

President Rita Oberman called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. The meeting was held at the TF Center for Academics and Technology in Calumet City, IL.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Ballard, Dodd, Dust, Jackson, Oberman, Waller, Wilson

**Absent:**

**Public Comment:** none

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**Buildings & Grounds/Safety-Member Ballard**

**BUILDINGS &  
GROUNDS  
SAFETY**

- A. Construction Update—Mr. Stephen presented the following:
  - i. The roofing at South is going well and down to the punch list; the door project is complete and went smoothly; the resurfacing of the gym floor is excellent.
  - ii. The work on the bathroom at North is continuing and may not be completed when students start and may have to close it; spray on ceiling looks great; culinary arts classroom needs every day to be completed; the gym floor also was resurfaced; the auditorium is filled with scaffolding and has experienced many delays because of laborers and component availability—it is hoped to be finished by the end of November. There are contingencies in place for students at a theater in Chicago Heights. Once the project is completed, it will be important to hire someone to run the lighting/sound etc. because it is a state-of-the-art system. Administration had talked about moving the turf work to spring/summer. Administration has to work with several entities and will put out a bid late this calendar year. Track season is the only sport impacted.
  - iii. Parking lot patching—This work typically is completed in the summer. If approved at the August board meeting, the long weekend in October is the targeted date and the contractors are comfortable with that time frame.
  - iv. Building rental—The data is given to the board as informational.

**Curriculum Committee-Member Dust**

**CURRICULUM**

- A. Academic Program Summary—Ms. Szuba presented an overview of courses offered outside of the traditional academic program. She added that data is always used, and the goal is to move to a more common template. Ms. Szuba will share data for the programs with the board on an ongoing basis. Credit recovery administrators are involved in making sure of student access and that credits are recorded. There are many options for students now which came about as a result of the pandemic. A focus is to improve communication to students to know options/supports that are available and to advertise to the parents. Administration is also looking at providing additional supports for AP students.
- B. Regional Career Center—Dr. Jones updated the board that the district’s attorney is in the process of reviewing the agreement and asked to contact the regional center attorney. Administration is following the attorney’s advice.

**Equity Committee-Member Waller**

- A. American Rescue Plan (ARP) Homeless Children and Youth (HCY) Part II Grant--Dr. Whitten shared with the board that TFD215 was approached by ISBE to apply for this grant. The district services approximately 80 families who are homeless. It was initially thought the grant would be for \$5,000 but we received about \$50,000 to assist with transportation, housing, clothing, etc.

**Finance-Member Dodd**

FINANCE

- A. Mrs. Bishop provided an overview of the FY23 budget information which shows a positive balance in all funds. Among the accomplishments was the ability to improve all facilities while also meeting student academic needs utilizing ESSR 3 funds. In review of expenditures, the district's debt is higher than it should be but is paid in a timely manner and a plan is in place to not need more loans. The budget also reflects several projects especially in capital outlay and O/M. The audit will be at the end of August. Ms. Bishop also shared the delay in payments for Cook County taxes and while it is a major issue, she is confident that the district won't have a problem given cash balances. She is monitoring every month to see the actual. She also introduced Ms. Tamika McMillian, business manager, who brings a wealth of knowledge to the district.

**I.T. Committee-Member Wilson**

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- A. Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant Wave Three Award—Mr. Wakefield shared with the board the district was awarded \$365,000 through the American Recovery Plan. The first round the district received enough funding for Chrome books. It is opened again but we anticipate it is the last time. The I.T. team is developing an obsolescence plan for the Chrome books. This grant also funds connectivity for students who don't have access in their homes. Dr. Jones added that the district is hiring good staff who have grant writing skills and we are seeing the benefit of it with money being awarded.
- B. Network Infrastructure Purchase—Mr. Wakefield reviewed the proposal to purchase equipment for Summer 2023 which is needs based and budgeted in ESSER 3. This purchase is critical to the district's network infrastructure. The availability of the required network equipment is very impacted by supply chain issues.
- C. CrowdStrike Endpoint Protection and Managed Incident Response Service—Mr. Wakefield stressed the importance of addressing potential cyber security breaches and he reviewed a proposal for service purchase through CrowdStrike which is a product that many districts are starting to use. The company provides 24/7 support and a human component to work with staff. A recommendation for purchase will be brought to the August meeting. It will then take 1-2 months to fully implement. The proposal is a five-year contract--all paid up front using ESSR funds.

**Policy Committee-Member Oberman**

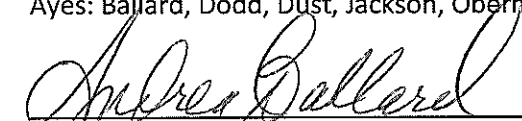
POLICY

- A. Policy 5:240 Suspension—The board looked at the policy and made suggested edits to be brought forward at the August meeting.
- B. 2022-2023 Board Meeting Dates (Policy 2:200)—The policy states the board must adopt meeting dates and publish them. The specific dates will be brought for approval at the next meeting and then published.

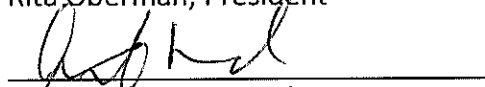
**Member Waller moved**, seconded by Member Wilson, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

ADJOURN

Ayes: Ballard, Dodd, Dust, Jackson, Oberman, Wilson Nays: None Abstained: None

  
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 Andrea Ballard, Secretary

  
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 Rita Oberman, President

  
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 Anita Howard, Recording Secretary