

BOARD BRIEFS

February 20, 2018 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

8th GRADE GRADUATION

Graduation will be held on JUNE 4, 2018, AT 6:00 P.M.

2018-2019 SCHOOL CALENDAR APPROVED

The Board of Education approved the 2018-2019 Highlands School Calendar. The calendar has been posted on the website. You can view the calendar by clicking [HERE](#)

Reports

Legislative Update/Pension Cost Shift

Mr. Duback reported on the impact recent and pending legislation could have on school funding. Though the new Evidence-Based Funding model that redefines state aid, District 106 is not expected to see any significant change in state revenues. In addition, two pending pieces of legislations include: a) a two-year real estate tax freeze, which has already passed one chamber of the State legislature, and b) the proposed shifting of the state cost for Teachers Retirement System (TRS) pension onto local districts. If enacted, the governor has proposed phasing the costs onto local districts over a four-year period at 25% each year. While steps must still occur for either or both of these legislative initiatives to formally take place, it is in the District's best interest to understand the potential impact financially, as changes to state and local revenue could be noteworthy.

Winter MAP Report

Mrs. Beiermeister presented the 2018 Winter MAP assessment data for reading and math. Comparing Fall to Winter scores across grades 1 to 8, both year-to-year and cohort data were shared. The average RIT and national percentile scores were exceptional at this student progress "check in" point. For **both** reading and math and for **all** of the grade levels assessed, the Winter Mean RIT National Percentile Ranking was at or above the 89th percentile! It was noted that the current 2nd graders were the first class that participated in full day kindergarten. The data will be evaluated to determine patterns, areas of strength, and areas for improvement; this information will inform professional development and instructional planning. Mrs. Laskowski presented impressive data highlighting the increased percentage of students with an IEP who are meeting MAP Fall-to-Winter Growth Targets: Since 2015, the percentage of IEP students who are meeting Fall-to-Winter Growth Targets for Reading has

increased from 25% to 52%. For that same period, the percentage of IEP students who are meeting Fall-to-Winter Growth Targets for Math has increased from 27% to 61%.

Strategic Planning

Dr. Viniard laid framework to begin a discussion regarding the development of the district's next strategic plan. The first strategic plan (2007) involved a parent/community forum, board feedback, and a number of curriculum and assessment review groups. The goal will again be to offer a thoughtful process that gives all stakeholders a chance to provide feedback and input. The Board is considering the best timing for this process.

Personnel

The Board accepted and approved the following:

- Employment recommendations for 1.0 FTE Middle School Paraprofessional
- Family and Medical Leave (FMLA) requests for two 1.0 FTE Elementary school teachers
- Retirement request for 1.0 FTE Teacher effective the end of 2021-2022 school year.
- Resignation request from 1.0 FTE Early Childhood Education paraprofessional, effective February 23, 2018.

Your Board Approved:

1. Minutes of the January 16, 2017, regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education
2. Minutes of the January 16, 2017, closed session meeting of the Board of Education
3. Minutes of the November 14, 2017, closed session meeting of the Board of Education
4. February 2018 bills payable
5. January 2018 financial report
6. January 31, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$460,778.67 and the February 15, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$426,458.05
7. Awarding the Middle School Boiler replacement contract bid to AMS Mechanical Systems
8. Expense of \$252.00 for 7 board members to attend the March West Cook Division meeting.

Future Agenda Items

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on [Tuesday, March 20, 2018](#), in the LRC at 1750 W. Plainfield Road, LaGrange, IL 60525.

- Student Services Update (March)
- RIF/Dismissals/Rehires (March)
- Quest Food Service Update (March)
- Services for Advanced Students Report (March/April)
- English Language (EL) Update (March/April)
- Budget Calendar Development (March/April)
- Summer Projects Report (March/April)
- Technology Purchase and Sale of Tech Assets (April)

Have comments for the Board of Education?
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