

President Rita Oberman called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:14 p.m. The meeting was held at the TF Center for Academics and Technology in Calumet City, IL.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call:

Present: Ballard, Dodd, Dust, Jackson, Oberman, Waller, Wilson

Absent: none

Public Comment: none

PUBLIC COMMENT

Buildings & Grounds/Safety Committee-Member Ballard

- A. Monthly Building Rental Update was provided as an fyi.

**BUILDINGS &
GROUNDS
SAFETY**

Curriculum Committee-Member Dust

- A. Final Exams

Ms. Szuba and Ms. Martin-Dean provided an updated list of which classes are utilizing formal final exams and which classes are utilizing a different form of assessment.

CURRICULUM

- B. Student Supports—Students who are enrolled in AP courses, Algebra and Biology need additional supports. In determining what to propose to the Board for action, each campus reviewed what would work best. Administration is proposing AP study hall and will be asking for new staff to support these interventions. Dr. Jones visited an AP class that started with an enrollment of 17 students and was down to 5; students need supports to know they can be successful. The current system of weighted grades is a major consideration in making the decision for AP classes and the curriculum committee does have that as a topic and knows it is also a board request. Both campuses are interested in student supports during the summer, although they are not sure what looks like yet. Discussion included that these are internal postings and the interventionists will facilitate via zoom—this proposal is student driven and funded through a grant at the current hourly rate.

An additional layer of social-emotional supports is being proposed through a partnership with Sertoma for AP students.

- C. District/School Report Card—ISBE officially released the report cards to the public and both buildings are at the commendable level and are on road to exemplary. A great data point is that TFD215 students with IEPs are exceeding what state is doing in math and ELA. Chronic absenteeism is a challenge, but the five mental health days do count toward absences and administration is reviewing how the days are reported as is the state.

Finance Committee-Member Dodd

FINANCE

- A. Be Well Proposal for Services—This is an extension of services that were previously approved and will be funded through ESSER3.
- B. Interfund loan for Debt Service purposes—Ms. Bishop shared this request will be presented for approval at the November meeting to transfer of funds from the Working Cash fund to the Debt Service fund. When property tax revenue is received, the Working Cash fund will be repaid. There are six bond payments that are due December 1.

- C. 2022 Tentative Levy—Ms. Bishop presented the projections for the 2022 Tentative Levy. In order to get funding, entities must request a levy amount and districts never get the amount that is requested. 44% of TFD215 revenue is comprised of local sources, which is mainly property taxes. Because the district is asking for more than 5% above the previous year tax extension amount, a public hearing is required. TFD215 is asking for \$37,222,433 levying for 7.5% with an estimated tax rate of 5.8914. EAV has decreased 14% and CPI is the highest it has ever been at 5%. The tax rate would be well over 6%, however 2 of the 6 outstanding bond issues will be fully paid off on December 1, 2022.

I.T. Committee-Member Wilson

I.T.

- A. E-Rate Update—Mr. Wakefield updated the board that there were no surprises in the district’s e-rate level, and IT is working to spend down \$182,000. It must be spent by 2024-25 and will be used to offset the network infrastructure proposal.
- B. Network Infrastructure Proposal—Competitive proposals were sought through e-rate for network switches. Mr. Wakefield is working with vendors to get the costs down and the district does have to provide 15% of the cost. While the e-rate funding process takes a while, TFD215 is right in line and in a good spot. Discussion included that IT staff will install the switches hopefully over the summer if they are received as this type of technology is greatly impacted by supply chain issues.

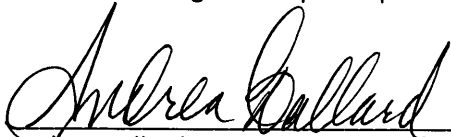
Equity Committee-Member Waller

- A. Strategic Plan—The administrative team shared the strategic plan process was started in August and a current overview was provided to the board. A 3–5-year plan will be developed by May 2023 and rolled out in August 2023. Phase two is being developed which is to survey our partners (students, staff, parents, town halls.)

Adjourn

ADJOURN

Member Wilson moved, seconded by Member Waller, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:01 p.m. Upon voice vote, the motion passed.



Andrea Ballard, Secretary



Rita Oberman, President



Anita Howard, Recording Secretary