

Committee of the Whole
Wednesday, May 8, 2024
Thornton Fractional Center for Academics & Technology,
1605 Wentworth Ave., Calumet City, IL 60409
MINUTES



1. Welcome

President Stepp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following roll call:

Present: Ballard, Jackson, Newman, Stepp, Terrazas, Townsend, Wilson **Absent:**

2. Communication/Public Comment—none

3. Buildings Grounds/Safety Committee--Member Townsend

3.A. Building Usage Report—Mr. Stephan reviewed the usage report and was asked about the construction projects. He shared that some construction has already started and the target for elevators is June 5th. There is a delay in delivery of one of the rooftop systems. Discussions are starting about the field/track at TFN. There is uncertainty about the impact of the retention pond.

4. Finance Committee--Member Jackson

4.A. SBA First Amendment to Ground Lease of Cel Tower--TF South—Ms. Bishop shared that technology has expanded so much that there isn't a need for as many towers. This company hasn't had a tenant for several years. Ms. Bishop stated she was seeking board input. Members asked her what her recommendation would be. She stated she would like to keep it as it doesn't cost the district anything nor is it a problem. She added it could benefit the district to work with them, because the lights are at a pole of the company's. The board agreed if it is not a burden to district, they will approve.

5. IT Committee--Member Wilson

5.A. Chromebook Security Software Agreement—Mr. Wakefield shared this is new software as the contract is expiring. The new company is being proposed based on other districts' feedback.

5.B. Data Analytics & Insights System—Mr. Wakefield stated that this recommendation is driven by conversations with administration at all levels over the past year. He noted that most data are in Powerschool which doesn't do a good job of display. This software allows for quick analysis, and he added that Dr. Whitten/Ms. Szuba have been very involved along with building level administrators. It is a good fit for the district, and it is one of the components of the district improvement plan. A 30% discount off the regular price has been offered to the district. While the data must be accurate going in, administration will be able to look at academics in a snapshot. It will be an add on to Powerschool for realtime data collection. The board requested to hear back how it's being utilized and how it has informed data driven decisions.

5.C. Copier and Managed Printer Service Proposal—This was last negotiated five years ago. An RFP was issued, and the recommendation will be to go with Xerox Midwest. Discussion included if this many machines are needed and it was commented that

instructional staff utilizes a great deal of paper. Having local printers has provided a balance of efficiency vs. cost effective over printer in classrooms.

6. Curriculum Committee--Member Ballard

6.A. Consolidated District Plan—Ms. Szuba shared this will be presented to the board for approval at end of month which allows the district to apply for certain funding. The bar was raised on most goals from last year. The district is solid with its graduation rate.

6.B. E-Learning Plan—Discussion was that the district did not have an E-learning plan. The plan has been revised and administrators and the support union have approved it. Local 943 meets next week and will give feedback. E-learning will run through Schoology.

7. Equity Committee-Jacqueline Terrazas

7.A. South SEL follow-up—A time will be set up with the sponsor and the students.

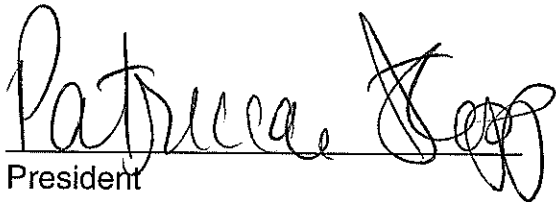
8. Behavior Intervention/Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee--Member Newman

8.A. Student Discipline Audit Plan—Ms. Newman asked the status of the plan. Mr. Robinzine stated he and Rr. Whitten met and there will be restructuring, and new data software will help with the new plan. He added it will be ready in June.

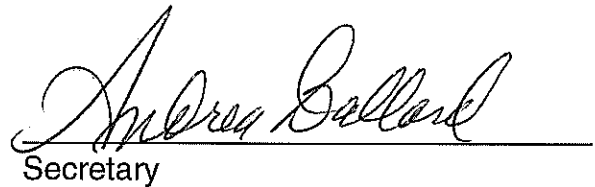
9. Adjourn

I move to adjourn the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

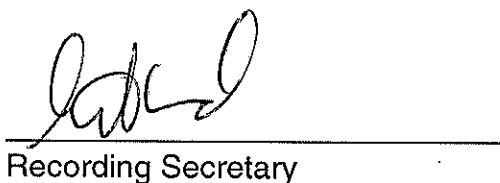
This motion, made by Member Wilson and seconded by Member Terrazas, passed on voice vote.



President



Secretary



Recording Secretary