

Western Springs Board of Education
October 21, 2024
Board Brief

Board President, Mrs. Sendaydiego, called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:16 pm noting that no one had signed up for Public Comment.

Board President's Report

Mrs. Sendaydiego thanked members from the community and the Administrative Staff for their attendance.

Superintendent's Report

Annual Safety/Lockdown Drills

Dr. Coffey shared that each school holds two safety drills per year with the Western Springs Police and Fire Departments. The first drills of the year are taking place this week at all schools.

Illinois Principal Appreciation Day

Dr. Coffey recognized and thanked the D101 Principals in attendance for their hard work and dedication to students and staff. The Board and members of the community also thanked them for commitment to D101.

Student Recognition

Dr. Coffey commended the 7th grade girls' basketball team on their undefeated season and members of the boys' cross country team for taking 16th place at the State meet. She also shared that for the first time, McClure inducted 66 students into the newly established National Junior Honors Society and congratulated these students for their outstanding academic achievements.

Action Items Approved by the Board

The Board approved the employment of Nathan Cover, 7th Grade Math Teacher at McClure.

The Board accepted the resignation of Kathy Harders, part-time nurse at Field Park.

The Board approved a Leave of Absence request for Emily Spillone, 2nd Grade Teacher at Field Park.

The Board approved the semi-annual review of Closed Minutes for March 2024 to August 2024.

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The Board approved the elimination of Closed Session recordings from November 2022 to April 2023.

Additional Items Discussed by the Board of Education

The Board discussed the following:

- Dr. Coffey updated the Board on student behavior from the last meeting to present. She reported 0 incidences of bullying and 1 incident of discriminatory language. Parents of all parties were contacted in all incidents and students received consequences in accordance with their behaviors. Parent responses were positive and supportive.
- Zach Stokes, Director of Finance and Operations, led a conversation regarding the possibility of multiple school districts choosing to withdraw from the TTO as a result of recent legislative changes. The Board asked questions of Dr. Coffey and Mr. Stokes regarding the costs associated with withdrawing and whether doing so might be something that D101 would consider. Dr. Coffey and Mr. Stokes will continue to research this topic and provide timely updates.
- Mrs. Burger shared a summary of fall staff morale and student academic data, noting an increase in positive staff survey results since spring and consistent academic growth across grade levels. Dr. Coffey and Mrs. Burger answered Board questions on key themes and trends.
- The Board, presently undergoing a review of the 1000 Policy Series, shared feedback on recommendations from legal counsel. Mrs. Dudley, Policy Chair, stated that she will continue gathering feedback, aiming for approval of updates at the November Board meeting.
- Dr. Coffey presented a proposal for Facility Condition Assessments of all D101 buildings, which would yield recommendations for infrastructure improvements, renovations, or replacements. FCAs are an approved item to be covered by the State School Maintenance Grant. The Board will review the proposal and consider approval at the November meeting.