

Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, April 12, 2023 7:00 PM Central

Prairieview Elementary School  
699 Plainfield Road  
Downers Grove, IL 60516

Beth Bukey: Present  
Joan Cullen: Present  
Christopher Esposito: Present  
Lori Hoffman: Present  
Brian Liedtke: Present  
Liane Raso: Present  
Donna Sobotka: Present

I. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Liane Raso, along with Honorary Student Board Member, Mikey Willer at 7:04p.m.

II. Special Guest Student Helper

Mikey Willer, a 5th grader at Prairieview Elementary School, gaveled in the meeting, called roll call and led the audience in the pledge. Prior to the meeting, Mikey delivered a pie to the face of Board member, Brian Liedtke as a reward for contributing to the Team 66 super raffle. Mikey received a round of applause for a job well done on all accounts.

III. Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Honorary Student Board Member, Mikey Willer.

IV. Recognition of Visitors

In-person visitors included Joy DeFors, Diana Sitko, Teodora Tineva, Amy Burrows, Jessica Rost, Erika Myers, Joanna Bergmann, Jen Rickert, Magen Newman, Elizabeth Pisano, Tripp Burton, Megan DuPass, Tiffany Watson, Vicki Stearns, Samantha Melke Grimm, Anna Maria Parker, Marissa Powers, Ashley Sanchez, Melinda Nowak, Principal Mark Orszula, Principal Mark Pagel, Director Sean Rhoads, Director Kim Liles, Director Tom Tiede. Visitors joining virtually included Becky Roberts, Cheryl Novotny, Sheri Sulima, Kristina Fifer, Heather Tran, Tammie Pry, Lisa Trost, Rosemary Janisch, Janice Tung, Sylvia McGivor, Kristine Collins, Amy Willer, Jessica Sage, Tracey Cushing, Hyun Kim, Mary Testolin, Doreen R., Kathy Sanchez, Laura Arce, Karen Roach, Lori Bryant, Dawn Wrzesinski, Deb Whitt, Carol Tedeschi, Tom Tedeschi, Gina Hendron, Meghan Aleo, Lily Kunz, Lisa Trauscht, Sandra Rizzo, Annie Diver, Kristin Platt, Fiona Higgins, Jennifer Shearer, Katie Koeppe, Melissa Mandru, Chuck Blazeovich, Steve Shanks, Sam Snead, Keri Roegner, Renee Prince, Timothy Prince, Jamie Liedtke, Elizabeth Uribe, Angela Schoeberle, Debbie Gustafson.

V. Scheduled Time to Address the Board

Scheduled public comments were made by Lacey McCraney and Jaime Free sharing concerns regarding DuPage County utilizing school buildings during the school year while students are in attendance.

VI. Special Presentation from LV Exploratory

Approximately 40 students from Lakeview Junior High School were recognized for their amazing work that was created during their Exploratory classes. The work which was on display throughout the Boardroom was witnessed by all in attendance. The Board thanked the Exploratory students and teachers for sharing their learning.

## VII. Consent Agenda

VII.A. Monthly Meeting Minutes

VII.B. District's Monthly Financial Statements

VII.C. Monthly Board Bills Payable for February and March

VII.D. New Items

VII.D.1. Approve Retirement of Sreen Benson effective June 30, 2027

VII.D.2. Approve Retirement of Sheryl Sulima, effective June 30, 2027

VII.D.3. Approve Retirement of Theresa Strong, effective June 30, 2027

VII.D.4. Approve Employment of Jessica Sage, Community Relations and Communications Assistant

VII.D.5. Approve Resignation of Melody Maier, Lunchroom Supervisor, Elizabeth Ide

VII.D.6. Approve Resignation of Emily Lech, Principal, Elizabeth Ide, effective June 30, 2023

VII.D.7. Approve Resignation of Gina Horeni, Social Worker, Lakeview Jr. High, effective last day of 2022-2023 school year

VII.D.8. Approve Employment of Nicole Homeier, Early Childhood Special Education Teacher, effective SY 2023-2024

VII.D.9. Approve FY 2024 SASSED Classroom Leases

VII.D.10. Approve Retirement of Dave Dvorak, effective June 30, 2027

## VIII. Approve Consent Agenda

To approve the consent agenda as presented. This motion, made by Donna Sobotka and seconded by Joan Cullen, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

## IX. Communication

IX.A. Community Engagement Forum Update

Dr. Wise thanked members of the Community Engagement Forum for their continued efforts to enhance communication and collaboration with the community.

IX.B. Those Who Excel Awards

Dr. Wise, Director Liles and Director Rhoads honored individuals for being recognized by the Illinois State Board of Education via their Those Who Excel Program: Team - Lakeview

Exploratory Team, Administrator - Dr. Wise, Education Support Personnel - Joy DeFors, Student Support Personnel - Joyce Wilson, Early Career Education - Marissa Powers, Teacher of the Year - Steve Mandru, Community Volunteer - Phil Januszewski.

#### IX.C. FOIA Request

There was one FOIA request that appeared in the boardbook.

### X. Principal Reports

#### X.A. Elizabeth Ide Elementary

Principal Lech reported on the upcoming Kindergarten Roundup, PTO fundraiser at McDonalds along with spreading kindness through a food drive.

#### X.B. Prairieview Elementary

Principal Pagel reported on recent IAR testing, celebrating St. Patrick's Day with the Trinity Irish Dance Troupe, and the upcoming Grandparents/Special Guest special activities.

#### X.C. Lakeview Junior High

Principal Orszula reported on the Spartan Showcase and what a huge success it was! Clubs and activities continue at Lakeview with many opportunities to get involved. Transition opportunities will be coming up for current 5th graders to learn more about Lakeview.

### XI. Director Reports

#### XI.A. Director of Student Services

Director Rhoads discussed MTSS, a system for supporting all students, the Parent Advisory Council, and the ROE assisting the district with their reunification plans by providing information, support services and safe reunification assistance.

#### XI.B. Director of Learning

Director Liles reports on Targeted Summer School running June 1-June 15 daily at Prairieview School, the district's gifted identification process and 2023-2024 class lists/placements.

#### XI.C. Director of Technology

Director Keith Robert's report includes information on help desk tickets and Staff MacBook Air repairs. The tech department is exploring a potential partnership with a neighboring district to bring MacBook Air repairs in-house for SY 23-24, thus saving money and time.

#### XI.D. Director of Transportation/Buildings and Grounds

Director Tom Tiede reports April begins the planning of SY 2023-2024 including staffing, routing based on current enrollments and mechanical work to be done prior to next next school year. The Lakeview hot water heater project was completed over Spring Break, and the Lakeview Intercom project was started and should be completed in early summer. A bid was awarded to Consolidated Flooring of Chicago for the Prairieview Gym/Multi-Purpose Room/Hallway floor replacement, due to complete by the start of the school in August.

### XII. Superintendent Report

#### XII.A. School Day Survey Results

Dr. Wise shared results from the school day survey showing that there was not an overwhelming percentage of the population who wanted to change the bell schedule for next

year. The order of the buildings for pick up will remain the same, Ide, Prairieview, Lakeview. A committee will be formed next year to study the 2024-2025 wants and needs to the change in schedule.

#### XII.B. Strategic Plan Presentation

The Administrative Team provided a comprehensive update on the Strategic Plan progress, including an updated priority list for facility work.

#### XII.C. Facility Work Update

Notwithstanding factors out of its control, the District would like to address highest priority safety items the summer of 2023 and 2024. Highest priority roofing and HVAC items addressed summer of 2025-28, highest priority concrete, asphalt, and exterior items summer of 2030-31 and items left from HLS 2022 Survey and begin new items on HLS 2032 survey.

#### XII.D. Prairieview Gym Floor

The bid award to Consolidated Flooring of Chicago to replace the PV gym floor, multi-purpose room and hallway was approved. Work should be completed by the start of school in August.

#### XII.E. Tentative Election Results

The Board congratulated Megan DuPass, Tiffany Watson and Doug Wiley for receiving the nomination to be Center Cass School Board Members. They will be seated to the Board at the May 10 BOE meeting.

#### XII.F. Draft April Newsletter

The April Newsletter will be going to the printer and should be mailed out shortly.

#### XII.G. Early EAV and Rate Results

Dr. Wise illustrated the DuPage County Extension form as well as the Financial Policy the Board created prior to the passage of the referendum, which showed that the tax rate communicated to the public, placed inside the policy, and provided by the County, all matched.

#### XII.H. Board Policy 4:350

Board Policy 4:350 is intended to formally reflect the Board's commitment to the District's taxpayers that the property tax proceeds resulting from a 2022 referendum question to increase the tax levy limiting rate beyond what the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law will be collected and utilized. Included is the intent for revenue and intent for expenditures using District guiding documents.

#### XII.I. District Dashboard

Dr. Wise showed a draft dashboard, showing how the \$2.5 million from the rate increase would be spent, noting that the funds will be allocated as shared.

#### XII.J. Tax Anticipation Warrant Award

#### XII.K. Resolution to Abate Working Cash for Transportation Fund

The Board approved the resolution to transfer \$100,000 of working cash into the Transportation Fund.

#### XII.L. Early Look at Enrollments and Sections for 23-24

Current enrollments for 2023-2024 were discussed, with some concerns and opinions shared.

#### XII.M. Summer School

Targeted summer school will occur June 1-June 15, daily, at Prairieview. Targeted instruction in Reading and or Math will be offered. The only Enrichment Summer School offering will be three bands this summer.

#### XII.N. Intergovernmental Agreement on Mutual Aid

The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement to provide mutual aid to help out surrounding districts in need during an emergency.

#### XII.O. Board Policy 2:260 and 5:10 Revisions

Only contact names and contact information were updated on these two Policies.

#### XII.P. Lakeview Athletic Fee

Discussion was had about charging a \$50 athletic fee for sports, and a \$25 fee for shorter sports seasons.

#### XII.Q. Approval of Amended Administrative Contracts for 2022-2023

Dr. Wise presented Principal and Director amended FY 23 contracts for those who had their salaries frozen.

#### XII.R. Approval of Administrative Contracts and Benefits Guide for 2023-2024

Dr. Wise also presented Principal and Director's new contracts for FY 24.

#### XII.S. Approval of Superintendent Contract Amendment and Contract 2023-2028

Dr. Wise presented his amended contract and new contract which extended him as Superintendent until June 30, 2028. He expressed that he is excited to carry out the work from the Strategic Plan alongside an amazing group of employees and administrators.

### XIII. Public Comment

During public comment, concerns brought forward entailed larger class sizes at Center Cass due to financial difficulties, thus advocating for lower class size, and a concern over the timing and lack of conversation at the BOE meeting regarding an Administrative resignation.

### XIV. Action items

XIV.A. Motion to approve the bid to Consolidated Flooring of Chicago not to exceed \$128,200.25 for replacement of the Prairieview Gym/Multi-purpose and Hallway Floor  
Motion to approve the bid to Consolidated Flooring of Chicago not to exceed \$128,200.25 for replacement of the PV Gym/Mulri-Purpose/Hallway Floor. This motion, made by Christopher Esposito and seconded by Donna Sobotka, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV.B. Motion to approve the resolution to transfer \$100,000 of working cash into the Transportation Fund

Motion to approve the resolution to transfer \$100,000 of working cash into the Transportation Fund. This motion, made by Christopher Esposito and seconded by Donna Sobotka, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV.C. Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Mutual Aid  
Motion to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement to Provide Mutual Aid. This motion, made by Brian Liedtke and seconded by Joan Cullen, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV.D. Motion to approve Board Policy 2:260 and 5:10 Revisions

Motion to approve Board Policy 2:260 and 5:10 revisions. This motion, made by Christopher Esposito and seconded by Liane Raso, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV.E. Motion to approve amended contracts for Tom Tiede, Kim Liles, Sean Rhoads and Mark Pagel, as discussed in closed session

Motion to approve amended contracts for Tom Tiede, Kim Liles, Sean Rhoads and Mark Pagel. This motion, made by Joan Cullen and seconded by Christopher Esposito, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV.F. Motion to approve Administrative Contracts and Benefits Guide for 2023-2024 for Mark Orszula, Tom Tiede, Kim Liles and Sean Rhoads, as discussed in closed session

Motion to approve Administrative Contracts for 2023-2024 for Mark Orszula, Tom Tiede, Kim Liles and Sean Rhoads, as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Christopher Esposito and seconded by Brian Liedtke, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV.G. Motion to approve the amendment to the Superintendent's 2020-2023 Contract as discussed in closed session

Motion to approve the amendment to the Superintendent's 2020-2023 Contract, as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Christopher Esposito and seconded by Donna Sobotka, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XIV.H. Motion to approve the 2023-2028 Superintendent contract as discussed in closed session

Motion to approve the 2023-2028 Superintendent contract as discussed in closed session. This motion, made by Brian Liedtke and seconded by Christopher Esposito, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

XV. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn. This motion, made by Brian Liedtke and seconded by Christopher Esposito, Passed.

Beth Bukey: Yea, Joan Cullen: Yea, Christopher Esposito: Yea, Lori Hoffman: Yea, Brian Liedtke: Yea, Liane Raso: Yea, Donna Sobotka: Yea  
Yea: 7, Nay: 0

The April 12, 2023 BOE Meeting adjourned at 9:24p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Gannon, recording secretary

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education