



Board Briefs

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[September 24, 2024 Regular Action Meeting](#)

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Approval of Agenda

The Board voted to approve the September 24 agenda as presented.

Board Reports

President

Board President Anne Neumann reminded other Board members that the resolutions from the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) resolutions committee will arrive soon and the Board will discuss and review them at the October 22 meeting in advance of the Triple I conference in November. Moving on, Ms. Neumann said in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, she wanted to recognize and honor the rich contributions of District 113 Latinx students, families, and staff. She said the cultural heritage, traditions, and stories are an integral part of the fabric of District 113 schools and community and that the Board and District are committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels valued, respected, and seen.

Board and Superintendent Communication Expectations

Ms. Neumann said the Board and Superintendent Dr. Chala Holland discussed communication expectations and protocols at the Board's self-evaluation meeting in August. The expectations will move forward for approval at the October 8 meeting.

Administration Information Reports

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Chala Holland did not have a formal report but did call attention to the new student artwork that had been hung in the Board room and around the Ad Building. She thanked all the DHS and HPHS students for sharing their work and said that each student will be formally recognized for their contribution in May.

DHS Students

Sayaka Tozaki

Nolan Fettner

Violet Krol

Jonathan Heid

Natalia West

Emma Spiegel

Sofia Bellegamba

Tatevik Asatryan

Gale Harvey
Rhett Frese

HPHS Students

Kira Feinberg
Getse Gaytan
Scarlett Kischer
Alexi De La Cruz-Ramirez
Ariel Buckmaster
Odaliz Servin Duran
Charles Kellogg
Patrick Williams
Cecilia Gabriel
Keya Fowler

FOIA

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

Excellence and Effort

As part of her report, HPHS Principal Holly Fleischer highlighted the following:

- The Social Studies Department partnered with Warren Township to offer students 16 or older an opportunity to train to become a Lake County Student Election Judge.
- In Science, the Biology teaching team has begun to meet to plan and secure resources for their implementation of the Prevalence of Antibiotic Resistance in the Environment (PARE), which engages students in antimicrobial resistance surveillance. Students will conduct research and experiments, then report their data to a national database of antibiotic resistance surveillance
- In Counseling and Health, the department completed “Signs of Suicide Screener” through a community partnership with [Elyssa's Mission](#). Each sophomore enrolled in Health took the screener and then counselors, psychologists, social workers and/or health teachers followed up to meet any students who may need an assessment or increased connection based on the screening’s findings.
- In Homeroom, students took the SEL/Well-being survey which is given two times a year to gather data about our students’ experiences at school. Teachers and leaders use this data to examine our systems and support students in their social-emotional growth as they navigate high school. Last year student input through this survey led to the creation of 13 new clubs.

DHS Principal Dr. Kathryn Anderson highlighted the following in her report:

- She had the privilege of participating in a “Noticing Walk” as part of English Teacher Buffy Sallee’s Race and Identity class. Dr. Anderson said the theme this year is belonging, the purpose of the walk is to bring about self-awareness and identity in preparation for the future goal of bringing about social awareness, moving from the “me” to the “we.” She also noted that Ms. Sallee invites many guests from the school and

district into her classroom, and that on the walk SEL Specialist Robyn Corelitz also participated.

- Assistant Principal of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Doni Escalante has launched a similar program emulating Excellence in Effort through a new weekly newsletter called “Bite-size Blue Dots.” Based on discussions at the beginning of the year of John Hattie’s “Visible Learning.” In it, she highlights the amazing things happening within the classroom, opening the door for all colleagues to see and share practices. One of the first issues was working on intelligent tutoring systems and elaborative interrogation. In Neil Rigler’s English class, students are studying Tim O’Brien’s “The Things They Carried.” The School AI pilot, led by Director of Instructional Technology Dan Kim, helped Mr. Rigler develop a guided experience about the Vietnam War for the class.

Action

Student Discipline for Student A

The Board voted to approve as presented suspension of Student A as assigned by the administration.

Approve One-Year Employment Contract for Director of Security

The Board voted to approve as presented a one-year contract with [Lane Linder to serve as the Director of Security](#) through June 30, 2025.

Approve ECRA Contract

The Board voted to approve as presented a three-year contract with ECRA Group, Inc. in a not to exceed amount of \$100,000 in year one for a software platform to manage school improvement, growth and assessment data, a personalized learner profile, and a strategic dashboard. The software provides comprehensive, predictive analytics and because it is in use in the D113 sender elementary districts, it will help D113 better prepare for and provide support for student growth. The remaining two years of the contract are approved at annual cost of \$57,805.

Approve CESO Contract

The Board voted to approve as presented a one-year contract with CESO Consulting in a not to exceed amount of \$36,000 as a result of turnover in the department. The contract is for communications services related to required website migration to a new platform, implementation of a new communications system and other ongoing projects that need to be completed in FY 2025.

Approve SFM Contract

The Board voted to approve as presented a one-year contract with SFM Consulting in a not to exceed amount of \$35,580 for professional leadership and coaching services for District 113 leadership in FY 2025.

Approve Baker Tilly Municipal Advisors Contract

The Board voted to approve as presented a one-year contract with Baker Tilly Advisory Group in a not to exceed amount of \$50,000 to complete a staffing analysis. Ms. Neumann emphasized

that the Board's approval of the ECRA, SFM and Baker Tilly contracts are to empower District administration to accomplish the goals assigned to the leadership team from the Board.

Consent Agenda

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings

October 8, 2024

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Administration Building

Committee of the Whole Meeting

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

Administration Building

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