

COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 89
22W600 BUTTERFIELD ROAD ♦ GLEN ELLYN, IL 60137

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS – APRIL 15, 2024 MEETING - 7:00PM

PRESENT: Members Neurauter, Núñez, McGee, Pope, Koger, Lerch

ABSENT: Member Kemp

CONSENT AGENDA – The consent agenda was approved as presented.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Literacy plan** (*BOE Goals: Continuous improvement and improved student learning*). The board heard an overview of the recently approved Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan (ILCP). The ILCP will guide school districts in implementing current evidence-based practices in literacy. The plan is designed to help students to become better readers, writers and communicators.
- **Preschool and grant application** (*BOE Goals: Continuous improvement and improved student learning*). The board heard an overview of PreK enrollment and the intent to apply for the Preschool for All Grant. Preschool enrollment has been increasing since 2022. The district aims to maintain a 70/30 ratio of paid tuition/IEP students. The district will implement a system to increase enrollment for “at-risk” students. The district will be submitting a request for the Early Childhood Block Grant, to hopefully acquire funding to further expand the preschool program.
- **Strategic Plan update** (*BOE Goals: Continuous improvement and improved student learning*). The board heard a general overview of the progress toward strategic plan initiatives. Working in conjunction with the strategic plan, the district has implemented a new curricular resource for reading, improved mental health supports with an increase in psychologist staffing, provided training, coaching and support for 28 new teachers, hosted six Talking 89 sessions for parents and community members and passed a bond referendum to secure resources to maintain and upgrade our school learning environment and managed \$2M in pandemic relief funding to provide a robust summer school program..
- **Board Policy Review, PRESS Issue 113 -** (*BOE Goal: Continuous improvement*). The Board reviewed and discussed recently revised board policy from PRESS Issue 113: 6:60 Curriculum Content. Policy 6:60 was approved on March 21, 2022 and inadvertently was not updated. The updated policy will come before the board again at the May 20, 2024 meeting and will be resubmitted to IASB PRESS Plus for an update.
- **Enrollment and staffing** (*BOE Goals: Changing financial needs and continuous improvement*). The Board received an update on expected enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year and heard the impact on staffing. Kindergarten registration has increased and there may be a need to administratively transfer some students to ensure that classroom sizes are not overcrowded.
- **Employee Health and Dental Insurance Renewal** (*BOE Goal: Changing financial needs*). The Board reviewed employee health and dental insurance renewal options. The final renewal rates were: 7.3% increase for the PPO plan, 6.8% increase for the HMO plan and a 6.3% increase for the dental insurance.

ACTION ITEM – The following Action Item was approved:

- Employee Health and Dental Insurance renewal rates for the 2024-2025 school year

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT - Superintendent Eccarius’ report included information regarding the following:

- FOIA - There were four FOIA requests this month.
- Agenda Planning for the May 20, 2024, Board of Education Regular Meeting. Superintendent Eccarius asked for additions and/or deletions to the May agenda.

CLOSED SESSION - The Board entered into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity as allowed by Section 2 5ILCS 120/2(c)(1), to discuss collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees as allowed by Section 2 5ILCS 120/2(c)(2), to discuss student disciplinary cases as allowed by Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) and for the purpose of litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting as allowed by Section 2 5ILCS 120/2(c)(11).