

BOARD BRIEFS

December 18, 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
Mrs. Amy Laskowski, Director of Student Support Services
Mr. Michael Papierski, Middle School Principal

Communications, Visitor(s) Comments and Participation

Dr. Viniard said the Holiday Card Challenge is an annual activity in which students are invited to submit holiday artwork which may be selected to decorate the Board's holiday card sent to staff and community members. This has evolved in recent years and is now open to all grades. There were many submissions showing wonderful holiday spirit and artistic creativity. The Board had a difficult decision, but four student winners were chosen. The Board congratulated and applauded Ginger B., grade 3 (Highlands Snow Globe); Sadie O., grade 4 (Family Outing Tree Lot); Matthew S., grade 8 (Snowman with Sweater); and Taylor T., grade 3 (Snow Moose). Each received a recognition award of their artwork. The winning designs and other artwork submitted will be posted on the district website and Facebook. The Board congratulated and thanked each artist for their winning submission.

Next, Mr. Graber introduced the kindergarten team and invited them to share how they support goal setting with kindergarten students. Throughout the slide presentation, the team showed how students are involved in developing an individualized goal, based on assessments started in May. The green circle graphic is child-friendly so students can visually see areas that have shown, or continue to need, growth. These growth areas (i.e.-social emotional learning, literacy, counting, recognition of upper/lower case letters, letter sounds) are individually chosen as an goal(s) each quarter. Action steps are set up for each goal, to help students understand why and what they are doing. The student creates a data folder presented at parent teacher conference. The Board thanked and congratulated the kindergarten team for this impressive work.

Reports

IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference Report

Dr. Viniard and Mr. Duback both attended the 2018 IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference. Dr. Viniard attended sessions focused on superintendent contract development, negotiations, and keynote speaker; the notes and handouts gathered were shared with the Board previously. Mr. Duback attended sessions focused on negotiations and site-based reporting, which will soon be new reporting requirements.

Concussion Committee Report

Dr. Viniard noted that three years ago a new state law was enacted regarding concussion protocols. The law requires that every school district have a concussion committee, that includes a doctor, that develops and monitors a district concussion plan. Highlands concussion committee meets at least once a year and met this year in early November. Protocols and data were reviewed, and there were no recommended changes. Return to Learn and Return to Play protocols are customized to each child based on his/her needs, symptoms, and effects. The district's concussion plan can be found on Highlands website. Click the link:

<http://xbox.district106.net/html/downloads/Health%20and%20Medical/Concussion%20Plan.pdf>

Outdoor Education Report

Mr. Papierski presented a summary of, and positive feedback regarding, the inaugural 5th grade Outdoor Education experience, which occurred in September at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. The three-day, two-night experience allowed students to encourage each other, problem solve, and collaborate with classmates within a variety of experiences. Students reported they learned many things, challenged and stretched themselves, and gained confidence. Staff and parent feedback was also very positive. Parent feedback included the following themes: beneficial experience, recommend for next year, and many positive interactions with teachers. Parents and teachers also provided valuable suggestions for future outdoor education experiences. Mr. Papierski thanked the Board for supporting this educational experience and the financial support; the net cost to the district was \$8,349.

Financial Forecasting

Mr. Duback highlighted a multi-year financial forecasting tool, which will allow the District to evaluate potential needs for upcoming years. This approach requires understanding that forecasts constantly evolve and are subject to change as assumptions become known. This process allows (1) the **Board** to evaluate multiple scenarios to consider the impact of future decisions, and (2) the **District** to plan for both controllable and uncontrollable situations.

Personnel

The Board accepted and approved the following:

- Employment recommendation, 1 crossing guard
- FMLA leave, 1.0 FTE elementary teacher

Your Board Approved:

1. The 2018 tax levy.
2. The resolution authorizing reduction of certain fund levies for the 2018 tax levy year.
3. The FY2018 annual audit, presented at the November 13th Board of Education meeting.
4. The resolution regarding the relationship between District 106 and the Township Treasurer Organization (TTO)
5. Minutes of the November 13, 2018, regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
6. Minutes of the November 13, 2018, closed session meeting of the Board of Education.
7. Minutes of the December 1, 2018, special scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
8. Minutes of the December 1, 2018, closed session meeting of the Board of Education.
9. Minutes of the December 5, 2018, special scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
10. Minutes of the December 5, 2018, closed session meeting of the Board of Education.

11. Minutes of the December 10, 2018, special scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
12. Minutes of the December 10, 2018, closed session meeting of the Board of Education.
13. Minutes of the December 12, 2018, special scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
14. Minutes of the December 12, 2018, closed session meeting of the Board of Education.
15. December 2018 bills payable.
16. November 2018 financial report.
17. November 30, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$426,826.82; and the December 14, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$416,213.23.
18. The recommendation of Closed Session minutes from May 15, 2018 through October 16, 2018.
19. The recommendation to destroy Closed Session audio tapes from January 17, 2017 through June 20, 2017.

Future Agenda Items

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, January 15, 2019**, in the LRC at 1750 W. Plainfield Road, LaGrange, IL 60525.

- Grand Avenue Daycare Rental Agreement (January)
- First reading of 2019-2020 School Calendar (January)
- Capital Projects/Roofing Update (January)
- Resolution to Designate a Person to Prepare the 2019-20 Preliminary Budget (January)

Have comments for the Board of Education?

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