

# June 21, 2022

## Board of Education Meeting Board Briefs

The District 106 Board of Education convened for its regular business meeting at 7 p.m. on June 21. A summary of its business is included below. To access the agenda and all reports submitted to the Board, or to listen to an audio recording of the meeting, use the links below.

[Board Docs](#)  
[Meeting Recording](#)

## D106 Foundation Gift

On behalf of the D106 Foundation, Brie Condron and Emily Goss presented a check to the District in the amount of \$33,918. This money is being used to fund STEM and robotics materials, heart rate monitors for PE, band instruments, masterclass presentations, Junior Great Books, and much more. We are so grateful for the D106 Foundation's leadership and the participation of parents in the Foundation's events which provides our students with these amazing experiences.



## D106 PTC

Another great parent organization that benefits our students is the Highlands PTC. Their fundraising efforts throughout the year provide a host of fun experiences for our students such as Fortnightly, year-end celebrations for our graduates, The Variety Show, Art Smart, Veteran's Day breakfast, teacher appreciation gifts, and many more. A big thank you to the PTC leadership and your participation in their events to provide these experiences for our students.



### 2022 Final Amended Budget Public Hearing

Director of Finance and Operations/CSBO Katie Hannigan presented the amended budget for the fiscal year 2022. A summary of Ms. Hannigan's report is linked below. Details on the budget can be accessed via BoardDocs.

[Amended Budget Hearing Details](#)

### Superintendent's Report

- **STAFFING UPDATE.** As we get close to filling all our open positions for the upcoming school year, we continue to be encouraged by the quality of the teachers who are applying for our positions. Of the 12 teachers we have hired so far, four of them are recent graduates, eight of them have an average of eight years of experience, and nine of them have their master's degrees.
- **PREVIEW OF POTENTIAL CHANGES FOR THE 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR.** As part of our continuous improvement efforts, and in response to student data and feedback from staff, we will be making a few changes for the upcoming school years. In short, we will be increasing the amount of math instruction in 5th and 6th grade from 41 minutes to an average of 62 minutes per day. Additionally, STEM instruction for non-band/orchestra students will increase from 6 weeks to 12. Band/orchestra students (who do not currently receive STEM instruction at all) will now receive 6 weeks of it. In order to make these changes, students will receive world language instruction every other day and health will be taught as part of PE. We are confident that even with this reduction in the amount of world language instruction, our students will be prepared to enter Spanish 2 or French 2 if desired when they enroll at LT.

- **PERSONAL HEALTH AND CONSENT EDUCATION.** We currently have a robust health and sex-ed curriculum which meets all of Illinois' required learning standards in this area. Our curriculum does not currently include the National Sex Education Standards. If a change to our health or sex-ed curriculum is warranted or required, we will bring it to the Board for discussion and will be sure parents are fully informed and given the opportunity to review and opt their children out of that instruction if desired.

A summary of the Superintendent's report is linked below. A detailed report can be accessed via BoardDocs.

[Superintendent's Report](#)

## **Building Addition and Renovation Update**

**PROJECT UPDATE.** Our architectural drawings are 95% complete and our construction manager has been using these documents to get updated cost estimations from contractors.

**PROJECT COST.** The most recent cost projections for the new addition, renovation of current spaces, and previously scheduled roof and siding replacement is \$17.3M. Not surprisingly, inflation has impacted the cost and availability of materials and labor. We continue to make adjustments to the design in order to control costs without compromising the quality of the space or its ability to meet our needs.

**FINANCING.** This project will be funded by a combination of money from our reserves and a bond sale. At the July Board meeting, we will present detailed information including 5-year projections that will help the Board decide the best time to sell bonds, the best way to structure the repayment, and how much to use out of our reserves.

A summary of the most recent construction update report and a comprehensive overview of our process to date are linked below. A detailed version of this month's report can be accessed via BoardDocs.

[June 21 Building Addition Report Summary](#)  
[Comprehensive Summary of Construction Documents and Discussions](#)

## **Student Performance Update**

Great effort was made this year to help our students close the learning gaps created by the pandemic. One of the ways we measure that progress is through Aimsweb+ benchmarking for grades K-4. The District's student data on this standardized measure was very encouraging. In every K-4 grade, significant student growth was seen in our Spring 2022 data in both literacy and math as summarized in the table below.

	Reading / Literacy		Math	
	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Fall 2021	Spring 2022
Percentage of students in Tier 1 (26th-99th percentile)	75	93	80	94

A huge *thank you* goes out to our staff whose outstanding effort this year played a major role in our students' success.

We are currently analyzing our students' MAP data to determine growth to be celebrated as well as areas that need additional focus.

A summary of the Student Performance report is linked below. A detailed report can be accessed via BoardDocs.

[Student Performance Report Summary](#)

## Action Items

- Adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Final Amended Budget
- Approve the ESSER-3 plan
- Award Electrical Infrastructure Bid to Prospect Electric
- Approve Grand Avenue Contract Amendment and Assignment
- Approve Educational Support Personnel Compensation
- Accept District 106 Foundation Gift
- Approve Summer School Staff
- Approve District Consolidated Grant Application
- Accept Recommendation Regarding Closed Session Minutes
- Approve Amendment to Superintendent's Contract

For more detailed information on these topics, please refer to the reports in BoardDocs.

## Consent Agenda Items

**The board approved the following items:**

- Minutes of the May 17, 2022, Regularly Scheduled Meeting
- Minutes of the May 17, 2022, Closed Session Meeting
- Financial Business
- IGA with West 40 for the Safe Schools Program
- Personnel Report
- FOIA requests
- Destroy closed session audio recording from 11/24/20, 12/1/20, and 12/15/20.