

# BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**  
School District  
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At its Regular Meeting of **December 20, 2017** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of November 29, 2017.

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

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

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

**Presentation** – Extra-Curricular Opportunities at Ardmore School, Mrs. Janet Diaz, Principal

- Extra-curriculars related to how students are being prepared to be “high school ready”.
- Students express themselves, learn to be creative, develop relationships, work both independently and in small groups, experience enrichment, learn positivity, learn new skills, learn to be leaders, and are supported socially and emotionally.
- Some of the clubs/activities being held at Ardmore School are: Art Club, Brick-4-Kids, Kindness Club, Student Council, Textile Club, Safety Patrol and Mats & Mindfulness.
- All of these activities allow for opportunities for students.

Mr. Langton thanked Mrs. Diaz and the Ardmore Staff for the appropriate topics, unique ideas and making these opportunities available to students.

**Committee Report – Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting of November 29, 2017** – Mr. Ruffolo reported on the following:

- The outdoor rubberized flooring was completed at the AELC over Thanksgiving Break.
- The committee is reviewing options for new Board Room furniture.
- A 10-year old Facilities’ truck will be equipped with a new engine.
- The Network Wiring and Projector Mounting project continues.
- The BAS (Building Automation System) wiring also continues and will result in a more efficient and controllable system.
- The Fullerton front office is being renovated.
- Parts of the District Office are being renovated.
- Secure vestibules will be completed at Army Trail and Fullerton in the summer of 2018.
- Paving will take place in the summer of 2018 at Army Trail, Indian Trail, Lake Park, Lincoln, Stone and Fullerton.
- Doors throughout the district are not in compliance, per the Life Safety Report; work will take place in the summer of 2018 or the summer of 2019.
- Additional playground equipment will be added at Fullerton during the summer of 2018.
- An update will be coming soon to the Board regarding the vacant Facilities Engineering Manager’s position.

## **Administrative Reports:**

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

- District goal setting is on schedule; the district leadership team is in the process of developing key questions to be used for a stakeholder's survey.
- The T-Mobile grant opportunity that was being pursued turned out to be not as beneficial as was first thought; this opportunity is cost prohibitive, so the district will not pursue the grant; the district will continue to pursue opportunities for students to access the Internet; once again, a question regarding Internet service will be placed on the student registration form.
- A wish for Happy Holidays was extended to the Board, employees and families in the district; the District Office will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of the two weeks during Winter Break.

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

- Facilities Update:
  - A meeting was held with Legat Architects to begin the design process for renovations to secure vestibules at Lake Park, Lincoln and Stone; the existing design at Army Trail and Fullerton's vestibules was also reviewed; in January, 2018, the Buildings & Grounds Committee will meet to review the draft plans and costs; the project will take place in the summer of 2018.
- A settlement has been reached with Wisthoff Fitness regarding the Indian Trail spin bikes that were purchased in 2016; the vendor did not deliver the specified product and the District has been pursuing a legal remedy since that time; formal settlement documents will be brought to the Board in January for their approval.
- Annual Addison Tax Increment Financing (TIF) meeting recently took place; the following TIFs are currently on record:
  - Michael Lane Area – this TIF is expiring at the end of 2017, resulting in the district capturing additional tax revenue;
  - Town Center Area – this TIF expires in 2029

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

- Winter testing will take place in January, to include the ACCESS test, MAP testing and Fountas & Pinnell (F&P) benchmarking.
- FOSS Science materials are meeting the best needs of our Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students; Kindergarten through Gr. 2 materials were given to the district on consignment and will be purchased in FY18 at a reduced rate; more professional development is needed from Delta/FOSS to assist with the challenge of completing all of the investigations in a timely manner.
- Presentation of the District Improvement Plan (DIP) and individual School Improvement Plans (SIPs) and what the goals and actions plans will be for each school, along with the entire district; the process was reviewed; the Board will consider approval of these plans during the Action portion of this meeting.

## **Action Items:**

- The Board accepted the District 4 Staff Resignation requests, as presented.
- The Board accepted the District 4 Educational Support Personnel (ESP) Dismissals, as presented.
- The Board approved the District 4 Staff Employment requests, as presented.
- The Board approved the District Improvement Plan (DIP) and School Improvement Plans (SIPs) for all Schools, as presented.

- The Board approved the Amendment to the Contract with First Student for General Education Transportation Services, as presented.

**Discussion Items:**

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, January 31, 2018 and will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Indian Trail Junior High School.
- The following FOIA requests were received and were responded to in a timely manner:
  - From Stephen Chichelli, SmartProcure, with 56 pages of information, which took 30 minutes to prepare.
- Mr. Langton recently met with the Addison Public Library to develop an Intergovernmental Agreement to collaborate on serving the students of our district; the Board viewed the draft agreement and Mr. Langton will seek approval from the Board when the agreement is finalized.
- Mr. Langton presented a draft copy to the Board of the School Calendar for 2018-2019; He will be presenting the final calendar for approval in the January 31, 2018 board meeting; he will be reviewing this proposal with Principals, the Addison Teachers' Association and the Addison Council of PTAs; he asked the Board for their feedback and will present an approval request to the Board in their January Board meeting.
- Mr. Wartman presented draft versions of the staff seniority lists, which are used for the purpose of Senate Bill 7, the Performance Evaluation Reform Act (PERA) and Reduction in Force; a request for approval will be presented to the Board at their February meeting.
- The Dare to Dream Conference for 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Latinas will take place on Saturday, January 13, 2018 at College of DuPage.

**Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business:**

- Mr. Langton thanked the students from Indian Trail Junior High for the lovely artwork displayed in the Board Room. These students are under the direction of Brant Biba and Heather Pintz.

The December 20, 2017 Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 6:01p.m.

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