

**THE DISTRICT 39 BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE of the WHOLE**

Monday, August 14, 2023

8:00 a.m.

Mikaelian Education Center

615 Locust Rd.

A District 39 Board of Education Committee of the Whole was held on Monday, August 14, 2023.

Committee of the Whole members present: Erin Stone, Jon Cesaretti, Anne Hart, Allyson Paflas, Amy Poehling, Lisa Schneider-Fabes

Committee of the Whole members absent: Bonnie Kim

Administrators present: Kari Cremascoli, Corey Bultemeier, Tony DeMonte, Katie Lee, Kristin Swanson, Kelly Jackson

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Stone called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. APPROVE THE MINUTES

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2023 Committee of the Whole and Executive Session meetings. The minutes were approved as amended by **Roll Call Vote**.

III. FACILITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (FDC) ITEMS

A. Summer 2023 Construction Update

Mr. Bultemeier introduced Mike Bickler of Nicholas and Associates to provide the update. Mr. Bickler stated they are still waiting for delivery of three chillers expected to ship at the end of August and one for early September. Once chillers have been installed there are a series of checks and balances to complete commissioning of the project. Unfortunately, the equipment delays will delay the ability to provide air conditioning in the currently not air conditioned classrooms. Mr. Bickler noted all other renovations have been completed and buildings and classrooms are ready for the start of the school year.

B. Summer 2024 Construction Planning

Mr. Bultemeier stated the design team is working through plans for summer 2024. A bid alternate will be created for Central Elementary to replace asphalt behind the school. Storm water drainage pipes that connect to the city drainage run under the cafeteria at Central. Once the asphalt is removed, these pipes would be replaced. At Romona, a booster pump would be installed to increase water pressure. Costs have yet to be identified; if pricing is high the bid will be discarded. More information will be provided in September or October as the project develops.

IV. SCHOOL FINANCE COMMITTEE (SFC) ITEMS

A. District 39 Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget

Mr. Bultemeier provided budget changes made since the tentative budget presentation last June. The District 39 FY24 Final Budget will be presented for approval at the August 28 Board of Education meeting.

B. Wilmette Community Special Education Association (WCSEA) Fiscal Year 2024 Final Budget

Mr. Bultemeier stated District 39 continues to serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the coop that includes D39 and Avoca Schools. The WCSEA budget is a flow through entity with revenues and expenditures being equal. The WCSEA budget follows the same budget calendar as D39. The WCSEA FY24 Final Budget will be presented for final approval at the August 28 Board of Education meeting.

C. Annual Post Tax Compliance

Mr. Bultemeier stated each year the District reviews contracts and records to be in compliance with federal tax requirements. Upon review, the District is in compliance with all requirements.

D. 2022 Tax Year Second Installment Taxes

Mr. Bultemeier reported that the statutory due date for second installment taxes is August 1. It was released that the installment will be late. Second Installment Tax Bills will be mailed out November 1 with a due date of December 1.

V. STRATEGY ITEMS

A. School Climate Survey

School Districts in Illinois are required to administer a School Environment/Climate survey at least every other year. The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) pays for and supports the administration of 5Essentials for this purpose. Accordingly, District 39 has been using the 5Essentials for several years and has chosen to administer the survey annually in order to get the most useful information possible. Unfortunately, staff have found the questions and subcategories of the 5Essentials to be difficult to interpret and use. District 39, along with other NT Township Districts, began exploring other options for an annual school climate survey that was approved by ISBE and would align better with the work being done, challenges presented, and best practices. At the time, there were two options other than 5Essentials. Upon review, one of the two, Comprehensive School Climate Inventory (CSCI), appeared far better than the other and 5Essentials. (The second alternative has since folded.) After careful review and consideration, consultation with other districts and D39 union leadership, and with Board support, D39 plans to use CSCI for the upcoming school year. CSCI will allow us to utilize the data collected in much more meaningful ways and are planning to form a small leadership group in partnership with our union leaders to evaluate how best to target improvement. Several other districts in the Township have moved or are planning to move to use of the CSCI, too, including New Trier and Kenilworth.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Committee of the Whole Meeting Calendar

Dr. Cremascoli stated in order to accommodate everyone's schedules, three committee meetings have been moved from an 8:00 am start to a 3:15 pm start. These meeting changes are for September 11, January 16 and May 13.

IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS:

A. The Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students 5 ILCS 120/2(c)10)

B. Collective Negotiating Matters Between the Public Body and Its Employees or Their Representatives, or Deliberations Concerning Salary Schedules for One or More Classes of Employees 5 ILCS 120/2(c)2)

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to adjourn to executive session to discuss Placement of Individual Students/Student Matters and Collective Negotiating Matters.

On a roll call vote on the motion, voting "yea" – Jon Cesaretti, Anne Hart, Allyson Paflas, Amy Poehling, Lisa Schneider-Fabes, Erin Stone; voting "nay" – none; absent – Bonnie Kim,: **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:48 a.m. and returned to the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:51 a.m.

X. ADJOURN

Having no further business, Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:52 a.m.

President

Secretary