

Observer Report

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Organization Observed

School District 203

Observer

Marcy Troy

Date

March 7, 2022

Meeting Time: X-Y

7:08 - 7:49 pm

**Meeting Held-In Person,
Remote, Hybrid**

In-Person Washington Jr. High School

**Meeting Observed- In Person,
Livestream, Recorded**

In person and 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; Alex Mayster, Executive Director for Communications; 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

Press (list names)

NCTV

Public (number)

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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; https://www.naperville203.org/domain/732
Public Comment encouraged?	x		
Public treated respectfully?	x		

Business Transactions

Agenda and Packet Found Where

Meetings Streamed and Archived Where

[Agenda](#)

 [Naperville 203 Board Meeting 3/07/22](#)

2.01 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.

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

2.03 Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(7) The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts.

2.04 Pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9) Student Disciplinary Cases

Closed Session Notes From Agenda

4.01 Good News

Celebration of Black History Month in schools throughout district

Three high school students participated in Harvard National Forensics tournament

5. Public Comment

5.01

None

6. Action by Consent

6.01 Adoption of Personnel Report

6.02 Student Discipline; amended

Approved -7 Ays, 0 Nays

7. Communications

7.01 Superintendent/Staff/School Report

COVID Mitigation Plans; see slide deck for details

7.02 Naperville 203 COVID Update

New guiding principles from CDC; dashboard has been and will continue to be updated regularly. Universal mask-wearing on buses and indoors is no longer required.

7.03 President's Report

Next meeting Board will review policy manual (based on legislation and court cases) sections 1, 2, 3, 8; following meeting sections 4 and 5 will be reviewed; meeting after that sections 6 and 7 will be reviewed.

7.04 Board of Education Reports

None

8. Discussion without Action

8.01 Debt Service Levy

Annually Board has option to abate all or part of debt service levy if district has adequate resources to make bond payment without the levy. There will be recommendation at March 21 meeting that Board abate the debt service levy.

Business Transacted

Mike Frances reported there is one outstanding bond issue left

Board will adopt bond abatement for 6th year in a row
Will abate almost \$17,000,000 over six years if the board takes action
New law deals with recapture of refund law on taxes for 2021 levy.
Paperwork will need to be filed after the next board meeting
Amount of projected refund is \$300,000 from DuPage County.
Dan Bridges stated a resolution will be prepared for the next meeting if the board wishes to approve the abatement.

8.02 Resolution: Transfer of Funds for Debt Abatement

Resolution must be approved at the next meeting if Board wishes to move forward with abatement of debt service

8.03 EC - 12 Certified and District SPED Staffing Projection

Action will be asked for at March 21 meeting to increase staffing at about 2.16

8.04 TRS Supplemental Savings Plan

Mike Frances presented information about TRS 457 savings plan. No choice about adopting plan, the choice is when. Frances recommends adopting as of July 1. District 203 already offers a 457 plan, this would be additional plan offered by TRS.

9. Discussion With Action

9.01 Suspension of Policy 4.172

This is related to COVID mitigation and the state mandate. CDC has changed guidelines; therefore suspension of this policy is recommended.

Background memo included in Board Docs. Approved 7 Ays, 0 Nays

9.02 Consideration of Board of Education Expenses; \$63

Approved 7 Ays, 0 Nays

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

None

Any Issues Discussed That Have Implications for LWV? None

None

Next Meetings

March 9; 203 In Focus presentation; Understanding and Responding to Stress and Anxiety
March 21, 2022; next Board meeting
March 23, NEF Breakfast

Report Reviewed By

Anne Mathews
