

BOARD BRIEFS

October 16, 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

There were no communications or comments from visitors.

Reports

Summer Projects Report

Mr. Kent Hoefling, Director of Facilities, presented a video which captured the scope of the summer projects across the district that were completed by the Buildings and Grounds staff (e.g., middle school boiler replacement, classroom space retrofit, parking lot work, roof repairs, elementary school playground preparation, gas pipe project). In addition, Mr. Hoefling publicly acknowledged each of the seven staff members in attendance and noted the number of years of service each person has had with the District, which totals close to 50 years! The Board members and Administrative team thanked them for their excellent work and made a number of complimentary comments.

Quarterly Finance Report

Mr. Michael Duback highlighted that on a monthly basis, financial summaries are presented to the Board and the community in the consent agenda of each Board meeting. Each quarter, though, a more detailed review is conducted to evaluate fiscal-year-to-date revenues and expenses. At the close of the fiscal year's first quarter on September 30, revenues-to-date are at 41% of budget, whereas the prior year was 42% at this point in the fiscal year. Expenditures-to-date are at 18% of budget, whereas the prior year was 19% at this point.

Staffing and FTE Updates

Mr. Duback presented historical data regarding staffing numbers, specifically, full-time equivalents (FTEs). Both the current staffing level and the current student enrollment are the highest seen in a decade. Mr. Duback noted several variables drive organizational staffing decisions, such as student enrollment, student needs (e.g., English Learners), and desired instructional models (e.g., co-teaching). The staffing level for the 2018-19 school year is 3.3 FTE higher than the previous year. The need for

an additional school nurse and additional Early Childhood Education section were driving factors in the need for the additional FTEs.

District Assessment Data Report

Mrs. Ali Beiermeister, Director of Teaching and Learning, reviewed district data for four assessments: the PARCC state assessment, Illinois Science Assessment (ISA), Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS), and NWEA MAP. Results on the PARCC, ISA and KIDS assessments were very strong and showed Highlands students scoring far above state averages. The national percentile rankings earned by Highlands students on the MAP assessment were exceptional.

Updates/Discussions

Township Treasurer's Office (TTO) Update

Mr. Bob Hiatt stated the District 102 Board president recently contacted other Board presidents in the TTO region, and he is in the process of setting up a meeting to discuss TTO-related issues and share insights. Board members asked if there was an update regarding the West 40 loan secured by the TTO via a short-term investment loan for collateral or if there has been any further response to the questions submitted jointly by local superintendents to Mr. Ken Getty, the Lyons Township School Treasurer. Dr. Viniard responded no to both inquiries.

Personnel

The Board accepted and approved the following:

- FMLA request for 1.0 FTE middle school paraprofessional

Your Board Approved:

1. Minutes of the September 18, 2018, regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
2. October 2018 bills payable.
3. September 2018 financial report.
4. September 28, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$416,642.76; and the October 15, 2018 payroll in the amount of \$432,504.52.

Future Agenda Items

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, November 13, 2018**, in the LRC at 1750 W. Plainfield Road, LaGrange, IL 60525.

- Outdoor Education Report (November)
- Proposed Tax Levy Presentation (November)
- Establish Public Hearing for Tax Levy (November)
- Acceptance of Annual Audit (November)
- Illinois School and District Report Card Reports (November)
- Finance Committee Update (November)
- IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference Report (December)
- Superintendent Search (Ongoing)

Have comments for the Board of Education?

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