Regular Meeting

Board President Chris Kloeppel called the Regular Meeting of the Board to order at 5:30 p.m.

Board Members Present
Amy Armstrong, Gianina Baker, Bruce Brown, Chris Kloeppel, Kathy Richards, Kathy Shannon, Heather Vazquez

Staff Members Present
Superintendent Susan Zola, Deputy Superintendent Laura Taylor, Assistant Superintendent Angela Ward, Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Ivory-Tatum, Executive Director of Human Resources Ken Kleber, Chief Financial and Legal Officer Tom Lockman, Director of Operations Paul Douglas

Approval of Agenda
The Action Agenda and Reports Agenda were switched on the agenda. Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Vazquez to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Executive Session
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Brown, to adjourn into Closed Session in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2c) to consider Personnel 120/2(c)(1), Property Acquisition/Lease/Purchase 120/2(c)(5), Student Discipline 120/2(c)(9), and The Placement of Individual Students in Special Education Programs and Other Matters Relating to Individual Students 120/2(c)(10). The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The Board convened into Closed Session at 5:33 p.m.

Open Session
The Board convened into Open Session at 6:11 p.m.

Guests
Representatives from CFT, local media and other interested persons

Action Agenda: New Business
Construction Documents Design and Estimate Approval – Central High School: Mark Roessler
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong to approve the Construction Documents Design and Estimate Approval – Central High School. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. On August 13, 2018 the Board of Education reviewed and approved the Design Development documents for the Centennial High School project.

Administration recommended approval of the construction documents design and estimate for the Central High School project so the project can move forward with bidding documents.
Reports: New Business

Edison Middle School Report Regarding Construction Costs for the Expansion and Renovation:
Elizabeth Stegmaier

In November 2016, District voters approved a facilities referendum to undertake facility improvement projects at several District facilities. In January 2019, the District approved a contract with RATIO Architects for design services associated with the Edison expansion and renovation project. The project team has had initial conversations and investigation regarding the scope of the project and wanted to share an update on how the interior renovation dollars could be allocated.

Administration requested that the Board consider what scope cannot fit within the existing project budget, and where additional funds should be dedicated, should they become available.

This was an informational item and no action was required by the Board.

Consent Agenda: New Business

Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards to approve the Consent Agenda – Unfinished/New Business. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

The following Consent Agenda items were approved:

Human Resource Changes: Ken Kleber
The Human Resource Changes were approved as presented.

Bills and Treasurer’s Report – January: Tom Lockman
The Bills and Treasurer’s Report – January was approved as presented.

Minutes of January 7, 2019, January 14, 2019 and January 28, 2019
The minutes were approved as presented.

Approval of Consulting Services Agreement – UChicago STEM Education: Peter Foertsch
As part of the efforts to best support the Magnet programming at Franklin, Garden Hills, and Stratton, the District is engaging in professional consultants with proven experience in the work. Consistent with this effort, the District intends to engage UChicago STEM Education under a Consulting Services Agreement. The costs associated with the services provided under this Agreement will be paid from the Magnet Grant.

Administration recommended that the Board of Education approves the Consulting Services Agreement with UChicago STEM Education.

Central High School 2020 Spring Trip to France: Dr. Laura Taylor
The Central High School 2020 Spring Trip to France is available to all Central students. The rationale for the trip is to allow students the opportunity to experience the French culture, to communicate in French, and to explore the incredible sights that France has to offer. France has a diverse history and culture. The French are committed to preserving the French language and providing an environment where a traveler is urged to speak it. Students will be introduced to many monuments, castles, and historic cities. Students will also be able to sample many different types of French food that are an extremely important aspect of the culture. Students will speak and use the French language with native speakers as well as with other students on the trip. Central students will leave France with a deeper understanding of the language, the culture, and French daily life. They will be exposed to both the history of the country and people.
Travel will be arranged by ACIS Tours. No substitute teachers are required. The cost for each participant is $4,056.00. Each participant is responsible for the cost of the trip.

Administration recommended approval of the Central High School 2020 Spring Trip to France.

Approval of Anti-Virus Agreement for District Computers: John Gutzmer
It is in the District’s best interest to extend our existing contract for Windows endpoint protection. After researching several heuristic and definition based options and evaluating our existing endpoint protection system continues to meet the District’s needs. Training will be provided for IT staff on the tuning, use and maintenance of the endpoint protection system. One onsite training will be provided with subsequent web based trainings.

The District has negotiated a 3-year agreement with Presidio for Traps Advanced Endpoint Protection for the District’s Windows computers and servers for $57,928. This agreement will expire on February of 2022 and will be paid for from the budgeted annual endpoint protection line item.

Administration recommended that the District contract with Presidio for the amount of $57,928 for the duration of three years.

Tax Exempt Lease-Purchase Financing for Ten 71-Passenger 2019 Bluebird Buses: Tom Lockman
In order to receive the lowest interest rate on the lease purchase of ten 71 passenger buses from Central States Bus Sales, Inc., the District solicited proposals for financing the costs of the buses ($810,770) over a 5 year period. The lowest proposal was received from American Capital Financial Services for $852,275.95. It was requested that the Board of Education approve the selection of American Capital Financial Services, Inc. as the low bidder for the financing for the acquisition of ten 71 passenger buses from Central State Bus Sales, Inc. The annual lease payments of $170,455.19 will be charged to the Transportation Budget.

Administration recommended that the Board approve the financing for the lease-purchase of the ten 71-Passenger 2019 Bluebird Buses to American Capital Financial Services.

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The Board convened into Closed Session at 7:35 p.m.

Open Session
The Board convened into Open Session at 8:34 p.m.

Action Agenda: New Business
Student Discipline – Student #200668
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Baker that student #200668 shall be provided an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year and first semester of the 2019-20 school year for violating Conduct Code #34 Weapon-Related Activities of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. So long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student’s alternative placement during the expulsion period, the
Board shall hold its discipline determination in abeyance. If the student does not accept the alternative placement or meet the attendance and behavioral requirements of the offered alternative placement, then the decision of the Board of Education is to expel the student for the duration/remainder of the duration stated above. The duration of the alternative placement/expulsion is based on: the egregiousness of the violation of the Conduct Code listed above; continuing safety threat posed by student’s presence in school; and the significant detrimental impact of the student’s conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the District because the student’s continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Student Discipline – Student #510780
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Richards that student #510780 shall be provided an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year and the entire 2019-20 school year for violating Conduct Codes #19 Physical Confrontation with Student, #25 Threats to Student, and #34 Weapon-Related Activities of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. So long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student’s alternative placement during the expulsion period, the Board shall hold its discipline determination in abeyance. If the student does not accept the alternative placement or meet the attendance and behavioral requirements of the offered alternative placement, then the decision of the Board of Education is to expel the student for the duration/remainder of the duration stated above. The duration of the alternative placement/expulsion is based on: the egregiousness of the violation of Conduct Codes listed above; prior discipline and other interventions attempted; continuing safety threat posed by student’s presence in school; and the significant detrimental impact of the student’s conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the District because the student’s continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Student Discipline – Student #510837
Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Baker that student #510837 shall be provided an alternative placement for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year for violating Conduct Code #34 Weapon-Related Activities of the Unit #4 Student Code of Conduct. So long as the student meets the attendance and behavioral requirements of the student’s alternative placement during the expulsion period, the Board shall hold its discipline determination in abeyance. If the student does not accept the alternative placement or meet the attendance and behavioral requirements of the offered alternative placement, then the decision of the Board of Education is to expel the student for the duration/remainder of the duration stated above. The duration of the alternative placement/expulsion is based on: the egregiousness of the violation of Conduct Code listed above; prior discipline and other interventions attempted; continuing safety threat posed by student’s presence in school; and the significant detrimental impact of the student’s conduct on the learning environment. The removal of the student from the learning environment is in the best interest of the District because the student’s continuing presence would constitute a safety risk and/or disruption. The motion carried on roll call. Ayes 7. Nays 0.
Adjournment
There being no further business, Member Shannon moved, with a second by Member Armstrong, to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. The motion carried on voice vote. Ayes 7. Nays 0.

Board Approved: March 11, 2019