

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

Monday, November 6, 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, November 6, 2023.

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

Committee of the Whole members absent: None

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Stone called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

II. APPROVE THE MINUTES

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to accept the minutes of the October 16, 2023 Committee of the Whole and Executive Session meetings. The minutes were approved as submitted by **Roll Call Vote**.

III. FACILITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (FDC) – No Items

IV. SCHOOL FINANCE COMMITTEE (SFC) ITEMS

A. KEEP39 Financial Review

The Board has agreed to annually review the KEEP39 financials and consider adjustments to the fees and programming structures. Currently, District 39 offers a half-day academic kindergarten program with an optional fee-based enrichment program. Fees collected help to off-set the operational costs of the program, including personnel and consumable materials, as well as the capital investments made for construction to be able to offer the enrichment program onsite. Fees for 2023-2024 are set at \$6,460, an amount comparable to similar kindergarten enrichment programs within the community at the time of the program's inception in the 2020-2021 school year. Fees have remained flat for the four years the program has been operating.

Mr. Bultemeier reviewed the revenues and expenditures to date for the program. The Board discussed financials as they currently stand in terms of revenues, expenditures, and capital investment payback, and considered options for the upcoming school years. The Board may choose to increase fees (as it does for most optional fee-based programs, maybe at a rate of CPI), to maintain the fees as flat for the program (as it has done for the past 4 years at \$6,460), or begin to reduce fees based on some considerations of costs or a desire to begin subsidizing portions of the costs. Food service and transportation are not required services but are provided as an optional convenience for families and are partially subsidized by the District. The Board may choose to subsidize a portion of the KEEP39 fees. The Board discussed options and potential scenarios that they would like to consider.

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has dictated that all Illinois school districts must offer a full-day kindergarten option by 2027-2028 school year. Thus, the District must prepare to offer full-day kindergarten program by 2027. Now that new legislation requires every school district to offer a full day kindergarten program as well as a half day kindergarten program the question is when to implement these programs. The first consideration is to map out enrichment program fees until a full day kindergarten program is implemented. Once a full-day kindergarten program is implemented, then kindergarten fees would be assessed as is done for 1-8 grade programs.

Members reviewed and discussed a variety of options, and directed administration to provide several scenarios for fees as well as the eventual implementation of a full-day-kindergarten program. Members also requested further detail regarding participation in transportation and lunch programs. These scenarios and additional information will be reviewed at the December committee meeting.

V. STRATEGY ITEMS

A. Strategic Plan Goal 2: Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Assessment

Principal Kelly Jackson reported on SEL assessment data. Mrs. Jackson noted the District uses Devereux Student Strengths Assessment (DESSA) for K-4 grades; SEL WEB EE for K-3 grades and SEL WEBB LE for grade 4; and Mindsets, Essential Skills and Habits (MESH) is administered to students in 5-8 grades. Members discussed data provided.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions Committee

Mrs. Paflas will represent District 39 Board of Education at the Joint Annual Conference Delegate Assembly on November 18. Members reviewed and discussed the proposed resolutions to provide a collective recommendation for each resolution.

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 9:37 a.m. and returned to the Committee of the Whole meeting at 10:23 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 10:23 a.m.

President

Secretary