

BOARD BRIEFS

December 19, 2017 Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Board of Education:

Mr. Bob Hiatt, President
Mr. John Corcoran, Vice President
Mrs. Natalie Watkins, Secretary
Mrs. Lori Bryant
Mr. Neil DeSimone
Mrs. Jennifer Gusentine
Mrs. Laurie Scheer

Administration:

Dr. Patricia Viniard, Superintendent
Mrs. Ali Beiermeister, Director of Teaching & Learning
Mr. Michael Duback, Director of Operations/CSBO
Mr. Brian Graber, Elementary School Principal
Mr. Michael Papierski, Middle School Principal

Communications, Visitor(s) Comments and Participation

Dr. Viniard welcomed students and families to recognize the 2017 Highlands Holiday Card Design winners. She explained this year the holiday card design contest was open to all students in grade K through 8. The Holiday Card Design winners' artwork will be incorporated into the holiday cards sent to staff and community members from Dr. Viniard and the Board of Education. Dr. Viniard congratulated the seven students from grades 3 through 6 and shared with all their winning designs!

Public Hearing - 2017 Tax Levy

Mr. Duback briefly reviewed the tax levy information presented during the November Board of Education meeting. After the public hearing, the 2017 Tax Levy was approved by the Board.

Reports

Illinois Science Assessment

Mrs. Beiermeister presented the 2016 preliminary district results for the Illinois Science Assessment or ISA. Receipt of these results was delayed due to Illinois budget constraints. The assessment, administered annually to students in grades 5 and 8, is based on the Illinois Science Standards which incorporates the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). The 2016 preliminary results show 5th grade at 85.9% proficient and 8th grade at 90.7% proficient. The 2017 results should be received in or around January.

Finance Committee Update

Mr. Duback recapped the finance committee meeting held earlier in the month. The topics covered included: a) tax levy update, b) fund balance policy, c) types of non-referendum bonds and requirements, and d) financial forecasting.

IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference Report

Dr. Viniard, Mr. Duback, Board President Mr. Hiatt, and Mrs. Schmitt attended this year's conference held in Chicago the weekend of November 17-19. Dr. Viniard attended and presented information on the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), which replaces No Child Left Behind Act. Mr. Duback attended sessions on the pending Illinois tax freeze legislation, as well as long-term planning for capital expenses. Mr. Hiatt attended required board training and a workshop on strategic planning. Mrs. Schmitt attended workshops on open meetings act, FOIA, and Illinois policy releases.

Your Board Approved:

1. The 2017 Tax Levy
2. Acceptance of the FY2017 Annual Audit
3. Resolution Authorizing Reduction of Certain Fund Levies for the 2017 Year
4. Minutes of the November 14, 2017, regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
5. December 2017 bills payable
6. November 2017 financial report
7. November 30, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$407,305.52; and the December 15, 2017 payroll in the amount of \$405,253.78

Future Agenda Items

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on [Tuesday, January 16, 2018](#), in the LRC at 1750 W. Plainfield Road, LaGrange, IL 60525.

- First Reading of 2018-2019 School Calendar
- Second Reading of Revised Board Policies
- Resolution to Designate a Person to Prepare the 2018-19 Preliminary Budget
- First Semester Learning Walks Report

Have comments for the Board of Education?
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