

Observer Report

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Organization Observed

District 203

Observer

Marcy Troy

Date

June 6, 2022

Meeting Time: X-Y

7:07 pm - 8:12 pm

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

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; Michael Frances, Chief Financial Officer; Chala Holland, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services; Alex Mayster, Executive Director for Communications; Patrick Nolten, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability; Bob Ross, Chief Human Resources Officer; 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		
Minutes from previous meetings posted?	X		District 203 Board Docs
Public Comment encouraged?	X		
Public treated respectfully?	X		

Business Transactions

Agenda and Packet Found Where

<https://go.boarddocs.com/il/naperville203/Board.nsf/Public>

Meetings Streamed and Archived Where

 District 203 BOE 6/6/22

Closed Session Notes From Agenda

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)(8) Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.

4. Recognition

4.01 Good News

Maplebrook fourth grade students suggested state rock, dolostone, and were recognized in a ceremony with governor, JB Pritzker, at Morton Arboretum

Four high school students received Accessible Community Task Force recognition

NNHS Girls Water Polo team wins second consecutive state championship; they will be recognized at next board meeting.

Highlands students recognized for donating supplies to students in Haiti

5. Public Comment

5.01

203 teacher spoke about inequities regarding COVID 19 sick days lost by District 203 teachers with young children in daycare or preschool
Public comments also submitted by email

6. Action by Consent

6.01 Adoption of Personnel Report

6.02 Sunrise Transportation Extension

6.03 Treasurer's Bond

6.04 Ombudsman and Abraxas Contracts

6.05 DAOES Agreement

6.06 LUDA Annual Dues 2022-2023

Motion to approve passed

Ays 7, Nays 0

7. Communications

7.01 Superintendent/Staff/School Report

Regarding clean and sustainable energy sources, EPA is authorized to offer rebates; D203 will apply for grant money to purchase electric school buses. August 19 is the deadline for application and the district will meet this deadline. District 203 will work with another neighboring district that is piloting electric bus use to develop the D203 long term plan for clean and sustainable energy.

COVID update

Majority of mitigations will remain in place while transitioning to summer school; contract tracing policies will change for summer school

Mitigation strategies will be posted on the website. D203 is currently at a high community level.

Business Transacted

7.02 Update on Student Dress Code

Dress code working group has been formed to create a dress code for all age groups with an eye toward gender and cultural equity. Language and meaning made from it (intended purpose) is the focus of the dress code. Hate speech is also a concern and focus. Dress Code will be implemented in 22-23 school year. Expecting to learn more after the dress code is implemented. Dress code considers styles and access. Prior to this dress code there was limited consistency between all schools. Discussion of hate speech and intended purpose.

7.03 President's Report

Registration for III on Nov. 18-20 is now open. Discount for registering early.

7.04 Board of Education Reports

Kristine Gericke reported that the schedule of Board of Education assignments are ready for review and comment. This will be listed under Communications and need to be finalized by the next meeting. Joe Kozminski reported on III conference and drafted and read a possible resolution for consideration at III; IASB shall encourage federal and state governments to provide funding for school districts to purchase zero emission electric buses or low emission buses as needed. Many reasons were included in the resolution. Diverse needs of all communities in the state were taken into consideration in the resolution. This is recommended/urged. Draft will be posted under Board of Education reports so voting can take place at the next meeting.

8. Discussion without Action

8.01 2022-2023 Tentative Budget Workshop

Input and discussion has been possible since May 2, 2022; no new questions have been submitted. There will be a public hearing on June 20. Questions can continue to be submitted. Voting will take place at the next meeting.

8.02 Board Member Assignments

This has already been discussed tonight and will be posted for consideration by board members.

8.03 Policy Manual Section 6; first reading

Additional updates will occur based on further board questions. Will look for action at the next meeting. President Fitzgerald shared numerous updates that are an improvement over previous policy versions.

8.04 First Reading: Policy 6.320 f/k/a Policy 6.200 deals with Class Size; last updated in October 1996. This was a custom policy for D203; no model existed. STAR initiative in Tennessee reduced class size by 30%. Reducing class size by 1-3 students is not shown to be effective. Superintendent Bridges stated that class size should be reviewed and updated. Extensive explanation/discussion occurred. Work will continue in this area about this policy.

8.05 SRO MOU and IGA; SRO/Student Resource Officer, IGA/Intergovernmental Agreement,

Naperville Police Department memo of understanding regarding the use of school resource officers.

Dr. Holland explained the creation of this intergovernmental agreement guiding the district's use of SROs (student resource officers); Last discussed 2-18-20. This is the first MOU for the district. IGA has been in place, updated, and replaced. Feedback was strongly considered and embedded where applicable. Administration expressed gratitude for the partnership with NPD. Action to be taken at the next board meeting.

Board member Wandke expressed concern about reference to HB 2627. Dr. Holland stated that House Bill will not be the reference and D. Wandke was satisfied with this. Policy 8.30 with respect to visitors was discussed. Duties of SRO and wearing of firearms was discussed, specifically regarding being explicit about the firearm. Feedback about SRO and the environment created by SRO was questioned by Board member Cush; he thought feedback from students is important.

9. Discussion With Action

None

10. Old Business

None

11. New Business

None

12. Upcoming Events

12.01 Schedule of Events

June 20; Board of Education Meeting and Public Hearing; last scheduled meeting at Washington Jr. High

Board of Education meetings for next year are posted

Meetings will be returning to PSAC on July 18, 2022

Any Issues Discussed That Have Implications for LWV?

None

Next Meetings

June 20; Board of Education Meeting

Report Reviewed By

Anne Mathews
