

Observer Report

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Organization Observed	District 203
Observer	Marcy Troy
Date	February 22, 2022
Meeting Time: X-Y	7:05 pm - 11:15 pm
Meeting Held-In Person, Remote, Hybrid	Washington Jr. High School Hybrid
Meeting Observed- In Person, Livestream, Recorded	Recorded

Attendees (note if remote)

Quorum (yes or no)	Yes
Elected	Kristin Fitzgerald, Kristine Gericke, Donna Wandke, Joe Kozminski, Tony Casey, Amanda McMillen, Charles Cush
Staff (list names/roles)	Dan Bridges, Superintendent, Susan Patton, Assistant to the Superintendent, John Bruesch, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, Roger Brunelle, Chief Information Officer, Michael Frances, Chief Financial Officer, Chala Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, Rakeda Leaks, Executive Director of Inclusion and Diversity, Patrick Nolten, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability, Bob Ross, Chief Human Resources Officer, Jayne Willard, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Chuck Freundt, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services/Elementary, and Lisa Xagas, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, three district tech males

Press (list names)

recording video

NCTV

Public (number)

About 40-50

General Observations _____

	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting start on time?		x	
Facilities large enough?	x		
Audience able to hear proceedings?	x		
Room ADA Compliant?	x		

Illinois Open Meeting Act Requirements

	Yes	No	Comments
Meeting Notice Posted?	x		
Agenda Posted 48 hours prior to meeting?	x		
Agenda clearly describes items to be discussed?	x		
Meeting packet available to the public before meeting?	x		https://go.boarddocs.com/il/naperville203/Board.nsf/Public
Minutes from previous meetings posted?	x		On website, after the second meeting of the following month; previous minutes
Public Comment encouraged?	x		
Public treated respectfully?	x		

Business Transactions

Agenda and Packet Found Where

[Agenda](#)

Meetings Streamed and Archived Where

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NiR_4cSIs8&t=4176s

Notes available for board only.

2.01 Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act, for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes. 1/18/22, 2/6/2022, 2/7/22, 2/13/22

2.02 Pursuant to 5 ILCS120/2(c)(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District.

2.03 Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives.

2.04 Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal.

Closed Session Notes From Agenda

4.01 Good News

Third graders at Ranchview became published authors. Students throughout the district celebrated Valentine's Day in various ways.

5.01 Public comment

Eighteen persons spoke, mostly about COVID mitigations and the Board's handling of same.

Monthly Reports: no questions

6.01 Treasury Report

6.02 Investments

6.03 Insurance Report

6.04 Budget Report

Action By Consent

7.01 Bills and Claims: Charles Cush noted overuse of UPS

7.02 Adoption of Personnel Report

7.03 Board Meeting Minutes: 1/18/2022, 2/7/2022

7.04 Bid: Bus Purchase: REMOVED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION DUE TO BOARD QUESTIONS

7.05 Bid: Bus Fuel:REMOVED FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION DUE TO BOARD QUESTIONS

7.06 Bid: Window Replacement at WJHS

7.07 Bid: Roofing at NNHS and Highlands

7.08 Lifetouch Photography Contract

Above approved as presented, with exception of 7.04 and 7.05

7-0 (ay-nay)

Communications

8.01 Student Ambassador Reports

Uju Kim NCHS

Joanna Cho NNHS

8.02 Written Communications

FOIA requested and listed in Board Docs

8.03 Superintendent/Staff/School Report: (8.04-8.07)

8.04 COVID Mitigation Update

Superintendent Bridges presented a COVID mitigation update and a path forward. The district website will be updated weekly to reflect current

Business Transacted

COVID mitigations.
 8.05 Student Behavior and Discipline Through an Equity Lens
 Presented by Chala Holland. Several board members raised questions that were answered by various members of administration.
 8.06 Student Data Report
 Presented by Rakeda Leaks. Several board members raised questions that were answered by various members of administration.
 8.07 Policy 4.20 Update
 This is a fund that allows the school district to manage unforeseen expenditure demands and revenue shortfalls; it should be 10-20% of annual expenses. Policy states what steps must be taken if the fund falls below or above the expected balance.

[Presentation](#) by Michael Frances explains in more detail. Current fund balance exceeds policy. The recommendation is to bring the fund balance in line with policy. How should extra funds be spent? Two options are taxpayer relief or non-recurring expenses. Comment from Charles Cush to prioritize taxpayer relief. Kristen Fitzgerald raised concern for staffing funding for Early Childhood. Superintendent Bridges cautioned that the board must follow restrictions as to how funding can be spent.

8.08 President's Report
 President Fitzgerald reported about three items:

- Policy review is underway. The review examines updates based on legislation, legal updates, and best practices. More information will be forthcoming at the next Board meeting.
- Self-evaluation for the Board of Education will be scheduled.
- Ongoing examination of resolutions process; she is working on this.

8.09 Board of Education Reports: None

Discussion without Action: None

Discussion with Action

10.01 General and Optional Fees

Approved 7-0 (ay-nay)

10.02 High School Course Fees

Approved 7-0 (ay-nay)

10.03 Career 203 Update

Presentation by Shelley Nelson, Director-Career 203; review of the Career 203 model, successes, and recommended update.

Approved 7-0 (ay-nay)

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Any Issues Discussed That Have Implications for LWV?

None

Next Meetings/Events

March 7, 2022: Board Meeting
 March 9, Focus 203 Presentation: Mental Health Support
 March 23: NEF Breakfast
 May 22: High School Graduation

Report Reviewed By

Anne Mathews