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[May 24, 2022 Regular Action Meeting](#)

### ***Approval of Agenda***

The Board voted to approve the May 24 agenda as amended.

### ***Recognition***

#### *Student Art and Artists*

The Board thanked the students who provided artwork for display. Each May student artwork will be framed and hung in the Board Room and throughout the Administration Building for the following year, then returned to the student when the subsequent year's artwork arrives.

#### Deerfield High School

- Sam Brody-Goldberg
- Amy Burke
- Jackson Goodman
- Erica Meunier
- Alice Poznyak
- Ryan Segal
- Alexis Stepankovskiy
- Rhone Tatham
- Joya Weissman
- Serena Worley

#### Highland Park High School

- Juniper Behun
- Sydney Blumenau
- Kim Garcia
- Paige Gordon
- Rowan Lawlor
- Gavino Nava
- Marina Polydoris
- Mika Raviv

### *Student Liaisons to the Board*

The Board of Education welcomed the five students who will serve as student liaisons to the Board during the 2022-23 school year/fiscal year 2023. The item is listed for action later in the agenda.

### *Retiring Staff*

The Board of Education expressed their gratitude for the many years of service from retiring faculty and staff and congratulated them on the next phase.

### Administration/Transportation

- Robert Graham
- Janeen Hyde
- Lee Zielonka

### Deerfield High School

- Alicia Akers
- Marilena Fiore
- David Hiegel
- Elliott Hurtig
- Jerold Lavin
- Kevin Lefevre
- Debra Mamlok
- Suzanne Nice
- Robert Ruiz

### Highland Park High School

- Sonia Barthel
- Maria Bernardi
- Susan Brady
- Dixie Connor
- Keith Cordell
- Jorge Diaz
- Deborah Dicker
- Daniel Dillon
- Maria McCraren
- Dianne Mylenbusch
- Hanna Pashtan
- Margaret Reese
- John Reinwald
- Irene Roshto
- Robin Sheffer
- Eleanor Singleton

- Ronald Smith
- Steven Trommer

Board President Jodi Shapira asked for a moment of silence in honor of the victims in Uvalde, Texas.

### ***Reorganization of the Board of Education***

#### *Election of the President for One Year*

The Board voted to elect Ken Fishbain to serve as the President of the Board of Education for one year.

#### *Election of the Vice President for One Year*

The Board voted to elect Anne Neumann to serve as the Vice President of the Board of Education for one year.

#### *Election of the Secretary for One Year*

The Board voted to elect Dan Struck to serve as the Secretary of the Board of Education for one year.

#### *Appointment of the Treasurer for One Year*

The Board voted to appoint Assistant Superintendent of Finance Ali Mehanti as the Board's Treasurer for one year.

### ***Committee Structure and Meeting Cadence***

The Board discussed committee structure and meeting cadence for the upcoming year. After discussing the usefulness of committee work to the Board and Administration over the past two years, the Board discussed adding an IT committee and a committee whose charge includes academics. President Fishbain asked Board members to let President Fishbain know their preferences for serving on committees and then he will appoint members accordingly.

### ***Board Reports***

#### *President*

Board President Ken Fishbain thanked Member Shapira for her service as president, sharing that it had been a privilege for him to serve as her vice president. He then expressed his thanks to other Board members for supporting him as he serves as president, calling the experience a humbling responsibility, and one that he held over a decade ago.

#### *Board Recognition*

Board President Ken Fishbain thanked Member Shapira for her outstanding leadership and going the extra mile, and presented her with a gift.

#### *Facilities Committee*

Policy Committee Chair Jodi Shapira said that most of the discussion at the Facilities Committee meeting held immediately prior to the Regular Action Meeting was cost increases of bids due to inflation. She said the committee, the architects and administration will keep evaluating price fluctuation as a result of changing supply and demand. She closed by saying the committee

unanimously recommends that the Board approve educational life skills classrooms listed for action later in the agenda.

### ***Administration Reports***

#### ***Superintendent***

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law said the information coming out of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) keeps changing regarding their recommendations for who should receive COVID-19 boosters and when. The language in the January 25 resolution requiring boosters said that the Superintendent would consult with the Board on any changes under the authority granted under that resolution. Dr. Law proposed extending the deadline to November 1 because of the changing guidance, the implications that the guidance has on whether people should work in person if exposed to COVID-19 as a close contact, and because conditions in the fall may continue to change the guidance further. The Board agreed, and the date for providing proof of a COVID-19 booster is November 1.

Dr. Law then announced that a grand opening with ribbon cutting for the Transition Center operated in conjunction with TrueNorth will take place on Thursday, June 2. The first open house is 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m and the second is 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Community members are invited to the open house event at either time slot. The Transition Center is located at 583 Elm Place in Highland Park.

#### ***FOIA Requests***

Dr. Law reported the FOIA requests received since the last meeting and their disposition. The report is posted in BoardDocs online.

#### ***Summer School 2022***

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Dr. Michael Lach shared a report on Summer School. Summer School this year will build on last year's model to continue to enable students to make up work and to focus on credit recovery. There is no cost for students to attend Summer School for credit recovery. Dr. Lach closed by saying that with Summer School Principals Joe Taylor and Matt Wallace, he would like to explore with the Board, staff and community other potential Summer School offerings that might resonate with students.

#### ***New Schedule Update***

Dr. Lach provided an update on the work to investigate aligning the two schools' schedules, reporting on all of the committees' feedback for the meetings that have occurred thus far. The work is on track to bring a recommendation to the Board in December, 2022.

### ***Discussion***

#### ***IASB Annual Membership***

As it does each year, the Board considered renewing their membership in the Illinois Association of School Boards. Membership dues for the 2022-2023 school year are \$12,045.00. This is the same amount as last year. The Board also discussed proposing resolutions for the next IASB conference. The Board will vote on this item at the June 14 meeting.

### ***Action***

### *Approval of Plaque for Retiring Teacher*

Per [Policy 8-25 Advertising, Donations, Gifts, Tributes and Naming of Facilities](#), the Board approved a request to honor Deerfield High School Choir Director Alicia Akers upon her retirement for her extraordinary and lasting achievements that have contributed significantly to students, Deerfield High School and the community.

### *Approve Student Liaisons to the Board*

Per [Policy 2-40 Board Member Qualifications](#), the Board voted to appoint students to serve in an advisory capacity to the Board. The students will sit at the Board table, provide feedback and the student perspective but will not vote or attend closed session. Below are the appointed Student Liaisons.

- Jeremy Bach
- Raquel Bach
- Anna Catella
- Evelyn Gehrig
- Keshav Shah

### *Determination of Date and Time of Regular Meetings*

The *School Code* and [Board Policy 2-210 Organizational School Board Meeting](#) require that the Board fix a time and place for regular meetings. Meetings will be held at the Administration Building, 1040 Park Avenue West, Highland Park, unless otherwise indicated. All regular Board of Education meetings are recorded and posted on the district website: [www.dist113.org](http://www.dist113.org).

### *DHS and HPHS Life Skills Lab Renovations - Pepper Construction Project Authorization*

The Board voted to approve as presented all construction trade packages including the fee for Pepper Construction.

### *DHS and HPHS Life Skills Lab Renovations - Construction Contracts*

The Board voted to approve [Pepper Construction's recommendation](#) for the HPHS and DHS Life Skills Renovation Project, and to make an award to those trades identified in the recommendation, excluding the electrical portion, which will be rebid at a later date.

### *Textbook Adoptions 2022-23*

The Board voted to approve additional textbook adoptions as presented for the 2022-23 school year. These have been selected by faculty committees, discussed by departments, and approved by administration. All groups reviewed the available packages that included both print and online resources. Additional adoption requests may come to the Board this summer after teams complete summer curricular projects.

### *Authorize Payment of Invoices to Avoid Late Finance Charges*

The Board voted to authorize payment of invoices to avoid late charges from certain vendors when Board approval of the invoices comes after the due date. The checks will be released but still appear on all reports and could be pulled for auditing purposes. [The list of companies for fiscal year 2023](#) can be found on BoardDocs.

*Resolution to Authorize Signatories and Depositories*

As it does each year, the Board voted to adopt a resolution [to authorize signatories and depositories for the following fiscal year.](#)

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Director of Business Services/CSBO*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Whitney Draeger to serve as the District's Director of Business Services/CSBO.

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Director of Transportation Services*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Brandon Hayes to serve as the District's Director of Transportation Services.

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Assistant Principal at Deerfield High School*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Lilly Brandt to serve as Assistant Principal at Deerfield High School.

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The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Joe Taylor to serve as Assistant Principal at Deerfield High School.

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Assistant Principal at Deerfield High School*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Ken Williams to serve as Assistant Principal at Deerfield High School.

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Assistant Principal at Highland Park High School*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Alesia Margetis to serve as Assistant Principal at Highland Park High School.

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Assistant Principal at Highland Park High School*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Loren Stillwell to serve as Assistant Principal at Highland Park High School.

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Assistant Principal at Highland Park High School*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Matt Wallace to serve as Assistant Principal at Highland Park High School.

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Director of Student Services*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Dr. Roslyn Martin to serve as the District's Director of Student Services.

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Athletic Director at Deerfield High School*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Nate Flannery to serve as Athletic Director at Deerfield High School.

*Approve One Year Employment Contract for Athletic Director at Highland Park High School*

The Board voted to approve a one-year employment contract with Paul Harris to serve as Athletic Director at Highland Park High School.

***Consent Agenda***

The Board approved the consent agenda as amended. The consent agenda includes personnel, stipends, and board bills. Click on [this link](#) to access the meeting agenda and then scroll down to see consent agenda items beginning under number 11.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

***Upcoming Meetings-***

June 7, 2022 – Policy Committee Meeting  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Administration Building

June 14, 2022 – Finance Committee Meeting  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.  
Administration Building

June 14, 2022 – Regular Action Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session  
Administration Building

June 28, 2022 – Special Meeting  
4:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session  
Administration Building