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Summary

- The [Riverside presentation](#) provided positive data on student performance.
- The Student Records Project [presentation](#) explained phases for digitizing CMSD student records.
- Significant time was provided for board members' questions on presentations and agenda items.

Follow-Up Questions

- The board held a moment of silence for four students. How did the students pass away?
- How accurate (inclusive for all CMSD schools) was the data for ACT/SAT scores?

In attendance

Board: Sara Elaquad, chair; Leah D. Hudnall, vice chair; Robert Briggs; Robert M. Heard Sr.; Diana Welch Howell; Denise W. Link; Nigamanth Sridhar.

CMSD: Warren G. Morgan II, chief executive officer (CEO)

Board Chair Elaquad said that Board Member Lisa Thomas has resigned and the position will be posted on the City of Cleveland website.

Morgan gave the CEO report and led a moment of silence for the passing of one district staff member and four students.

Morgan said that CMSD is starting a district-wide weekly newsletter.

School Spotlight Presentation--Riverside PreK-8 School

The presenter -- Principal Jessica Gamble -- shared scholar attributes. Some of the data presented: Female 211/ Male 266; 52% Caucasian/25% African American/23% Hispanic, Asian, or multiracial.

Gamble said some of Riverside's partners are: Cleveland State University, LGBT Community Center of Greater Cleveland, LifeAct and Planned Parenthood.

The following resolutions will be presented and considered for adoption by the board on Oct. 24. *[Editor's note: Find more details about the resolutions on the [agenda](#)].*

5.01 Amending policy on public participation (making public comments at meetings). A phone number will be provided for folks to sign up who don't have reliable internet access, Elaqad said.

Finance

6.01 Authorize participation in the Cuyahoga County 2024 real property tax advance program.

6.02 Authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Cuyahoga County universal pre-kindergarten program and authorizing the chief executive officer to spend the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the grant.

6.03 Authorizing the acceptance of a gift and grants from Alison and Thomas Klocker, Martha Holden Jennings Foundation, Step Forward, and the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and authorizing the chief executive officer to spend the funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the gift and grants.

Operations

7.01 Authorizing a purchase order to SC Strategic Solutions for imaging software and document management services for student records in an amount not to exceed about \$1.6 million.

A student records project was presented. A main goal is digitizing student records.

Equity & Culture

8.01 Authorizing the issuance of a purchase order for children to purchase digital licenses and materials for Second Step, an evidence-based social emotional learning program, for Grades 6, 7, and 8 in each K-8 school in an amount not to exceed \$127,846.80.

Academics

9.01 Adopting and issuing a report to the State Of Ohio describing the Cleveland Municipal School District's performance for the 2022-2023 school year.

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Talent

10.01 Authorizing the employment of teaching, non-teaching and school-based administrative staff.

10.02 Authorizing the reclassification of employees.

10.03 Accepting the retirements, resignations and other separations of employees.

10.04 Authorizing the issuance of limited contracts for differential positions and the payment of additional earned compensation to employees.

13.01 Motion to enter into [executive session](#) to discuss human resources issues and legal issues.

Meeting moved to executive session at: 07:48 p.m. They returned at about 9 p.m. and adjourned shortly after.

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