



## Board Briefs

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[May 30, 2023 Regular Action Meeting](#)

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Board President Dan Struck began the meeting by announcing that Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law would not be in attendance due to a family emergency that required him to leave work immediately earlier in the day.

### **Approval of Board Meeting Agenda**

The Board voted to approve the May 30 agenda as amended.

### **Recognition**

*Schuler Scholars*

*College Bound Opportunities*

*Retiring Staff*

In order to provide these groups with more focused attention, the Board tabled this item until the June 13 meeting.

### **Board Reports**

#### ***President***

Board President Dan Struck began his report sharing an update on graduation and how it is such a celebratory event for students and staff and he thanked everyone for their work in making successful graduations possible. On behalf of the Board, he extended a heartfelt thank you to everyone who carried this District, its schools, and its students through another unprecedented year to cultivate the passion, unlock the potential and inspire the unique excellence of every student.

Noting that retirees were originally scheduled for recognition this evening, he thanked the 2022-23 retirees who have collectively provided District 113 with more than 390 years of service. As explained above, retiree recognition has been postponed until June 13.

Mr. Struck then provided the latest update on negotiations, saying the Board and DEA Bargaining Teams continue to meet and most recently discussed working conditions for full time licensed staff members, activity and coaching stipends, and salary and benefits proposals. The next bargaining sessions are scheduled for May 31 and June 1.

Moving on to new committee assignments for the 2023 Board, Mr. Struck named all of the committee assignments. They can be found on the [District 113 website](#). He made note of the most recent Policy Committee meeting May 9, saying that meeting was the final meeting he chaired and all 16 policies discussed there are listed on the agenda for first reading.

Mr. Struck then spoke about the security items for discussion later in the agenda. He emphasized the Board and District's commitment to security, recent expenditures to support security, and that no option is off the table for future improvements to security. He stated that the professional and institutional security guidance instructs that communication, access control, and threat assessment are among the core factors for an effective security and safety plan. The Board will continue to approve expenditures for enhanced security and safety measures consistent with that guidance.

Any actions taken by District 113 will be based on the best available security studies and governmental, law enforcement, and expert guidance. Security is one component of the complex system that is a high school. Fire safety; the emotional and social condition of students; the importance of having places for students to collaborate, to meet and to encounter each other; the environment for learning and creativity created within and outside the buildings; and the cultivation of respect for others in our diverse and pluralistic student body all need to be taken into account.

Mr. Struck closed his remarks by stating that despite any disagreements, everyone owes it to our students to model working together in a civil manner.

## **Administration Information Reports**

### ***FOIA***

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

## **Discussion**

### ***Security Update***

Jim Hobart from Public Opinion Strategies presented [the results from the District 113 survey on school security](#), which ran from May 16 to May 28. Mr. Hobart discussed the methodology, noting that the number of responses, 1,286, provided a statistically representative sample of the District 113 school community. Highlights from the presentation include:

- 72 percent thought the student bringing a gun to school April 4 was an isolated incident
- 45 percent favor vs. 55 percent oppose installing metal detectors like those used at airports like O'Hare
- 77 percent favor vs. 23 percent oppose installing weapons detections systems that scan for weapons but allow for faster entry
- 75 percent agree vs. 25 percent disagree installing metal detectors or weapons detections systems would make them feel safer
- 33 percent think installing some type of metal detector/weapons detection system would change the atmosphere of the school for the better vs. 36 percent who think it would change for the worse and 31 percent think it would make no difference

- 66 percent favor vs. 34 percent oppose installing either metal detectors/weapons detection systems when considering the greatest part of the cost is not the devices but the personnel to oversee their proper operation
- 40 percent favor vs. 60 percent oppose installing either metal detectors/weapons detection systems if the cost of paying personnel to oversee their operation could require cutting funding to other items in the budget like extracurricular activities

Hobart explained that asking these value-based questions provides a means to measure the intensity of the desired change.

Then the District's security consultant Paul Timm from Allegion walked the Board [through considerations](#) for the District's multi-layered approach to security, including metal detectors and weapons detection systems. He briefly outlined the difference between how a metal detector and a weapons detection system (WDS) works. He stressed the importance of threat assessments, access control and communications as key elements in supporting security efforts. He stated that a security plan is about security risk reduction and that people are the number one asset in any security plan. He also provided a list of helpful resources to consider as part of the District's continuous review of its security measures.

The Board then agreed that it should continue the course of following the advice of professionals, like the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security, working with experts to make the buildings more secure. The Board also stressed the importance of including people in keeping its students and staff safe, not just technology or physical improvements. The Board concluded the discussion by saying it will continue to pursue all the available options at its disposal and it will keep open the [D113secure@dist113.org](mailto:D113secure@dist113.org) email address for community members to provide their thoughts and suggestions on security.

### ***Consolidated District Plan***

A consolidated district plan is required from each school district annually in order to be eligible to access federal and state grant funds. The 2023-24 plan was presented to the Board for review. The plan's title comes from the Illinois State Board of Education, it has nothing to do with consolidating the schools. The item will come back for a vote at the June 13 meeting.

### ***Multi-Function Printers/Copiers RFP***

The Board reviewed Administration's recommendation to accept a bid from Image Tec in the amount of \$88,077 for equipment leasing and ongoing service/maintenance agreements for the District's multifunction printers/copiers. The item will come back for a vote at the June 13 meeting.

### **Board of Education Policies First-Reading**

2-110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers

4-60 Purchases and Contracts

5-30 Hiring Process and Criteria

5-90 Abused and Neglected Child Reporting

5-150 Personnel Records

Additional Administrative Procedures and Exhibits changing as a result of Faith's Law:

4-140 Waiver of Student Fees

5-125 Personal Technology and Social Media; Usage and Conduct

6-15 School Accountability

6-135 Accelerated Placement Program

6-230 Library Media Program

6-255 Assemblies and Ceremonies

6-260 Complaints About Curriculum, Instructional Materials, and Programs

7-50 School Admissions and Student Transfers To and From Non-District Schools

7-250 Student Support Services

7-285 Anaphylaxis Prevention, Response, and Management Program

## **Action**

### ***2024-25 School Calendar***

The Board approved as presented the proposed 2024-25 school calendar created with the input of representatives from the District 113 Education Association (DEA), Department Chairs and Administration.

### ***Textbook Adoptions for 2023-24***

The Board approved as presented new textbooks recommended for adoption. Additional adoption requests may come to the Board over the summer after teams complete summer curricular projects.

### ***Consideration of Recommendation to Deny Admission of Visitor to School Events Pursuant to Policy 8-30***

The Board approved as presented a recommendation to deny admission of a visitor to school events pursuant to *Policy 8-30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property*.

## **Consent Agenda**

The Board approved [the consent agenda](#) as presented. The consent agenda includes personnel, stipends, and board bills.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

June 13, 2023 Regular Action Meeting

6:00 p.m. Closed Session, 7:00 p.m. Open Session

Administration Building