

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

Monday, October 16, 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, October 16, 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 8:02 a.m.

**II. APPROVE THE MINUTES**

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to accept the minutes of the September 11, 2023 Committee of the Whole meetings. The minutes were approved as submitted by **Roll Call Vote**.

**III. FACILITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (FDC)**

**A. Summer 2023 Construction Projects**

Mike Bickler of Nicholas and Associates provided an update on chillers noting two have been received and set at Central and Romona schools. The chiller for Harper was expected to arrive this week and Highcrest's chiller expected to arrive at the end of the month. Chillers will be ready for start-up during spring break.

**B. Summer 2024 Construction Projects**

Joe Papanicholas of Nicholas and Associates provided the budget assessment noting it is at 60% and construction costs are estimated at \$4.5M as anticipated. Majority of work is roofing and mechanical at Wilmette Junior High school (WJHS). Construction documents will be updated and budget assessment at 85% in the coming weeks. The bids will be presented November 9 with the bid opening to be held November 30. Six alternates will be included for flexibility. Mr. Bultemeier reviewed the construction plans for the schools and the alternates to be presented. Updates will be provided at the November committee meeting.

**C. State Maintenance Grant Application**

Last year at this time, D39 applied for and received a \$50,000 state maintenance grant from Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). ISBE has announced a new year of grants are open for applications. D39 will be applying for the \$50,000 grant application to be attached to the summer 2024 work at WJHS. The Board will be asked to approve the application at the October 23 Board Meeting.

**IV. SCHOOL FINANCE COMMITTEE (SFC) ITEMS**

A. 2023 Tax Levy Estimate

Annually as the District works towards approval of the tax levy, a detailed review of an estimated tax levy is required per law. Mr. Bultemeier provided a presentation on the estimated 2023 tax levy along with the details impacting the levy. The 2023 Levy Estimate will be presented at the October 23 Board meeting and be presented for approval at the November 13 Board meeting.

**V. STRATEGY ITEMS**

- A. Goal 2 Action Steps Update – SEL and Behavior Foundations
- B. Goal 4 Action Steps Update – 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Transitions
- C. 5Essentials Overall Report

The Board received several updates on the District’s Strategic Plan efforts and its progress toward accomplishment of this year’s Action Steps. Kelly Jackson and Kristin Swanson provided the Board with several updates, including an update on Goal 2 Action Steps, with a focus on SEL and Behavior/Foundations. A review of Goal 4 Action Steps, with a focus on transitions for 4th to 5th grade and 6th to 7th grade students and families was provided by Kelly Jackson and Tony Demonte. Mrs. Jackson also provided a review of the 2023 5Essentials Survey results. The Board discussed each of these updates.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

President Stone requested the date and time for the McKenzie Playground Ribbon Cutting Ceremony as she and Member Bonnie Kim (former McKenzie parents) would like to attend.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**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)
- C. The Appointment Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)1)

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

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

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 9:23 a.m. and returned to the Committee of the Whole meeting at 10:42 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 10:43 a.m.

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President

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Secretary