

Vice President Waller called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 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, Dust, Jackson, Waller, Wilson

Absent: Dodd, Oberman

1. Communication

A. Public Comment—None

PUBLIC COMMENT

2. Finance Committee-Member Dodd

- A. FY 22 Financial Statement presentation--Presented by John Kasperek Company, Certified Public Accountants—Mr. Kasperek thanked the business office team for their assistance and reviewed the audit report which reported one finding which was late filing of reports. He added that the ESSER grants were a challenge to all districts. The Board will be asked to formally accept the reports at next week's meeting.
- B. Activity bus bid proposal—Mrs. Bishop shared a new activity bus is needed at South and the Center. The purchase is budgeted in the transportation budget. The current bus at the Center will be traded in or disposed of.
- C. Regular Education Transportation Services bid proposal--Generally a contract is done for three years and two one-year extensions. The current provider is good, but administration is seeking additional comparison costs.
- D. 2022 Supplemental Levy (refund recapture)—Mrs. Bishop shared that the district can re-levy the amount or abate it. She shared the various scenarios. The Board asked to discuss it again at the February CoW meeting for approval at the February meeting.

FINANCE

3. Buildings & Grounds/Safety Committee-Member Ballard

- A. North/South Pick-up Truck Purchases—Mr. Stephan shared the district wants permission to start the purchase process recognizing there is no estimate of when the trucks will be built given supply chain challenges. The state contract is the best price.
- B. Construction Update—North Auditorium—The scaffolding will be down next week and the sound equipment arrived 2 weeks ago. There will be a lighted sign outside identifying the auditorium. For the South Auditorium, it is a smaller job utilizing the same contractors and will begin in April. For the TFS air conditioning—there is a 44-week lead time for AC units. A childcare room is being added and the bid will be released next week for the turf project.
- C. Monthly Building Rental Update—Mr. Stephan said administration is continually reaching out to people/organizations who haven't paid. The Board asked questions regarding the fees being charged and Dr. Jones stated it will be reviewed with a further dialogue. Board members are asked to contact Dr. Jones if they have options.

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4. I.T. Committee-Member Wilson

- A. Learning Management System—Mr. Wakefield and Mrs. Szuba reviewed the processes of the Learning Management System committee and shared this type of system is the glue that brings all digital platforms together. They added that currently there are significant challenges in having so many different systems. Three students in the Future Teachers program tested the recommended system in addition to staff on the committee. The vetting has been

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extensive, and the committee is proposing Schoology for approval by the Board. This is a gradual implementation the district will no longer be using Google classroom, but still utilizing Goggle docs, sheets, etc.

POLICY

5. Policy--Member Oberman

- A. PRESS Update—Ms. Howard shared that the policies being reviewed are broken into three categories: 1) Review/Monitoring—policies subject to five-year review cycle, no changes; 2) Rewritten—policies which have been rewritten by PRESS; and 3) Draft Update—policies which have recommended changes by PRESS based on changes in legislation, etc. Policies will be presented for first read at the January 24th meeting with adoption at the February meeting.

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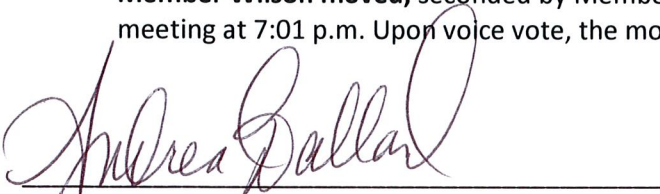
6. Equity Committee-Member Waller

- A. Equity Plan Update Goal 4 Update—Dr. Whitten, Mrs. Szuba and Mr. Webb provided an update on the new hiring process in which administration is constantly looking at data. Positions are being posted on Handshake which also accesses 101 HBCUs. Branding had been done for the district for recruitment purposes. The district’s partnership with the GSU future teachers pipeline is going well. Micro-credentials are being offered to students providing tutoring and observation for our feeder district schools. Mr. Webb oversees the mentoring program created for 1st and 2nd year teachers. He meets with mentees once a month and professional development is also provided. It was suggested for the mentoring team to present at a conference on how to start a mentoring program, to focus the HR website to include mentoring, and provide a culminating year-end luncheon. Mr. Webb was recognized for the excellent work he has been doing and the Board was thanked for investing in the program.
- B. Strategic Plan Forum Facilitator Contract—Dr. Jones shared that the work has been done internally and now it is time to get outside input. She added that this is best facilitated by someone outside of the district and the facilitator has extensive experience in this work.

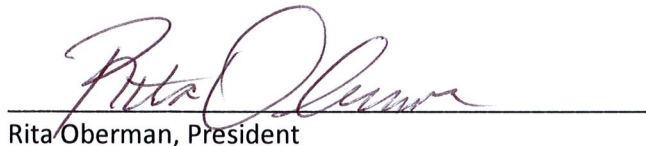
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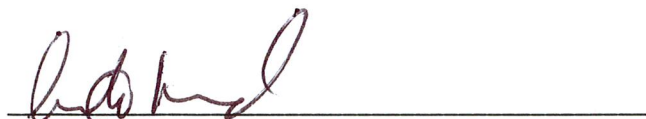
Member Wilson moved, seconded by Member Waller, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:01 p.m. Upon voice vote, the motion passed.



Andrea Ballard, Secretary



Rita Oberman, President



Anita Howard, Recording Secretary