

**SEPTEMBER 23, 2019
WILMETTE, IL
REGULAR MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was held on Monday, September 23, 2019 at the Mikaelian Education Center, 615 Locust Road, Wilmette, Illinois. President Lisa Schneider-Fabes called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Lisa Schneider-Fabes, Jon Cesaretti, Frank Panzica, Amy Poehling,
Mark Steen, Ellen Sternweiler, Erin Stone

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: Kari Cremascoli, Ellen Crispino, Heather Glowacki, Katie Lee,
Kristin Swanson

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Schneider-Fabes noted the Board meeting would only be televised for the first 15 minutes as the Village Board would be hosting a special meeting on the storm water utility fee. The District 39 Board meeting would still be recorded for a later broadcast date.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Principal Becky Littmann presented Central students who attended the Illinois Computing Educators' TECH 2019 Annual Student Showcase last May. The one-day event was held in the rotunda of the Illinois State Capitol in Springfield. The showcase demonstrated how technology is being integrated into classrooms across Illinois. The students introduced themselves and shared their experiences, then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT

President Schneider-Fabes read an announcement requesting everyone be respectful of each other, only speak when called upon, and refrain from distracting behaviors such as such as loud conversations, cheering, clapping, or booing.

APPROVE THE MINUTES

Mr. Panzica moved, seconded by Mr. Steen, to accept the minutes of the August 22, 2019 Special Meeting and Executive Session, and the Minutes of the August 26, 2019 Budget Hearing, August 26, 2019 Bond Hearing, August 26, 2019 Permanent Interfund Transfer Hearing, and August 26, 2019 Board of Education Regular and Executive Session Meetings. The minutes were approved as submitted by **General Consent**.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Michael Himmelfarb, Wilmette, recounted a high school memory and related it to a recent anti-Semitic incident. He had submitted a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) regarding the incident and was disappointed in how the case was handled. He thanked the Board and Dr. Cremascoli for their efforts toward accountability and preventing future incidents from occurring.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facility Development – Mrs. Sternweiler reported the committee discussed the proposed construction timeline. They focused on evaluating the scope and timing of Village and District construction projects to

anticipate the potential impact to District 39 programs. Committee members directed administration to proceed with the timeline as presented and to bring back Kindergarten Enrichment registration options for the October Committee of the Whole meeting. The members also suggested inviting Village representatives to provide a presentation regarding the storm water project and fees.

School Finance – Mr. Cesaretti reported the committee was updated regarding the anticipated final financials that would be presented during the final audit report at the November Board meeting. Mrs. Crispino stated when pre-audit numbers were presented in July, the administration knew of \$54K in additional expenses and \$225K in anticipated revenue for fourth quarter mandated categoricals, resulting in a net surplus of \$171K.

Strategy – Mr. Steen reported Katie Lee had presented the final 2019-2020 Strategic Plan to the committee. He noted the Strategic Plan would be presented later in the evening.

Liaison Reports

Community Review Committee – Ms. Stone reported the CRC met on September 9th. The topic the committee chose to research is *Building Better Partnerships with Parents*. The committee discussed how partnerships are currently working and what a good partnership might be. They will have three subcommittees to study current D39 practices, research publications and literature, and research other district practices. The next meeting is October 7th.

Educational Foundation – Ms. Stone reported the Foundation met on September 18th. The committee noted last year was the Ed Foundation's 25th birthday and over that time the Foundation had gifted over \$1M to District 39. She reported Michelle Vile gave a history overview of Science Olympiad. Upcoming events include Bingo Night on October 4th, the *Attire to Inspire* Fashion Show will be held on November 13th. She also noted Fall Gripp Grants are due November 8th. The next meeting is on October 25th.

Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) – Mrs. Sternweiler reported the presentation for the October 16th North Cook Division dinner meeting is titled *Equity: An Educational Imperative*. She noted the Triple I Conference would be held on November 22nd-23rd. She stated the resolutions to be presented for a vote at Triple would be reviewed by the Board.

Legislative Update

Ms. Stone reported four acts were signed into law. Public Act 101-0455, requires school boards to develop threat assessment protocols and teams. It allows county tax receipts to be used for school facilities and Health Life Safety Funds to be used for resource officers and mental health professionals. Public Act 101-0478 requires law enforcement officer or security personnel to make reasonable efforts to have a student's parent/guardian or school personnel present before detaining and questioning a student under 18 years of age, on school grounds, who is suspected of a criminal act. Public Act 101-0515 requires school districts to utilize Response to Intervention (RtI) or other multi-tiered support systems as part of the evaluation process to determine if a child is eligible for special education services. Effective January 1st, Public Act 101-0579 requires sex education courses in grades 6-12 include age appropriate discussion on the meaning of 'consent'.

INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Written Communication

Dr. Cremascoli reported the Board had not received any written communication.

B. Administrative Announcements

PASS39 Ice Cream Social

Dr. Cremascoli announced that PASS39 met last week for a fun evening of ice cream and mingling. PASS39 is a parent organization that supports parents of children with learning, behavioral, emotional and developmental challenges. She noted there are a series of events scheduled for the rest of the year.

Legislative Breakfast

Dr. Cremascoli stated she and President Lisa Schneider-Fabes along with local superintendents attended a New Trier Township Legislative Breakfast. She stated State Representatives Laura Fine and Robin Gable attended along with Sarah Hartwick of ED-RED. Area superintendents discussed issues relative to their districts. Dr. Cremascoli shared current District 39 efforts on school culture and climate, student growth through differentiation, and construction projects. The group discussed topics including Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, Social Emotional Learning, special education, and facilities. The legislative priorities focused on financial stability and predictability. Administrators asked for support for maintenance of aging facilities. Requests were made for a special education task force to examine how funding is allocated. They also requested financial resources to support programs that address hate and encourage diversity among educators.

Student Academic Assessment Update

Dr. Cremascoli noted the fall Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment window ended last week. MAP data is used to guide instructional planning and differentiation. In addition, the administration is analyzing early data from Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) related to District 39 students' spring 2019 Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), a state required assessment which is used for program evaluation. An assessment report will be presented in October.

Property Tax Assessment Appeals

The Board of Education approved a resolution on November 12, 2018 authorizing intervention in property tax assessment appeals filed with the Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB) and with the Circuit Court of Cook County in accordance with policies and limitations established by the Board of Education. The Property Index Number and the estimated refunds are listed for new property tax interventions at the PTAB and Circuit Court of Cook County this month.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

The District received several FOIA requests: Jared Mochocki requested invoices and payroll for American Underground, Inc.; Jennifer Smith Richards of The Chicago Tribune sent a supplemental FOIA to her December request regarding restraint/seclusion intervention data between August-December 2018; Michael Himmelfarb requested all meeting notes, communications, minutes, and records for any and all discussions pertaining to the June 5, 2019 incident at Wilmette Junior High School.

C. Strategic Plan Updates

1. 2019-2020 District 39 Strategic Plan

Dr. Cremascoli stated this report is District 39's Strategic Plan for 2019-2020. The administration presented this detailed report outlining new and continuing initiatives as well as annual business for Board of Education approval. Each initiative has been categorized by year and phase of implementation.

Ms. Lee reported Section, 1 New Strategic Initiatives are in the early stages of development. The new initiative is Effective Integration of Technology. Ms. Lee thanked the CRC for their contribution to planning this particular initiative. The focus is to effectively integrate technology as a tool for enhanced learning.

Ms. Lee stated Section 2, Continuing Strategic Initiatives, are topics of ongoing focus. These topics included Delivering a Nutritious School Lunch program, Student Growth Through Differentiation & Personalization, Designing a Kindergarten Enrichment Program, Creating Flexible Learning Environments, and Building a School Culture and Community. She reported on the status of each topic.

Ms. Lee stated the Annual Business section contains ongoing District responsibilities such as continuation of the district-wide safety plan, implementing revised grades 5-6 report cards/progress reporting documents, completing the second year of science curriculum review, continuing to achieve energy and cost reductions and promote environmental literacy among students under the “Sustainability Planning, Practices, and Education” initiative.

D. Annual Business

1. Summer Enrichment Program 2019

Dr. Cremascoli reported District 39’s Summer Enrichment Program (SEP) were held at Wilmette Junior High and Romona Elementary schools and provided a variety of opportunities for students. Summer offerings included enrichment classes, academic camps, basic classes in reading and math, and extended school year for students who qualified through an Individualized Education Plan (IEP). She noted fiscally the program continues to remain self-sufficient.

Dr. Swanson noted SEP students lead the Pledge of Allegiance at last month’s Board meeting and shared their favorite experiences. She added parents had provided positive feedback through a survey.

Mr. Panzica questioned the enrollment per class and the success rate of students recommended for summer education programs.

E. Board Policy Review

1. Second and Final Reading of Education Policies 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:35, 5:40, 5:60, 5:70, 5:80, 5:90 and 5:100

Dr. Cremascoli noted the Board reviewed these policies for first reading in September, at which time policy revisions and additional suggestions were given.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ACTION ITEMS

A. Consent Agenda

Mr. Panzica moved, seconded by Mr. Steen, to approve the personnel report dated September 23, 2019 which included educational support personnel full-time employment of **Pamela Brucal**, effective August 23, 2019; **Ashley Cruz-Rivera**, effective September 17, 2019; **Heather Creamean**, effective September 6, 2019; **Amber Daugherty**, effective August 27, 2019; **Jose Irazoque**, effective September 23, 2019; **Kristin Kasperek**, effective August 29, 2019; **Rebecca Motsinger**, effective September 3, 2019; **Jeannine Marran**, effective August 30, 2019; **Hugo Osorio**, effective September 13, 2019; **Nicholas Pippin**, effective September 9, 2019; **Linda Infinita Romano**, effective September 3, 2019; **Jane Sullivan**, effective September 3, 2019; **Michael Vaught**, effective September 5, 2019; **Maria de Lourdes Vazquez Arteaga**, effective September 3, 2019; **Sharon Wheeler**, effective September 18, 2019; temporary

employment of **Patricia Grossman**, effective September 11, 2019; **Elizabeth Magana**, effective September 23, 2019; **Rita Mark**, effective September 18, 2019; educational support personnel resignation of **Manda Filip**, effective September 27, 2019; **Melissa Gold**, effective September 20, 2019; **Mary Holtz**, effective September 27, 2019; **Janet Langdon**, effective August 21, 2019; **Justine Rivlin**, effective September 10, 2019; **Sylwia Rusek**, effective August 23, 2019; **Jacqueline Soto**, effective September 19, 2019; educational support personnel request from sick leave bank for **Employee 17314**, grant 10 days from SSU sick leave bank: approve the 2019-2020 District 39 Strategic Plan: approve as second and final reading of Board of Education Policies 5:10 *Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment*; 5:20 *Workplace Harassment Prohibited*; 5:30 *Hiring Process and Criteria*; 5:35 *Compliance with Fair Labor Standards Act*; 5:40 *Communicable and Chronic Infectious Diseases*; 5:60 *Expenses*; 5:70 *Religious Holidays*; 5:80 *Court Duty*; 5:90 *Abused and Neglected Child Reporting*; and 5:100 *Staff Development Program and Professional Opportunities*: approve the accounts payable for bills listed between August 27, 2019 – September 23, 2019 in the following amounts: Educational Fund \$334,844.85; O&M Fund \$275,306.71; Transportation Fund \$6,250.40; Capital Projects \$1,304,596.00; Tort Fund \$120.00; total all funds: \$1,921,117.96: approve the manual checks issued between August 27, 2019 and September 23, 2019 in the following amounts: Educational Fund \$550,940.41; O&M Fund \$2,532.56; Transportation Fund \$552.09; Tort Fund \$1,092.00; total all funds: \$555,117.06.

On a roll call vote on the motion, voting “yea” – Jon Cesaretti, Frank Panzica, Amy Poehling, Mark Steen, Ellen Sternweiler, Erin Stone, Lisa Schneider-Fabes; voting “nay” – none; absent – none:
Motions Carried.

CONFERENCE ITEMS

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

None

Mr. Panzica moved, seconded by Mr. Steen to adjourn to executive session to review executive session minutes for release and executive session recordings for disposal in accordance to Policy 2:220.

On a roll call vote on the motion, voting “yea” – Jon Cesaretti, Frank Panzica, Amy Poehling, Mark Steen, Ellen Sternweiler, Erin Stone, Lisa Schneider-Fabes; voting “nay” – none; absent – none:
Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 7:49 p.m. and returned to the regular meeting of the Board of Education at 8:01 p.m.

Being no further business, Mr. Cesaretti moved, seconded by Mr. Steen, to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education. It adjourned at 8:02 p.m. by **General Consent**.

President

Secretary