

**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96
BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
Minutes for September 3, 2019**

Call To Order

Mr. Tepper called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the boardroom of Ivy Hall School.

Roll Call

Present: James Strezewski, Meg Woodman, Renee Klass, Michael Burns, Dina Manka, Cynthia Zarkowsky and Marc Tepper

Late: None

Absent: None

Welcome to Visitors

President Tepper welcomed members of the faculty, community, and press to the boardroom at Ivy Hall School. Beth Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Tepper asked if anyone wished to address the Board. No one responded.

Administrative Reports

Status of Opening of School Year Activities

Presentation of Sixth Day Enrollments

Dr. Dalton presented the sixth day enrollments, which was August 22, 2019. Actual enrollments are slightly down from the projections presented in February 2019. Kindergarten has the highest enrollment since Dr. Dalton began keeping records. There are 14 students enrolled in the half-day program, but we anticipate about half of them will transition to the full-day program. At Country Meadows the class sizes were left low to accommodate late enrollments. Ivy Hall first grade has exceeded the District's class size range, but Mr. Hanrahan does not feel he needs any additional help at this time. Kildeer enrollments are lower than anticipated but Prairie is right on track. Both middle schools, Twin Groves and Woodlawn, have lower than projected enrollment. Dr. Dalton projected 3192 students; actual enrollments on the sixth day are 3151, a difference of 41 students.

Status of Staffing and Vacancies

Dr. Dalton reported the Spanish opening continues. She is speaking with an internal candidate about the position and continues to seek external candidates. About 15 support positions remain open.

Status of District Transportation

Mr. Miranda reported that students are getting used to the new school year schedule but some transportation has not been reliable. Construction on Route 22 has caused some very long bus rides and late arrivals for students, with Kildeer and Willow Grove the most significantly impacted. First Student has not been very responsive in solving these problems and have indicated no sense of urgency. Stevenson High School has also experienced similar concerns. We are working to address the situation and considering all options

New Teacher Mentor Program

Mrs. Spiller reported the new teacher mentor program went very well based on the feedback from the participants. She continues to receive positive comments about the new teachers across the District. She will use the feedback to improve the program for the 2020-21 school year.

Opening Institute Day Feedback

Mrs. Spiller reported on feedback on the Opening Institute Day. Some participants missed not having an opening speaker at the event but they all appreciated having time in their schools and the police conduct traffic control at the end of the program. Again, she will use this feedback to improve the program for the 2020-21 school year.

Review of Summer School 2019

Mrs. Gluck reported the summer school program went very well. Enrollments were similar to the 2018 program and she has received positive feedback. Everyone who applied for the program was accepted and no one was turned away for any reason.

Illinois Assessment for Readiness (IAR) Results

Mrs. Spiller explained the IAR is the new name for the PARCC test, using many of the same questions. The major difference was the shorter test length. Upcoming improvements to the IAR include going fully online in 2020, providing quicker results within one week, making the test computer adaptive in 2021, incorporating new questions authored by Illinois educators, adding more language options, and adding a growth measure.

Mrs. Spiller reported KCSD96 outperforms the state averages in every category. In Math, students who meet or exceed are ranging in the mid to upper 70's in grades 3 – 5, in the high 60's in grades 6 & 7, and 78% in grade 8. The cohort data is very useful and compels KCSD96 to dig deeper into the data. We are seeing good growth.

In Reading, early literacy is our area of focus. Scores rise in grades 5 – 8, indicating the longer students are in the KCSD96 system, the higher they achieve. Writing scores followed a similar pattern.

In math, we see the majority of students in the green and blue block, which indicates they are meeting and exceeding expectations. We continue to trend higher than the state average and keep our expectations high. Our focus on early literacy has led to an examination of the kindergarten day with possibilities of extending the day to match the elementary school day, and a review of the K – 8 literacy standards. Teachers will pursue high growth at every level as we look to close the gaps.

The IAR results will go on the Illinois School Report Card for District 96.

Priority Items for Consideration and/or Action

Executive Session

Adjourn to Closed Session

A motion was presented by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mrs. Woodman to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

- The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11)

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Burns, Manka, Zarkowsky and Tepper

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:08 p.m.

Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was presented by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mrs. Woodman for the meeting to reconvene in open session. All members present voted aye, the motion carried. The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:45 p.m.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mrs. Klass to approve the minutes of the closed session. All members present voted Aye, the motion carried.

Action Items

Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Certified Staff – None at this time.

Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Educational Support Personnel

Recommendations for Employment, Appointment and Dismissal

A motion was presented by Mrs. Manka and seconded by Mr. Strezewski to approve the memo presented by Dr. Dalton for the employment, appointment and dismissal of certain educational support personnel as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion carried.

Aye: Manka, Zarkowsky, Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Burns, and Tepper

Nay: None

Discussion Items – None at this time.

Information Items

Lake Division Meeting – October 29, 2019

The IASB Lake Division Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 29, 2019. Please RSVP to Mrs. Rosenberg.

Bullying Data Update

Mrs. Gluck reported the bullying data is showing improvement. The new Social/Emotional Learning Standards has helped improve this data and she expects the improvements to continue.

Board Comments – None at this time.

Adjournment

With no further business before the Board of Education, a motion was presented by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mrs. Manka to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Strezewski, Woodman, Klass, Burns, Manka, Zarkowsky, and Tepper

Nay: None

Mr. Tepper adjourned the September 3, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting of the Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 Board of Education at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Education will be September 19, 2019.