

BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**
School District
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At its Regular Meeting of **October 26, 2016** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

Mr. Langton, Superintendent, recognized the members of the School Board on behalf of the Community, Staff and Students. Mr. Langton read a proclamation declaring November 15, 2016 as School Board Appreciation Day. Certificates, Garrett's popcorn and a laptop sleeve were presented to each Board member. Mr. Langton thanked the board members for the countless hours that they commit to, both at meetings, at home and in the community – all of which they are not compensated for.

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of September 28, 2016, and the Special Joint Board Meeting of October 18, 2016.

The Board approved the Accounts Payable for the Month of October 2016.

The Board approved the Payroll for the Month of September 2016.

Communications/Public Participation on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: three blue registration cards were submitted on non-agenda items:

- Glen Matthews, Stone and Indian Trail parent, submitted seven questions. Mr. Williams noted that due to the time restraints on public participation, his answers would be brief. He encouraged Mr. Matthews to make an appointment with District Administration for more in depth answers.
 - Why was tonight's Board meeting time changed from 7:00pm to 4:00pm when a large majority of the public for which you serve work until 5:00pm? The meeting time was changed due to the Cubs World Series game.
 - Why is District 4 the lowest in the county for instructional investments? This is a direct result of our tax base.
 - Is it true that the investment average is approximately \$8,500.00 per child? If so, what is the district's investment and why? District 4 spends \$9,900.00 per student for FY2016.
 - If more were invested through instruction, would it make the resources needed more available? Yes, more funds would mean more resources
 - Is it true there is approximately \$30,000,000 in surplus? There is much misinformation about fund balances; these funds provide between six and twelve months of operating costs should the district need them.
 - If this amount is correct, why? See answer above
 - Where can I obtain FOIA forms and information? There are no forms for FOIAs but information on how to submit a FOIA is listed on the district website.
- Joanne Ford, Stone and Indian Trail parent, submitted three questions:
 - What is the board doing to lower the turnover rate of teachers and encourage the longevity of teachers in our district? Mr. Wartman did an analysis and the average turnover rate is 36 in the last 13 years
 - Are we encouraging teachers to further their education and advance their expertise? Yes, the teachers have a provision for educational advancement.

- Are we fairly compensating teachers for their expertise and degree of compassion, knowledge, etc., that they bring to the classroom? Yes, we are currently right in the middle of gross teacher salaries in surrounding districts, as Mr. Langton called business officials himself.
- Janelle Bledsoe, Indian Trail teacher asked why base salaries are listed incorrectly on the district website's compensation report. Her salary is listed 6% higher than the actual base that she earns and would like this to be corrected. Mr. Langton stated that the total salary listed on the compensation report included stipends earned.

Presentation:

- Mrs. Donna Haney, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, made a presentation to the Board regarding the status of student achievement in Addison School District 4. Her report focused on both State and National perspectives, as well as an update on student growth data. These results will be used to create the District Improvement Plan and all the School Improvement Plans. These plans will be presented to the Board at the December 21, 2016 meeting. Mrs. Haney also addressed how the district will continue to support students and staff in the future under the district's Strategic Plan Goal #1 (Increase Teaching and Learning Support).

Mr. Daniels asked how much time students are currently spending out of the classroom while they are taking these assessments. Mrs. Haney noted MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) testing takes 50-60 minutes per session and the PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) testing takes one day. He also asked if these assessments were taken on the paper version or the electronic version. Mrs. Haney stated that both of these assessments are taken electronically.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Report – Mr. John Langton reported on the following:

- The federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is the replacement law for No Child Left Behind (NCLB). The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) will submit the required application to the federal government in March of 2017, for consideration to implement the tenants of ESSA in Illinois for the start of the 2017-2018 school year. ISBE is sponsoring a listening and feedback tour. The District 4 Leadership Team attended the tour regarding the first draft of Illinois' ESSA guidelines. It appears that if the Illinois plan is approved, there will be more flexibility in the use of the federal funds. However, the district is concerned that the use of a single state assessment which is only administered in English will continue to portray an inaccurate representation of the performance of school districts with larger enrollments of second language students.
- The Legislative Education Network of DuPage County (LEND) organization recently sponsored a School Funding Reform meeting, which Mr. Williams, Mr. Langton and Mrs. Boyan all attended. The presenters shared the difficulty of properly funding a plan where no school district would receive less revenue than what they are currently receiving. The Governor's Commission will continue to meet on this subject. The School Funding Adequacy model includes the statewide expectation for school districts serving low income and English learners to support teachers through coaching and professional development. Instructional coaching in District 4 will be investigated by Mrs. Haney for consideration in the future.

Assistant Superintendent for Business – Mrs. Marcy Boyan reported on the following:

- Families who participate in the National School Breakfast & Lunch Program need to re-enroll in the program to keep their eligibility.
- Facilities Update:
 - The drain line blockages at Indian Trail have been repaired. Plumbing access changes have been made in the process to ensure any similar future projects are significantly reduced.
 - The switch from cooling to heating recently took place in the district.
 - Preparations are underway for preparing equipment and plans for the winter season.

- A state auditor recently completed a review of the district's grant funding of 12 programs that span from the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years. These programs include General State Aid, Special Education, transportation, Early Childhood, Race to the Top and Title I, II, and III grants. The exit interview will take place on November 7, 2016, so an update will be provided to the Board in the November 30th Board meeting.
- The Business and Technology Departments have been researching different copiers and copier companies since the district's current copier lease will expire on December 27, 2016. Proposals were due in to the district today and a recommendation to the Board will be made in the November 30th Board meeting.

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

- The upcoming Early Release Day on October 28, 2016 will include staff meeting as grade levels, learning more about new science standards and pilot materials, as well as attending workshops and conferences outside of the district. She distributed an agenda for this day.
- Mrs. Lohse has been visiting the schools to meet with small groups of teachers regarding the use of Microsoft OneNote, to allow teachers to learn and practice with support.
- Ms. Elizabeth Lynch of the Addison Public Library collaborated with District 4 to provide two programs to our students. The first is for Indian Trail students who spend one lunch period per week listening to Ms. Lynch read novels. In addition, each month after school, Ms. Lynch and her team will also provide a hands on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) project for Indian Trail students.
- The Educational Development Council (EDC) is in the process of planning the November 21st Institute Day. The morning will focus on ability awareness and the afternoon will include break-out sessions where staff can choose one or two sessions to attend.
- In compliance with state requirements, two of our kindergarten teachers are implementing the Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) to a portion of their students. This survey is one way to collect data to support instruction.
- For the December 21, 2016 Board of Education meeting, the Curriculum Department will be seeking the Board's approval for the District Improvement Plan (DIP) and the School Improvement Plans (SIPs) for all schools.

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 Club/Activity sponsor applications for the 2016-2017 school year, as presented.
- The Board approved the Resolution for Estimated Amounts for the 2016 Tax Levy, as presented.
- The Board approved the Contract Service for Electrical Energy Supply, as presented.
- The Board accepted the 2015-2016 Annual Financial Report (AFR), as presented.

Discussion Items:

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, November 30, 2016 and will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Indian Trail Junior High School.
- The Joint Annual Conference (IASB/IASA/IASBO) will take place on November 18-20, 2016.
- Mr. Wartman responded to a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request in a timely manner.
- Mr. Langton noted that each Board member received a hardcopy of the Illinois Association of School Boards' (IASB) Report to the Membership. He asked them to review the proposals and give feedback to Mr. Williams, the Board Delegate.
- Mr. Langton acknowledged a donation of less than \$2,500.00, as presented.

Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business:

- The Science & Entrepreneurship Exchange (SEE) recently approached the village mayor to see if the Addison Community would be interested in participating in a summer project where approximately 20 students entering 8th grade would take part in a competitive manufacturing competition. The students would participate in a month long camp where they would develop a product in collaboration with Addison manufacturing partners. So far, six of these partners are seriously considering helping with this endeavor, both financially and also as mentors to the students. The district attorney is currently reviewing the contract with SEE. Mr. Langton is excited about the potential for both short and long term goals.
- Mr. Williams noted that an article and photos of the Addison Children's Center are included in the Metropolitan Family Services' Annual Report. He has a copy if anyone is interested in viewing it.
- Mr. Langton thanked the 7th grade students from Indian Trail Junior High School for the lovely artwork hanging in the Board Room. These students are under the direction of art teachers Ms. Heather Pintz and Mr. Brant Biba.

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 5:35p.m.

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