

# BOARD BRIEFS

August 21, 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*

## Communications, Visitor(s) Comments and Participation

The leadership team introduced the new staff. Dr. Viniard and the Board gave the new Highlands staff members a warm welcome, a round of applause, and wishes for a successful school year.

## Reports

### Summer School Report

Mrs. Ali Beiermeister, Director of Teaching and Learning, and Mrs. Laskowski, Director of Student Services, reviewed the three summer programs--Summer Achievers, Enrichment Classes, and Band Camp--which ran from mid-June to mid-July. These programs provided students with instruction and/or enrichment opportunities. A total of 224 students participated in this year's very successful summer programs.

### Institute Days & Start of School Activities

Mrs. Ali Beiermeister reported the 2018-2019 school year opened with two institute days, August 20 and 21. Activities included a welcome back breakfast; welcoming remarks from Board president, Mr. Hiatt; greeting message from Dr. Viniard; faculty and team meetings; CPR training; and a full day devoted to Mental Health First Aid, presented by NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). Principals Mr. Brian Graber and Mr. Mike Papierski also highlighted the calendar of events for the beginning of the year through the first late start day on September 26.

### Summer Projects Update

Director of Facilities, Mr. Kent Hoefling, reported that the majority of the facility-related summer projects were successfully completed. A few projects are nearly complete, as we wait to finalize aspects or steps. The summer project expenditures were shared between FY18 and FY19 budgets.

### Enrollment & Staffing Report

Elementary principal Mr. Graber reported Highlands Elementary School's enrollment is up 29 students in grades 1-4, compared to last year at this time, in addition to 91 kindergarten students. He noted each grade level cohort is over 90 students. Highlands Middle School principal, Mr. Papierski, stated the

middle school's enrollment is down by 14 students compared to last year at this time. This is mainly due to a large 2018 graduating 8th grade class compared to the incoming 5th grade class.

### Annual Compensation Reports

Mr. Duback noted employee compensation reports for certified administrators and for certain IMRF (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund) participants are required to be posted annually, per school code. These compensation reports describe compensation for the 2018-19 school year, and they will be posted on the district website by the required deadline, October 1.

### **Personnel**

The Board accepted and approved the following:

- Employment recommendations for 1.0 FTE 5th grade teacher; 2 FTE paraprofessional; part-time lunch/recess monitor, and 1.0 FTE long-term substitute teacher through the last day of the 2018-19 school year
- FTE change from .9 FTE to 1.0 FTE for Spanish teacher.
- Resignations included 1.0 FTE elementary school paraprofessional and a part-time crossing guard and lunch/recess monitor
- Retirement of ES paraprofessional

### **Your Board Approved:**

1. The 2018-2019 Certified Staff Handbook.
2. The 2018-2019 Elementary Student Handbook.
3. The 2018-2019 Middle School Student Handbook.
4. The 2018-19 District Goals.
5. Minutes of the July 17, 2018, regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
6. Minutes of the July 17, 2018, closed session meeting of the Board of Education.
7. August 2018 bills payable.
8. July 2018 financial report.
9. July 31, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$142,537.70; and the August 15, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$108,831.71.
10. Two Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

### **Future Agenda Items**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, September 18, 2018**, in the LRC at 1750 W. Plainfield Road, LaGrange, IL 60525.

- PARCC Results Report (September)
- Public Hearing for FY 2019 Budget and Approval of FY 2019 Budget (September)
- Annual Approval of Recognition of School Applications (September)
- School Improvement Plans (September/October)

Have comments for the Board of Education?  
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