents for their support.

**PRESENTATION**

**Seventh Avenue School Literacy Presentation** – Seventh Avenue Staff and Students

Principal Erin Hall presented Seventh Avenue sixth graders and their work to the Board. Teacher Julie Jacobs introduced the students: Luke Brazeau, Heidi Schoenecker, Jonah Borling, Rhaya Piagnarelli, Haley Pozulp, and Lan Huynh. Each student was able to highlight their writing pieces to the Board.

## **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 Board Meeting.

## **PRESENTATION (continued)**

### **Fall Data Update**

Kathryn Heeke presented the Student Performance 2022-2023 Fall Update Data. The update included: 2021-22 Year-End MAP Reading and Math Review, IAR Assessment Results FY22, and High School Placement. 61% of our students met their growth target in Math and 54% met their goal in Reading. Our aim is to reach mid 60% to meet their growth target. We are considered a high performing district. Recent data does reflect effects of learning through a pandemic.

Year-End Targets in Math and Reading: Achievement (at or above 50<sup>th</sup> percentile/grade level). 85% percentile ranking. Our Spring 2022-23 Achievement and Progress Targets (students meet or exceed growth target): Achievement Math 70% and Reading 71%, Progress Math 63%, Reading 63%. If we hit these marks, we will be at 85<sup>th</sup> percentile rank nationally for achievement and 90<sup>th</sup> percentile rank nationally for progress.

High School 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Placement: Current ninth graders: 38% were placed in Math Prep and 62% were placed in Math Accelerated/Honors. This trend was consistent with what we have seen in the past. The students are truly prepared and ready for these placements. ELA placement: 48% were placed in ELA Prep and 52% were placed in English Accel/Honors. Science placement: 58% Science Prep and 42% in Science Accel/Honors. Targets for the 2022-23 placement put us back where we have traditionally placed, about 65% target for Accel/Honors Level in Math, ELA, and Science.

IAR Benchmarks among similar districts were shared. Summative Designation placed all five schools as Commendable. This designation utilizes more than just IAR to determine designation. We are now able to return to pre-Covid instructional practices. Ms. Heeke is excited for all of the opportunities that are now available for the students. Dr. Ganan has shared that each school has a plan going forward. We look forward to seeing the upcoming results.

## **Tax Levy Presentation**

Mr. Scott Blumberg presented the 2022 Property Tax Levy Presentation. He presented that 79% of our revenue comes from property taxes, 9% from other local revenue, 5% evidence based funding, 5% from federal revenue and 2% from other state revenue. This is the first year since PTELL (Property Tax Extension Limitation Law) was enacted that the 5% ceiling has been reached. The proposed levy is \$25,469,641.00 which equals an increase of 5.92%. The extension is projected to be \$25,247,822.25. Components include: CPI capped at 5%, AV assumed to be up 3%, new property assumed of \$6,000,000, and no over-levying, Next steps include: Approve projected tax levy, publish notice for a Truth in Taxation Hearing to occur on December 19, 2022, hold Truth in Taxation Hearing on December 19, 2022, approve final levy on December 19, 2022 and to file levy with the County Clerk by December 27, 2022.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. - Approval of Minutes, Regular, General, and Special –October 24, 2022
- 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.

## **INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### ***Acknowledgement of Gifts and Donations***

Dr. Ganan acknowledged a \$500 monetary donation to Seventh Avenue School from Mr. Milos Cvijetic. He thanked him for his very generous donation.

### ***Air Conditioning Update***

Mr. Scott Blumberg presented that the district had an RFP for the air conditioning project. He stated that the district received two responses. There was a one million dollar difference between the companies. Also, the lead time was into October 2023. He said that the district will connect with the architect to see if there may be other options. The district will have a building engineer evaluate the project to see what the options are. The district is still committed to this project and to make sure that it gets done correctly.

### ***Facilities Planning Update***

The Capital Assessment Plan was approved earlier. Most of the findings are consistent with all five schools. The architect has been evaluating all five buildings and the district has received preliminary findings. There will be more information available at the next Board Meeting.

### ***ISBE School Report Card Update***

The ISBE School Report Card will be posted to the D105 website. The district conducted a formal roll call to recognize that the Report Card has been published. The roll call will take place as an action item on this evening's agenda.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

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

Motion by Dr. Sherman, seconded by Mrs. Hartman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the employment of the following:

- 1) Danisa Dambrauskas, School Nurse at Ideal Elementary School, at a rate of \$31.00 per hour, effective November 14, 2022;
- 2) Anita Fulgencio, Lunchroom Monitor at Gurrie Middle School, at a rate of \$13.45 hourly, effective November 11, 2022;
- 3) Violet Garcia, Paraprofessional at Seventh Avenue School, at a rate of \$14.75 per hour, pending licensing, and
- 4) Susan Grosskopf, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher (one year position) at Ideal Elementary School, at the annual salary of \$59,824.57 effective November 17, 2022. Ms. Grosskopf has been working as the long-term substitute in this position since the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

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

#### ***Approval of Resignation***

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

- 1) Yarita Alfaro, Lunchroom Monitor at Spring Avenue School, effective October 28, 2022;
- 2) Linda Enciso, Library Learning Center Aide at Seventh Avenue School, effective November 9, 2022;
- 3) Megan Glancy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at Ideal Elementary School, effective November 17, 2022;
- 4) Mayra Gonzalez, Lunchroom Monitor at Hodgkins School, effective October 28, 2022; and
- 5) Maria Valadez, Lunchroom Monitor at Gurrie Middle School, effective November 9, 2022.

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

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

Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mrs. Young, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the FMLA Leave of Absence for:

- 1) Kimberly Berg, Paraprofessional at Ideal Elementary School, starting January 9, 2023 through April 13, 2023.

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

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

Motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Ms. Mares, that the Board of Education of School District 105 adopt the following resolution for the transfer of \$215,000 from the Education Fund and \$1,567,000 from the Operations and Maintenance Fund to the Debt Service Fund to pay FY23 principal of \$1,120,000 and interest of \$760,699.

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

### ***Determination of Tentative Aggregate Property Tax Levy for the Tax Year 2022***

Motion by Ms. Mares, seconded by Mrs. Bryck, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve (a) its intent to levy for the tax year 2022 a total aggregate of \$25,469,641 exclusive of bond and interest, (b) its intent not to levy for bond and interest cost and (c) authorize the publication of a notice in compliance with the Truth in Taxation Act for a public hearing on the 2022 tax levy to be scheduled for Monday, December 19, 2022.

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

### ***Approval of Tennis Court Resurfacing Bid***

Motion by Mrs. Bryck, seconded by Mr. Lopez, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the bid submission from Midwest Sports Surfaces Inc for \$98,500 to resurface the tennis courts.

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

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

Motion by Mr. Lopez, seconded by Dr. Sherman, that the Board of Education of School District 105 approve the disposal of equipment from the presented spreadsheet from the D105 inventory.

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

### ***ISBE School Report Card (Roll Call)***

Dr. Sherman read the following statement: Each year, the Illinois State School Board releases a report card for the District and each school. The report card release and information on the report has been shared with families. It is required to recognize the report card at a School Board Meeting and post it on our website. A link to access the report card will be added to our webpage on Tuesday.

Motion by Dr. Sherman, as a voice roll call.

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

### **ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA**

- FY24 District Calendar Update
- Establish FY24 and Associated Budget Calendar
- Dress Code Update
- Declaration of Closed Session Minutes

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Lopez moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Mares. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM on Monday November 14, 2022.

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

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Board President

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Board Secretary