

**THE DISTRICT 39 BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE of the WHOLE**

Monday, February 12, 2024

8:00 a.m.

Mikaelian Education Center

615 Locust Rd.

A District 39 Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting was held on Monday, February 12, 2024.

Committee of the Whole members present: Erin Stone, Jon Cesaretti, Anne Hart, Bonnie Kim, Allyson Paflas, Amy Poehling, Lisa Schneider-Fabes

Administrators present: Kari Cremascoli (remotely), Heather Glowacki, Corey Bultemeier, Tony DeMonte, Katie Lee, Kristin Swanson

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Stone called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

II. APPROVE THE MINUTES

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to accept the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting. The minutes were approved as submitted by **General Consent**.

III. FACILITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (FDC) - No Items

IV. STRATEGY - No Items

V. SCHOOL FINANCE COMMITTEE (SFC) ITEMS

- A. Wilmette District #39 Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Reports and Presentation
- B. Wilmette Community Special Education Agreement (WCSEA) Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report and Presentation

Nick Cavaliere of Baker Tilly provided the audit reports and presentation for District 39 and Wilmette Community Special Education Agreement (WCSEA). District 39 and WCSEA financial statements both rendered unmodified/clean opinions from Baker Tilly. District 39 continues to obtain the highest achievable financial profile score of 4.0 for over 20 years.

Mr. Bultemeier presented the budget to actual differences for each line item. The Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Deficit amount was \$(3,751,841). The June 2022 Operating Fund balance was \$33,305,953 and the June 2023 Operating Funds balance is \$34,011,234. Fiscal Year 2022 expenditures for the Operating Funds was \$64,355,662 and Fiscal Year 2023 expenditures were \$66,807,682.

Mr. Cavalier addressed questions regarding the pension cost shift, property taxes related to Consumer Price Index (CPI), salaries noted include substitutes/short term employees, and Baker Tilly's recent private equity transaction.

C. McKenzie Elementary School Bid Results

Mr. Bultemeier reported on the bids received for the McKenzie Elementary asbestos abatement project scheduled for the summer of 2024. He stated an asbestos abatement is required to remove the old flooring from the second floor at McKenzie. There was excellent participation in the bidding process for this project. The District received nine different bids with the lowest bidder coming in just below \$70K. Mr. Bultemeier noted the bids came in \$10K-\$20K lower than expected.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

VII. OLD BUSINESS

None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

None

IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS:

- A. The Appointment Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of Specific Employees of the Public Body or Legal Counsel for the Public Body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- B. The Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)

Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to adjourn to executive session to discuss Placement of Individual Students/Student Matters, Collective Negotiating Matters and Specific Personnel.

On a roll call vote on the motion, voting “yea” – Jon Cesaretti, Anne Hart, Bonnie Kim, Allyson Paflas, Amy Poehling, Lisa Schneider-Fabes, Erin Stone; voting “nay” – none; absent – none: **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:41 a.m. and returned to the Committee of the Whole meeting at 9:02 a.m.

X. ADJOURN

Having no further business, Mrs. Hart moved, seconded by Mrs. Poehling, to adjourn the Committee of the Whole meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:03 a.m.

President

Secretary