



Board Briefs

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[October 8, 2024 Committee of the Whole Meeting](#)

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Approval of Agenda

The Board voted to approve the October 8 agenda as presented.

Board Reports

President

Board President Anne Neumann shared that she had a few housekeeping items. She reminded Board members to share their availability for a January Board Retreat and to complete annual cybersecurity training. She asked for a Board member to volunteer to serve as the District 113 Board delegate for the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) assembly for the purposes of voting on resolutions at the Triple I conference in November.

Policy Committee

Policy Committee Chair Jaime Barraza said that the Policy Committee met September 24 and that the policies discussed at that meeting are listed later on the agenda for first reading.

Administration Information Reports

Superintendent

In her report, Superintendent Dr. Chala Holland provided the following updates:

- **Superintendent's Student Advisory Council Launch**
Dr. Holland launched the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council for 2024-25 with 8 students representing each grade and both schools. In the first meeting they discussed student belonging, student voice, and ways to enhance student and staff relationships in authentic ways. Council members were asked to gather peers' perspectives on student belonging and to bring those back to share at a future meeting. Another topic the students discussed was the bell schedule. At the next meeting DHS Principal Dr. Anderson, who is leading the common bell schedule committee, will meet with the council to discuss the proposed schedule drafts and to gather their perspectives and insights.
- **TrueNorth - Inclusive School Communities Learning with Dr. Carol Quirk**
Approximately 25 staff members engaged in a full-day of learning and growth with Dr. Carol Quirk from the Maryland Coalition of Inclusive Education. Dr. Quirk works in partnership with TrueNorth and has spent several years supporting important shifts in inclusive education in District 109. Dr. Quirk will join the District to support staff learning on the February 14 Institute Day.

- **Race and Identity Classes at DHS**

Following up on Dr. Anderson's Excellence in Effort report September 24, Dr. Holland shared that she was invited to engage with all three sections of the Race and Identity class to share her own experiences with belonging, and that was one of the highlights of the year so far. She said she met so many wonderful students who were fully engaged, curious, and interested in considering perspectives and life experiences that were both similar and different from their own. She said students are learning life skills and they are exploring topics that will benefit them for the rest of their lives.

- **Upcoming Institute Day Focus**

On Institute Day October 14, staff will engage in a full day of learning with the focus on inclusive school communities. All sessions are aligned with tenants of access, belonging and/or achievement. Approximately 25 staff members are facilitating learning throughout the day, with many sessions where administration and staff are facilitating together. Dr. Holland said it's great that staff have this time to create opportunities to share with each other so that all can learn and grow together.

- **Student Celebration at HPHS**

Dr. Holland said she was thrilled to participate in a morning breakfast celebration for students at Highland Park High School who have met the state's definition of English Proficiency through ACCESS SY23 and SY24 testing. At the breakfast, students received a certificate of achievement and each student discussed their multilingual journey. Dr. Holland said their comments were moving and that their resilience, perseverance, understanding, courage, and brilliance is to be commended.

FOIA

Dr. Holland reported the FOIA requests received since the last meeting and their disposition. The report is posted in BoardDocs online.

Student Enrollment Projections 2024-25

As District 113 does each fall, Dr. Holland shared the enrollment and projection numbers with the Board. The report uses cohort survival projections, a method for predicting future populations or enrollment based on the survival of the current population and future births. Dr. Holland noted that this report differed from a past demographer's report, which demonstrated a slightly greater decline in enrollment. She also pointed out that at the high school level, students select courses based on the many options offered and their individual plans, so a change in enrollment does not directly translate into dramatic shifts in the breadth of course offerings or in staffing FTE. She said staffing decisions should be grounded through an instructional lens, a review of our bargaining agreements and outlined parameters, and a focus on the priority areas for a district.

D113 Advanced Placement Report

As it does each year, Administration presented an overview of District 113's Advanced Placement (AP) results from 2023-24 and described implications for moving forward in the next few years. Dr. Holland said AP is one curricular option for students and it is also not the only

space for rigorous instruction. She added that District 113 has done extensive work to remove obstacles and barriers for student access to AP courses. AP provides one option for post-secondary credits and dual credit courses are another option for students to gain post-secondary credits to apply toward furthering their education if that is their chosen path. Ultimately, Dr. Holland said the work continues to ensure that D113 is using the predictive data available through the partnership with ECRA and the College Board to identify students who continue to demonstrate what the College Board notes as AP Potential, but who have not yet been exposed to AP course work. The work moving forward is to create pathways for more students to access rigorous instruction and to implement efforts to foster a greater sense of belonging for all students within our AP courses.

School Reports

Student Liaison Reports

Senior Miles Walker from HPHS provided his report highlighting that Homecoming is October 19 and the theme is *Once Upon a Time* and all are looking forward to a great night. He reported that the Math Team won first overall at their first meet of the year and that HPHS put together a wonderful show with the first student-run production of the year, *1984*.

DHS senior Lila Peck was busy working on tech week for the upcoming play *Metamorphoses* running October 17-19 so she was unable to provide her report at the meeting.

Information

2024 IASB Delegate Assembly Resolutions

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions and recommendations from the IASB Resolutions Committee and the District 113 Board's stance on each of the proposed resolutions. The Board will vote at the October 22 meeting to empower a Board member to serve as the D113 delegate to represent D113 by voting on the resolutions at Triple I in November.

Board Policies with Updates – First Reading

Policy Committee Chair Jaime Barraza said that a number of policies were reviewed at the September 24 Policy Committee meeting, and that there is a new process for breaking the policies out into three different categories on the agenda: Board policies with updates, Board policies with changes to references/footnotes only, and Board policies with no updates. This new process clearly delineates whether a policy has substantive changes, reference/footnote updates, or memorializes the review in D113 following a regular review cycle by the IASB policy service PRESS. The policies will come back for second reading and approval at the October 22 meeting.

- ***2-50, Board Member Term of Office***
- ***2-125, School Board Participation in Conferences, Conventions and Workshops***
- ***2-160, School Board: Board Attorney***
- ***4-40, Incurring Debt***
- ***4-70, Resource Conservation***
- ***4-80, Accounting and Audits***
- ***6-50, School Wellness***
- ***6-280, Grading and Promotion***

- *8-25, Advertising and Distributing Materials in Schools Provided by Non-School Related Entities*

Board Policies with Updates to References/Footnotes Only – First Reading

- *2-250, Access to District Public Records*
- *5-130, Responsibilities Concerning Internal Information*
- *5-180, Temporary Illness or Temporary Incapacity*
- *5-200, Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal*
- *5-285, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers*
- *5-310, Compensatory Time-Off*
- *6-140, Education of Homeless Children*
- *6-230, Library Media Program*
- *7-170, Vandalism*

Board Policies with No Updates – First Reading

- *6-110, Programs for Students At Risk of Academic Failure and/or Dropping Out of School and Graduation Incentives Program*
- *6-150, Homebound and Hospital Instruction*
- *7-100 Health and Eye Examinations; Immunizations; Exclusion of Students*

Discussion

Legal Firm for Property Tax Appeals

As it does every year, the Board discussed Administration’s recommendation to authorize the firm Hodges, Loizzi, Eisenhammer, Rodick & Kohn (HLERK) to provide legal representation on behalf of the District for property tax appeals. Representation would be for appeals seeking a reduction of \$500,000 equalized assessed valuation (EAV) or more. An EAV in the amount of \$500,000 represents a fair market value of \$1.5 million. The item will come back to the Board October 22 for action.

Updated District 113 e-Learning Plan 2023-26

The Board discussed Administration’s update to the existing 2023-2026 e-Learning Plan, which is in the section regarding licensed staff members (LSMs) and their support of students receiving specific approved services. The Board is required to vote on any update to the existing plan with the update submitted to the Regional Office of Education.

Agreement with Houston Protection & Investigation Service, Inc. as Contractor Hired by North Suburban Synagogue Beth El to Provide Armed Security on District 113 Property During High Holy Days Services

The Board reviewed an agreement with Houston Protection & Investigation Service, Inc. as contractor hired by North Suburban Synagogue Beth El to provide armed security on District 113 property during High Holy Days services.

Action

Updated District 113 e-Learning Plan 2023-26

The Board approved as presented the updated District 113 e-Learning Plan for 2023-26.

Approve Agreement with Houston Protection & Investigation Service, Inc. as Contractor Hired by North Suburban Synagogue Beth El to Provide Armed Security on District 113 Property During High Holy Days Services

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Consent Agenda

The Board approved [the consent agenda](#) as presented. The consent agenda includes personnel, stipends, and board bills.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

October 22, 2024

Finance Committee

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Administration Building

Regular Action Meeting

6:00 p.m. Closed, 7:00 p.m. Open

Administration Building