

Board of Education Meeting Briefs

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(Official meeting minutes will be posted upon approval by the Board)

February 27, 2020 – Regular Meeting

Lincoln Middle School – Commons

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting began at 6:33 p.m. with the pledge of allegiance led by Naomi Perez.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- A. Student Ambassador Naomi Perez presented to the Board and community the results of a survey conducted at Lincoln Middle School. The results of the survey indicated that students at the middle school were not satisfied with the current lunch selections and quality of the food. They voiced a desire for a greater variety of selections, giving the example of foods from different countries. Ms. Perez along with Mr. Bomba, Lincoln Teacher and Student Ambassador Mentor assured the community that this survey will also be conducted at the elementary level in order to compare the students' lunch satisfaction at all schools.
- B. Biggs & Castro Presentation:
Ms. Biggs and Mr. Castro, Consultants, presented to the Board and community what the result of many months' of interviews, focus groups, professional learning spaces, observations, instructional rounds, surveys, analysis of policy and existing data had taught them. They explained their findings and recommendations to the Board and community. The Board will review all the information.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- A. Francela Lopez, Director of English Learners elaborated to the Board and community upon the work that the Administration along with the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are conducting in order to work toward a common goal in regards to the Biggs & Castro findings and recommendations. Superintendent Michelle Smith also expanded that the teachers are being provided with Professional Development from Dr. Diana Carry who is a Curriculum and Instruction Coach who is highly solicited nationwide. She has been providing teachers with Saturday PD as her schedule permits on Thinking Core and its unit implementation.
- B. Gina Parker, Prairie Oak Teacher and NBEA President introduced herself to the Board and community and announced that she is hosting the Jump Rope Show at Prairie Oak on March 27th at 9:00 a.m. and at 1:50 p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

BOARD COMMENT:

- A. Member Kulis-Kearns Valeriano posed the question in regards to Dual Language Program in which Francela Lopez, Director of English Learners, explained that she in collaboration with a committee of teachers are working to develop standard based units that promote the equal amount of rigor as the

English units. The committee works with a mentor from Teaching for Biliteracy that provide Professional Development to the members and are assisting in the development of the Dual Language Units. Mrs. Lopez also expressed that it was difficult to meet with committee members and the need to have more meetings in order to complete the units.

CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approved Board Meeting Minutes:

1. Regular Meeting Minutes – 1/30/2020
2. Executive Meeting Minutes - 1/30/2020
3. Special Meeting Minutes 2/13/2020
4. Executive Meeting Minutes 2/13/2020
5. Special Meeting Minutes - 2/19/2020
6. Executive Meeting Minutes - 2/19/2020

B. Approved Personnel:

1. New Hires:

- Brenda Sanchez, Program Assistant at Prairie Oak Elementary School for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- Thalia Santiago, Program Assistant at Lincoln Middle School for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- Mary Burke, Districtwide Substitute for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- Laura Gonzalez-Gomez, Districtwide Substitute for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- Emily Gonzalez, Districtwide Substitute for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- James Poplett, Districtwide Substitute for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- John Rogers, Jr., Districtwide Substitute for the 2019-2020 School Year.
- David Wargula, Districtwide Substitute for the 2019-2020 School Year.

2. Leaves:

- Frances Zavala, Secretary at Prairie Oak, has requested an Intermittent FMLA leave.
- Cari Smolarczyk, Teacher at Jefferson Elementary School, has requested a 2nd Year Leave of Absence for the 2020-2021 school year.

3. Resignations:

(Teachers on One Year Leave of Absence, who did not submit an Intent to Return prior to the February 1, 2020 deadline):

- Cara Christofanelli, Teacher at Havlicek Elementary School
- Maritza Clearly, Teacher at Prairie Oak Elementary School
- Lynne Ostrom, Teacher at Lincoln Middle School

4. Retirements:

- Christina Hernandez, Special Education Administrative Assistant, District Office, has submitted a Letter of Intent to Retire effective June 30, 2021.

5. Terminations:

C. Approved Finance - February

1. Approved Invoices - \$ 1,643,668.68
2. Approved Monthly Payroll - \$ 1,950,499.42
3. Approved Authorization of next month's payroll – March

D. Approved Building Use Application:

1. Building Use – Jefferson Elementary School – North Berwyn Park District

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Approved – 2020-2021 School Calendar – Tentative

MONTHLY FUND AND REPORTS

A. Monthly Fund Report:

Finance Report January 31, 2020

1. Monthly Fund Report - \$ 53,150,467.00
2. Activity Accounts:

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 26

Jefferson Talent Show - Jefferson Elementary School - 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

February 27

BOE Meeting - Lincoln Middle School - 6:30 p.m.

February 28

Jefferson PTO Family Movie Night - Jefferson Elementary School - 3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

March 4

PTAC meeting – District Office – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

March 11

Lincoln Family Math Night – Lincoln Middle School – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

March 17

Teacher Institute Day - No School

March 18

Havlicek Family Reading Night & Scholastic Book Fair – Havlicek Elementary – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Prairie Oak Family Math Night – Prairie Oak Elementary – 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

March 20

Havlicek Spring Picture Day
End of Third Quarter

March 26

Jefferson Parent Coffee - Jefferson Elementary - 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.
BOE Meeting - Lincoln Middle School - 6:30 p.m.

March 27

Havlicek Parent & Principal Café – Havlicek Elementary – 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Jump Rope Show - Prairie Oak Elementary School - 9:00 a.m. & 1:50 p.m.

March 30 - April 3

Spring Break - No School

April 10

Not In Attendance - No School

April 13

Conference Exchange - No School

April 15

Havlicek Family Bingo Night – Havlicek Elementary – 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

April 22

Havlicek Student Council-Feed My Starving Children – Havlicek Elementary – 4:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

April 23

Jefferson Parent Coffee - Jefferson Elementary School - 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

April 28

Havlicek, Jefferson, & Prairie Oak 5k Walk/Run - 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

April 29

Jefferson Fine Arts Event - Jefferson Elementary School - 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Lincoln Gifted Fair - Lincoln Middle School - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Prairie Oak 3rd Grade Recorder Concert - Prairie Oak Elementary - 9:00 a.m.

April 30

Jefferson PTO S.T.E.A.M. Event - Jefferson Elementary School- 3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Lincoln Middle School Spring Play Evening Performance - Lincoln Middle School - 6:00p.m.-8:00p.m.

BOE Meeting – Jefferson Elementary School - 6:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

A. None stated.

BOARD COMMENT:

A. Member Mounce suggested to the Board and community that Columbus Day be renamed to Indigenous Day to follow suit with Berwyn South and Chicago Public School. The reason being Columbus did not discover America when the Indigenous people were already living in America.

Gina Parker, Prairie Oak Teacher suggested that this be integrated into the curriculum at the 4th grade level and come back and revisit the renaming of this day next year.

This matter was Tabled by the Board for further discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Superintendent Smith updated the Board on the progress for finding an alternative placement for Expulsion Hearing student.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A. None stated.

Adjourned meeting at 11:19 p.m.