

# BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**  
School District  
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At its Regular Meeting of **September 27, 2017** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of August 30, 2017.

The Board held a Public Hearing on the FY2018 Budget. Mr. Keeley, Assistant Superintendent for Business, offered a Power Point presentation of the Budget highlights. The proposed budget reflects the conditions of the community and current legislation. Much of the estimated revenue is based on projections, assumptions and known facts. The budget has been developed over many months with input from staff, the administration, and the Budget Committee.

The Board approved the Accounts Payable for the Month of September 2017.

The Board approved the Payroll for the Month of August 2017.

**Communications/Public Participation on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items:** None

## **Presentation – Mrs. Lina Guio, Principal of Lincoln Elementary School, Social Emotional Learning Initiatives**

- In collaboration with their Social Emotional Learning (SEL) mission, they recently held their second Ability Awareness Day at Lincoln.
- This day was presented by the Lincoln IPST Team and they had three stations set up for students to move through.
- A video was shown of different classrooms where students experienced these stations.
- Mrs. Guio thanked the Lincoln IPST Team, Director of Special Education Keri Karpman and the Support Systems 4 All Committee.
- Mr. Langton stated that several other schools in the district have modeled Lincoln's experience. He added that these types of experiences help students learn to navigate problems in life.

## **Committee Report:**

- Budget Committee Meeting on September 7, 2017 – Mr. Williams reported on this meeting:
  - The new Evidence-Based Funding Model (EBM) signed by the Governor should benefit District 4.
  - The pension cost shift was not included in the current FY18 Budget, since the State seems to have taken it off the table.
  - Mr. Keeley updated the committee on the in-progress of the 2017 Series Bond Refunding, which will be a cost savings to taxpayers.
- Intergovernmental Meeting on September 7, 2017 – Mr. Ruffolo reported on this meeting:
  - The Addison Fire Protection District will hold their annual Open House at Station H on October 7<sup>th</sup>; they also were notified of the approval of a \$200,000 federal grant.
  - The Addison Park District Fall Park Pride Event took place last Saturday and was a complete success, with 75 volunteers; the public pool is closed for good.
  - The Addison Public Library will offer the Free/Reduced lunch program for students on non-student attendance days at school; Perks & Possibilities is open; their Tutoring Program is providing snacks.
  - Addison Township is collecting Basics for Babies items for families suffering from flooding in Texas.

- The DuPage County Board (District 1) received a \$31 million federal grant for flooding.
- The production of Peter Pan will take place at AHS on October 19-21; Mark Turk was recently appointed to the DuPage High School District 88 School Board.
- The Village of Addison revealed that the Rockin' Wheels events this summer were a huge success; the Fall Fest will take place on 10/28; the Mayor's Ball will happen on 11/11; Tree Lighting will be on 12/1; the annual Shape of Addison will occur on 1/24; in the summer of 2018, there will be a total resurface of Army Trail Road between Mill and Lombard Roads, to include water main replacements.

### **Administrative Reports:**

Superintendent's Report – Mr. Langton reported on the following:

- Staff is keeping Twitter posts up to date, so he encouraged the Board to continue to check out our stories.
- A new parade will be held next summer, 8/26/18, in collaboration with the Village of Addison and Medinah Shriners; this is part of the Village's official celebration of the Bicentennial of the State of Illinois; following the parade, there will music and food events held on the Village Green and Historical Museum grounds; District 4 schools will participate in this event.
- A video was shown from last May's *Day of Champions* held in collaboration with the DuPage Regional Office of Education, several village Mayors and several school districts; this collaboration was a beginning attempt to provide understanding to students regarding the heroin epidemic and to be part of the solution; this topic will also be discussed at the upcoming Joint Board of Education meeting with Districts 4, 45, 48 and 88.

Assistant Superintendent for Business – Mr. Keeley reported on the following:

- In August, the Governor signed into law the new Evidence Based Model (EBM) of State Funding, which combines the former General State Aid and some of the Mandated Categorical Grants; there continues to be many questions about this model, but Mr. Keeley will continue to seek ways to learn more about it.
- Facilities Update – the draft 10-year Health and Life Safety Report was recently reviewed with Legat Architects; the Buildings and Grounds Committee will be meeting soon to develop an action plan to complete the necessary work identified by these inspections.
- A big thank you to the Budget Committee, the Administrative Team and Support Staff for the collaboration and dedication in completing the extremely complex Budget process.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – Mrs. Haney reported on the following:

- The first rotation of Late Start Mondays was recently completed; a survey will be sent to staff soon to gain feedback on recommendations to improve these days; one of the recent challenges is determining the most efficient way to communicate with our Para-Educator group.
- Our Educational Development Council (EDC) met this week to continue planning for upcoming Late Start Mondays, Early Release Days and the November Institute Day.
- 28 parents came to the September 26<sup>th</sup> Presentation by the Robert Crown Center for Health Education at Army Trail School; an overview of their human growth and development program was given to parents in preparation for the district's curriculum for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students; Robert Crown will be visiting each 5<sup>th</sup> grade classroom within the next week to provide consistent and accurate information on this subject.
- Recently, the winning 8<sup>th</sup> grade team from this summer's Innovation Alive Challenge was asked to share their experience at an event held at Pioneer Service in Addison; this event promoted the Science and Entrepreneurship's SPARK SHOP, which helps 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students increase their engagement in math and science; District 4 is hoping to pilot this program in the winter to determine its effectiveness with our students; many prominent educators, local business owners and members of local and state government were in

attendance at the reveal event; we hope to gain the support from these stakeholders so we can participate in this exciting opportunity.

- District 4 is on track with the State requirement for the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS); this year all Kindergarten teachers will collect evidence on 14 State Readiness Measures for every student during the first 40 days of school; teachers will enter the information in iPads and they have met with the regional KIDS' coach for support; data will be examined to determine areas of strength and needs for students.

#### **Action Items:**

- The Board accepted the District 4 Staff Resignation requests, as presented.
- The Board approved the District 4 Staff Employment/Reassignment requests, as presented.
- The Board approved the FY2018 District 4 Budget, as presented.
- The Board waived the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approved the Board Policy updates, as presented.
- The Board approved Resolution providing for the issue of \$2,905,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2017, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, authorizing the execution of an escrow agreement in connection with said refunding, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to MB Financial, as presented.

#### **Discussion Items:**

- Mr. Langton reminded the Board of the Special Joint Board Meeting with Districts 88, 45, 48 and 4 on October 12, 2017, at Empress Banquets in Addison.
- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, October 25, 2017 at Indian Trail Junior High School at 7:00p.m.
- The Joint Annual Conference (IASB/IASA/IASBO) will be held on November 17-19, 2017. Thanks to the Board for letting Mrs. Miller know of your status.
- Mr. Wartman informed the Board of recent Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests received from:
  - Miriam Smith, IN, IL and IA Foundation for Fair Contracting, with four pages of information, which took twenty minutes to prepare.
  - Gabriella Lauricella, Smartprocure.us, with twenty-seven pages of information, which took fifteen minutes to prepare.

These requests were responded to in a timely manner.

- Mr. Wartman noted that club/activity sponsor applications are due from teachers by October 2<sup>nd</sup>; these stipends are budgeted for teachers to implement clubs or activities for students and are offered in accordance with Appendix A of the Negotiated Agreement; this item will be brought to the Board for approval in the October meeting.
- Mr. Langton reminded the Board that the required Compensation Reports will be posted on the district website by October 1, 2017, in compliance with the required statute.
- Mr. Langton acknowledged and thanked the following donors for their donation to the Indian Trail Performing Arts Department:
  - Kristin Gross and Family – Merana Bb Trumpet
  - School & Community Assistance for Recycling & Composting Education (SCARCE) – 3 drum sets, 1 violin, cymbals and a cowbell
- Mr. Langton acknowledged the recently received grant from the Illinois Retired Teachers Association Foundation; this grant was pursued by Mr. Raymond Cannon, Indian Trail Performing Arts Department; the grant award was \$729.99 to upgrade their live board and sound components.

- Mr. Langton acknowledged the recently received contest winnings from DuPage Credit Union; the contest winner is Beth Lodhi, Special Education Teacher at Stone Elementary School; Beth won the grand prize of \$1,500.00 to be used for her classroom.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- The Administrative Team and Mr. Williams all recently attended the annual Law Conference; this conference was very informative and teaches administrators how they can comply with the Illinois statutes.
- Mr. Daniels noted that dinner/theater tickets are now on sale for the annual Partners for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation's fundraiser at Drury Lane Theater; the event will take place on 3/11/18 for the production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*; tickets are \$90 each.

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 8:22p.m.

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