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TO: Board of Education
FROM: John R. Langton, Interim Superintendent
DATE: May 12, 2025
RE: Superintendents' Report

BACKGROUND

I provide the Board of Education with a brief report at each regular Board of Education meeting, highlighting District activities and information.

SUMMARY.

Welcome Dr. McGill

A great Benjamin family welcome and congratulations to Dr. Patrick McGill for being approved as the next Superintendent of Schools of Benjamin School District 25! Dr. McGill's transition is going well as he enthusiastically meets with the various Benjamin stakeholders preparing for his July 1st start.

Live Broadcast of the Regular Board of Education Meetings

You may have noticed some additional hardware inside of our meeting table this evening. These Meeting Owl devices contain the microphones and cameras for the live broadcasting of our regular Board of Education meetings. These fully portable devices will allow us to share with our public a live video and audio feed of School Board meetings. We are testing the system this evening to ensure that it works prior to making it available to our public. Our goal is to have the system fully functioning for live streaming at the June 9 regular Board of Education meeting.

Tik Tok Video

Last week, we shared with our students' parents/guardians information about a recent viral TikTok video showing kids shoving pencil lead into the USB ports of a computer, causing it to smoke, spark, and look like it almost caught on fire. While other school districts have already seen damaged laptops from this trend, we have not.

We shared this information out of concern for our students' safety and the potential fire risk at school and/or students' homes. Thanks to Greg Martin for bringing this issue to our attention. We will continue to monitor this activity with our students.

New West Chicago HS Principal

Congratulations to the Community HSD94 Board of Education for hiring the next Principal of West Chicago High School. Last week the D94 Board approved the contract with Dr. Limaris Pueyo as the next high school Principal. Dr. Pueyo is also a proud resident of Benjamin SD25! Her daughter, Zoe, graduated from Benjamin last school year. We look forward to strengthening the existing strong relationships with our high school and Dr. Pueyo!

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request(s)

We have not received any FOIA requests since the last regular Board of Education meeting.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

None at this time.