

BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**
School District
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At its Regular Meeting of **November 30, 2016** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of October 26, 2016 and the Special and Closed Session Meetings of November 2, 2016.

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

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

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

Presentation:

- Mrs. Marcy Boyan, Assistant Superintendent for Business, made a presentation to the Board regarding the Final 2016 Tax Levy. 66% of the total revenue for Addison School District 4 is attributed to property taxes and fees. The district is proposing a 2.5% increase. This percentage would not require a public hearing since the levy would be less than 5%. Levy calculations are based upon Consumer Price Index (CPI), New Construction (outside the Tax Cap), the adjustment from the initial levy, and the Equalized Assessed Valuation (EAV). However, both New Construction and the EAV amounts will not be available until spring. Due to this current unknown factor, the levy is estimated slightly higher. This will not negatively affect taxpayers. Mrs. Boyan will ask the Board to approve the Final Tax Levy during the Action portion of the meeting.

Committee Report:

- The Intergovernmental Meeting was held on November 10, 2016:
 - Mr. Ruffolo noted some of the highlights from that meeting:
 - The Addison Fire Protection District recently purchased ballistic vests.
 - The Park District hired a new Finance Director, Andre Pendig; the Golf Dome is now open.
 - The Addison Public Library noted that the Homework Help Tutoring Program continues to grow; they have eliminated late fees/fines in an effort to remove barriers to library usage; they have scholarships available for the Career Online High School Program.
 - Addison Trail High School announced the annual *Tradition of Excellence Award* winner, Dr. Christopher Colletta (class of 1990); the Addison Library is hosting SAT preparation courses.
 - The Village of Addison will hold its annual Tree Lighting on December 2nd at 5:00p.m.; the Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center (ACDC) will open in one year and will be serving 15 communities; The Shape of Addison event will be held on January 25, 2017.

Administrative Reports:

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

- Many thanks to Mr. Block and the Village of Addison for responding quickly to an IT staff member's request for ADA accessibility sidewalks around Indian Trail Junior High School; this project will be corrected sometime soon.
- Another thank you to the Village of Addison for inviting all of the taxing bodies in Addison to their annual TIF (Tax Increment Financing) meeting, as many communities do not do this.

- Thank you to the Board of Education’s bargaining team who spent countless hours planning and preparing, deliberating and ultimately bargaining to ensure a reasonable contract for the members of the Addison Teachers’ Association. The contract will be voted on later in this meeting.
- The saga of the Illinois Budget talks continues without much progress. However, the Governor has reduced his list of forty demands down to four. No answers are expected in the near future, but Mr. Langton will continue to keep the Board informed of any changes or progress.
- The District’s Administrative Team will be attending another meeting tomorrow, regarding the next draft of every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) guidelines.

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

- Addison School District 4 has met all of the legal requirements for the posting of the FY2016 Annual Statement of Affairs.
- Facilities Update:
 - The annual inspections of our facilities by the Regional Office of Education were completed with successful results; findings were minor and easy to remedy
- Technology Update:
 - The district is receiving 278 desktop computers and monitors through a government program called Computers for Learning; these computers will replace our older computer lab equipment in the elementary school and a portion of the Indian Trail labs
 - The Cat 6 network cabling project is about 85% complete and is progressing well
 - A Storage Area Network (SAN) device was recently installed to provide greater storage and faster data access.
 - The security camera project is well underway and should be completed in three weeks.
- The state recently audited the district’s state and federal grants over a two-year period; corrective action plans will be put in place once the final report is received.

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

- At the November Institute Day, staff members participated in team building activities, learned about Ability Awareness, and attended sessions of their choice from a field of twenty different sessions that were led by administrators, staff members and outside experts; survey responses have been very positive; Mr. Langton thanked Mrs. Haney and her team for all the work that went in to this day
- Various curriculum committees will continue work in December on the following:
 - Literacy will focus on creating a writing process
 - Math will work together with support staff on the implementation of the Balanced Math Framework
 - Science will spend time on documents to support the implementation of the new NGSS standards and the pilot materials
 - Social Studies will learn more about their new standards
- Technology Update:
 - New computers were recently delivered to our Techxpert classrooms. Of these classrooms, KDG-Grade 2 received 1 device for each two students and Grades 3-8 received devices for all students.
 - Many classrooms have begun setting up Class Notebooks for their students using Microsoft Office 365 OneNote
 - Some of the sessions offered at the November 21st Institute Day included creating movies using green screen technology, creating books on iPads, creating comics, maximizing the use of our Discovery Education account and an introduction to LIGHTBOX (a new program for e-books)
 - Four of the Grade 3-8 Techxpert classrooms will be piloting a new interactive presentation software program called *Explain Everything*

- Likewise, four of the KDG-Grade 2 Techxpert classrooms are piloting *SeeSaw*, an online digital portfolio program used to share students' work with their parents.
- The IOS system was recently updated on all of the district's iPads; additional learning tools were also added

Action Items:

- The Board accepted the District 4 Staff Resignation requests, as presented.
- The Board approved the District 4 Employment requests, as presented.
- The Board approved the Final 2016 Tax Levy, as presented.
- The Board approved the New Copier Lease and Maintenance Agreement with Impact Networking, as presented.
- The Board approved the 2016-2019 Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Addison Teachers' Association (ATA), as presented.

Discussion Items:

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, December 21, 2016 and will take place at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Indian Trail Junior High School. Mr. Langton reminded the Board of the meeting time change.
- Mr. Wartman responded to two FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests in a timely manner.
- Mr. Langton notified the Board of the forthcoming Shape of Addison Town Hall Meeting, to be held on January 25, 2017, at 7:00p.m. at the Village Hall.
- Mr. Langton acknowledged a donation of four gently used iPads from Apple, valued around \$700.00.
- Mr. Langton asked the Board if they had any questions on the final report of the district's Annual Financial Report.
- Mr. Williams asked the Board to share their experiences at the recent Joint Annual Conference.

Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Langton thanked the students of Stone and Wesley schools for the lovely artwork displayed in the Board room. These students are under the direction of Denise Ghidorzi.

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 9:00p.m.

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