

Observer Report

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Organization Observed	District 203
Observer	Marcy Troy
Date	May 2, 2022
Meeting Time: X-Y	7:00 pm - 8:10 pm
Meeting Held-In Person, Remote, Hybrid	Washington Jr. High School In Person
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; and Lisa Xagas, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, Student Ambassador Joanna Cole

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		
Minutes from previous meetings posted?	x		On website, after the second meeting of the following month
Public Comment encouraged?	x		
Public treated respectfully?	x		

Business Transactions

Agenda and Packet Found Where

[Naperville Community Unit School District 203](#)

Meetings Streamed and Archived Where

 [Naperville 203 Board Meeting 5/02/22](#)

Closed Session Notes From Agenda

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

4. Recognition

4.01 Good News

District 203 won Lighthouse System award related to social emotional learning; D203 recognized as exemplary educational system.

NNHS Senior Mary Priz was part of a Technology Center of DuPage Culinary Team that finished in first place. Mary and her team will now compete in Washington DC.

5. Public Comment

5.01

Representative from Awake Illinois, John Blakey, requested the school district receive input from parents regarding equity plan and racism training. He made comments about COVID restrictions and their impact on students over past two years, commented on sex education re state laws and spoke to recent publicity about Awake Illinois.

Ed Schmidt, bus driver, recalled events from the April 25 incident at Madison junior high in which an offender pounded on the bus door and broke the door on the bus with 28 students on board. Bus driver made suggestions about the handling of the incident and similar incidents going forward.

Public comments may also be submitted by email.

6. Consent Agenda

6.01 Adoption of Personnel Report

6.02 Bid: Provide IPM Pest Control Service to NCUSD 203 2023-2025

6.03 Bid: Six Asphalt Replacement Projects for NCUSD 203, 2022

6.04 Bid: Mechanical Work at KJHS, 2022

6.05 Student Discipline

Approved Ays-7, Nays-0

7. Communications

7.01 Superintendent/Staff/School Reports

7.02 COVID Update

Updates will continue. DuPage County remains in CDC level of Medium. District will continue to monitor school by school. Community should continue to be vigilant. District will continue to follow CDC guidelines. Dashboard will continue to be updated.

7.03 President's Report

Reported about Board self evaluation which happened on April 19. Based on this, Board will update agreements, especially in the area of Communications. President Fitzgerald participated in IASB round table with ISBE staff; discussed burdens of this year and the need to finish strong. Discussed exhaustion felt by districts and the need for SEL; comments were positively received by the Superintendent.

Business Transacted

Resolutions brought to the Delegate Assembly should reflect Core Values. Does Board want to sponsor any resolutions for the coming year? This was a positive outcome.

7.04 Board of Education Reports

No reports

8. Discussion Without Action

8.01 2022-2023 Tentative Budget Presentation

Initial presentation; three further meetings will allow for questions and clarification.

Mike Frances explained the budget process and presented a budget for the 2022-23 school year (FY 23). See packet in [Board Docs](#). Further opportunities will be available for feedback.

Final approval scheduled for June 20th Board Meeting.

Staffing is largest cost; 76 %

7% of funding from State of Illinois

84% of funding from property taxes

Request from Superintendent Bridges about when and how to submit questions in a timely manner.

Frances reminded the Board that changes to the final budget may be made as new information becomes available.

8.02 Policy Review: First Reading Policy 7.180, Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment

Dr. Holland provided an overview; two meetings were held at which 40 families were invited. Attendance wasn't as desired, but still able to get feedback from families. Student and parent feedback that was given was helpful. Changes will be made to update pronouns. Numbers related to bullying were included, and bullying and teen dating violence changes were also made. Additional questions may be asked in the following two weeks.

8.03 Policy Review: First Reading Policy 7.190, Student Discipline

Dr. Holland discussed alignment with school code and removing repetitive areas. Particular areas were clarified. Named work around engaging in restorative practices, clarifying types of interventions and supports that will be provided. Removal of #19 in dress code; interpretation of the word "decency" related to dress code. Everything that is currently recommended is aligned with school code; positive feeling about recommended changes. Two more weeks for additional questions.

9. Discussion With Action

9.01 Establish Date for Public Hearing and Direct FY23 Tentative Budget to be put on Public Display

Budget adoption must be done by Sept. 2022

Process for adoption of budget requires one public hearing. Resolution outlines date for public hearing for FY23 Tentative Budget to be put on Public Display for at least 30 days prior to the hearing.

Superintendent recommended approval to establish date for public hearing and posting of the tentative budget

Approved Ays-7, Nays-0

9.02 2022-2023 Board Meeting Schedule has been posted

Meetings after June will go back to PSAC. January meetings will be on 2nd and 4th Mondays.

Approved Ays-7, Nays-0

9.03 Consideration of Board of Education Expenses

Expenses for travel, meals, or lodging and professional learning and meetings

Approved Ays-7, Nays-0

9.04 Policy Manual Update; Section 7; approval requested

Clarification requested by Board member Kozminski

Approved Ays-7, Nays-0

9.05 Policy 8.30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property; approval requested

Approved Ays-7, Nays-0

9.06 Policy 4.20 Expenditures

District has exceeded the range set for fund balance (for reserve funds). Discussion of what a Fund Balance is, and why it is fiscally prudent. Last updated April 2020. Discussion to increase the fund balance range which is currently 10-20% of annual aggregate expenses. Fund Balance is for one-time expenses. Three categories; taxpayer relief, capital projects, and new initiatives.

Asking Board to authorize \$8 million addition to Steeple Run; \$7 million addition to NNHS; for completion in 23-24 school year

Questions from Board members Wandke, McMillen, Cush, and Fitzgerald

Approved Ays-7, Nays-0

10. New Business

None

11. Old Business

None

12. Upcoming Events

This is Teacher Appreciation Week

May 11; Business INCubatoredu Pitch Night, Wentz Hall; 6-9 pm

May 16; Board of Education Meeting

May 22; High School Graduation

May 27; Last day of classes

June 6; Board of Education Meeting

June 20; Board of Education Meeting

Motion to return to Closed Session

Any Issues Discussed That Have Implications for LWV?

None

Next Meetings

May 16; Board of Education Meeting

June 6; Board of Education Meeting

June 20; Board of Education Meeting

Report Reviewed By

Anne Mathews
