

BOARD BRIEFS

May 21, 2019 Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Board of Education:

Mr. John Corcoran, President
Mrs. Lori Bryant, Vice President
Mrs. Natalie Watkins, Secretary
Mrs. Jennifer Dunleavy
Mrs. Jennifer Gusentine
Mrs. Laurie Scheer
Mr. Andy Taylor

Administration:

Dr. Patricia Viniard, Superintendent
Mrs. Ali Beiermeister, Director of Teaching & Learning
Mr. Michael Duback, Director of Operations/CSBO
Dr. 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

Highlands Middle School Whole Child Award

Dr. Viniard publicly recognized and congratulated Mr. Papierski and the Middle School staff for receiving the ASCD (Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development) *Whole Child Award* in the “Supported” category. Highlands Middle School is one of six schools in Illinois to receive the Whole Child Award. Mr. Papierski and the MS team received congratulations and applause for the efforts that led to this award.

Reports

Recommendation to Hire Elementary School Principal

Dr. Viniard reported there were nearly 70 applicants for the principal position. The selection process involved multiple interview rounds and the completion of performance tasks. Dr. Warke introduced the candidate selected to be the next Highlands Elementary School principal, Ms. Laura Magruder, and highlighted her many educational experiences. Ms. Magruder addressed the Board, expressing her thanks for the opportunity and noting the wonderful sense of community at Highlands. All present welcomed Ms. Magruder!

Facilities: Analysis of Reorganization & Summer Projects

Mr. Hoefling reviewed the reorganization of the Building and Grounds department approved last spring and provided an analysis of the changes. The Maintenance Engineer job description was modified to bring HVAC maintenance in-house, two outsourced night shift custodian positions were eliminated, and one new district custodian night shift position was added. The department changes have realized significant cost savings. Mr. Hoefling praised Mr. Curtis Alsip, Maintenance Engineer, for the excellent job he is doing. He also highlighted the 2019 summer projects to include mechanical equipment replacement, roof repairs, and a lighting project in conjunction with a ComEd incentive.

West Suburban Consortium for Academic Excellence (WSCAE) Report

Mrs. Beiermeister explained WSCAE provides extended learning opportunities to smaller districts that could not be provided otherwise. Highlands is one of fifteen school districts in the membership. Key

WSCAE activities in which Highlands students participate include: a Civic Weekend experience; a regional science fair hosted by Brookfield Zoo; an art show; a STEM class; and access to SAT and ACT assessments.

Updates/Discussions

Township Treasurer's Office Update (TTO)

Mr. Corcoran, Board president, stated there has been no recent activity of the Board presidents' group. He referred to a letter provided by the TTO outlining the annual billing information for each district. Highlands is at the lower end of the scale. There is still some question about how the TTO invests the districts' collective money.

Personnel

The Board accepted and approved the following:

- Resignations: **Melissa Donofrio**, .5 FTE Early Childhood paraprofessional; **Pam Herman**, .4 FTE Early Childhood paraprofessional; **Christine Phillip**, 1.0 FTE Middle School Social Studies teacher.
- Employment Recommendations: - **Jaelyn Alyinovich**, 1.0 FTE Kindergarten teacher, effective 8/19/19, replacing J. Murphy; **Erin Bernstein**, 1.0 FTE 1st grade Elementary teacher, effective 8/19/19, replacing J. Vaupell, who is transferring to ES Special Ed teacher; **Skylar Callis**, part-time Summer Tech Intern, effective 5/13/19 - 5/24/19; **Nora Driscoll**, 1.0 FTE 3rd grade Elementary teacher, effective 8/19/19 replacing K. Kovis; **Justyn Jost**, part-time Summer Tech Intern, effective 5/28/19 - 8/16/19; **Elliott Krause**, .67 FTE Middle school PE teacher, effective 8/19/19, replacing M. Forde; **Erick Lipkowski**, part-time Summer Tech Intern, effective 5/28/19 - 8/16/19; **Mitchell Preston**, part-time Summer Tech Intern, effective 5/28/19 - 8/16/19; **Natalie Smith**, 1.0 FTE Middle School Special Ed teacher, effective 8/19/19, replacing C. Martin, who is transferring to MS Inclusion Facilitator; **Dakota Spacek**, part-time Summer Custodian, effective approximately, 6/6/19 - 8/16/19; **Kristin Sullivan**, 1.0 FTE Elementary 1st grade teacher, effective 8/19/19 replacing J. Watkins; **Gabriel Zita**, part-time Summer Custodian, effective approximately, 6/6/19 - 8/16/19; **Laura Magruder**, 1.0 FTE Elementary school principal; and **2019 Summer School** staff/vendors.

Your Board Approved:

1. Minutes of the April 23, 2019, regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
2. Minutes of the April 23, 2019, closed session meeting of the Board of Education.
3. May 2019 bills payable.
4. April 2019 financial report.
5. The April 30, 2019, payroll in the amount of \$419,578.83 and the May 15, 2019, payroll in the amount of \$420,145.04.
6. One Freedom of Information Act request from an individual, James Holderman.
7. Revised Board policies.
8. The final 2018-2019 school calendar.
9. The revised 2019-2020 school calendar.
10. The 2019-20 cooperative paper award to Midland Paper Company.
11. Lauterbach and Amen, LLP to provide FY19 annual audit services.
12. The 2019-2021 food service contract to Quest Food Service and approved meal prices.

Future Agenda Items

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, June 18, 2019**, in the LRC at 1750 W. Plainfield Road, LaGrange, IL 60525.

- Personnel Review (May/June)
- Administration/ESP Salary Discussion (May/June)
- Ninth Grade Survey Report (May/June)
- Learning Walks (June)
- District Assessment Reports (June)
- Prevailing Wage (June)
- District Report Card (June)
- Resolution to Abate Funds (June)
- Approval of Contract(s) Over \$1000 (June)
- 2018-2019 Goals Report (June)
- ES/MS SIP Reports (June/July)
- Services for Advanced Students Report (July)
- 5Essentials Survey Results (When Available)

Have comments for the Board of Education?

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