

BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**
School District
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At its Reorganizational Meeting of **April 26, 2017** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular and Closed Session meetings of March 22, 2017.

The Board recognized Mr. Taso Triantafillos for his four years of service on the Addison School District 4 Board of Education. Mr. Triantafillos has previously served on the Budget Committee and the Intergovernmental Committee.

Mr. Serge Ruffolo, Board Secretary, read the vote totals released to the District by the DuPage County Election Commission. The totals showed that the following members would be seated on the Board: Mr. Zack Frangidakis (1,394 votes), Mr. John Daniels (1,695 votes), Mr. Jeremiah Lange (1,432 votes) and Mr. Rudy Aranda (1,414 votes).

The newly elected Board members were seated. Mr. Langton, Superintendent, administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected and currently seated Board members. The Board adjourned Sine Die.

The Board reconvened and appointed Mr. Langton as President Pro-tem. Mr. Langton called for nominations from the Board for the office of President for a two year term. Mr. Williams was nominated and approved unanimously. Mr. Williams, President-elect, called for nominations for the office of Vice-President for a two year term. Mr. Towns was nominated and approved unanimously. Mr. Williams called for nominations from the Board for the office of Secretary for a two year term. Mr. Ruffolo was nominated and approved unanimously.

The Board ratified Policies, Meeting Dates and Times, and Actions of the previous Board of Education.

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

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

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

Presentations:

- Transitioning 5th Grade Students to Indian Trail Junior High School – Mr. Craig Bennett
 - Grade 5 Family Nights are held at each elementary school for students and parents.
 - A 6th grade Orientation Night is held at Indian Trail for students and parents consisting of four rotations:
 - Academics
 - Exploratory classes
 - PE/Athletics
 - Clubs/Activities
 - 5th grade classroom visits also take place at each elementary school to discuss structure and expectations.
 - For students with IEPs, transition meetings are held with individual teachers to set up proactive measures.
 - Schedule pickup days will occur August 8, 9 and 10:

- Students pickup their schedule of classes and are able to walk through the building to get acclimated.
 - Fall Pictures are taken.
 - School Supplies can be purchased/picked up.
 - PE Uniforms and locks are distributed.
- Preparing these students is important, so they will receive a string bag, an assignment notebook and be encouraged to use a color coded folder system.
- There are many ways that the school communicates with families, including Skyward Family Access, a weekly email blast, individual teacher web pages, the *Trail Talk* newsletter, an All Call when needed and Twitter.
- Data proves that students will be successful if they get involved in Athletics, Clubs and Activities.
- Addison Early Childhood Collaborative (AECC) – Mrs. Mary Haley and Mr. Chuck Wartman
 - In existence since 2012 and the first in DuPage County, the Collaborative strives to meet the needs of families with young children aged birth to five years old.
 - The Collaborative includes over 50 community partners.
 - They are funded by grants through the DuPage Foundation and Metropolitan Family Services.
 - Many of their programs include an annual Resource Fair, Parent meetings, Parent Councils at Preschools, TV segments on the local access channel and a Kindergarten Symposium.
 - Their desire is to work toward improving Kindergarten readiness for all families.
 - The need includes families living below the poverty level, low income, limited English proficiency and the necessity for Special Education.
 - In the future, the Collaborative plans to:
 - Work with other DuPage Collaboratives for the common purpose.
 - Increase their visibility within the Village of Addison through additional ACTV segments and participation in the Summer Concert Series.
 - Establish relationships with local employers and pediatricians.

Committee Report: Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting of April 12, 2017 – Mr. Ruffolo reported on the following:

- The recent installation of the Indian Trail Commons HVAC unit.
- Taking corrective action on the recent 10 Year Life Safety Survey.
- A summer paving project at Indian Trail, Fullerton and Army Trail.
- Researching a cost savings for split HVAC systems in the district.
- Continuing with securing vestibules, planned next for Fullerton and Army Trail Schools.
- Updating playground equipment at Fullerton School.

Administrative Reports:

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

- Mrs. Marcy Boyan has resigned her position as Chief School Business Official to accept the same position in Naperville Unit School District 203; Mr. Langton thanked her for 8 years of quality service, including many financial and operational improvements.
- Eleven of 23 applicants have been interviewed; many thanks to Mr. Wartman for his help with this process.
- Three finalists will be interviewed this coming Friday, and references are being checked.
- A candidate recommendation will be made to the Board in the May 31, 2017 meeting.

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

- With interest rates at current levels, the district has an opportunity to reduce interest rates on School Bonds from 2008; a refunding this fall could result in taxpayer savings of \$90,000 and would be a good faith action on behalf of the community.
- Technology Department Updates:
 - Upgrade the operating system on the two phone servers.
 - Replace three end of life routers for the phone system at Indian Trail, Lincoln and Lake Park schools.
 - Upgrade network cabling in certain classrooms at Indian Trail, Lake Park, Lincoln, Stone, Wesley and Army Trail.
- The district’s food service management company, Arbor Management, recently brought in an informative “Ask the Dietician” presentation at Indian Trail; this included a display booth, handouts and trivia.
- The first Mandated Categorical Payment of \$867,000 was recently received from the state; this payment is part of a \$2 million payment that is expected; remaining payments will likely occur at June 30th as part of the next fiscal year.
- Facilities Updates:
 - The recent installation of the Indian Trail Commons HVAC unit went well.
- Talks continue in Springfield regarding a Property Tax Freeze; this could mean a \$4 million loss over five years for our district.
- The original intercom and bell system at Stone School has died; there are no parts available for repair and a replacement unit is classified as urgent; wireless is being considered and a recommendation to the Board will be coming soon.

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

- Spring assessments will be completed soon; data received from these benchmarks determine growth throughout the year.
- Staff will be participating in an Early Release Day on May 5th to include grade/team level articulation, cross grade level articulation and book studies; a draft agenda was distributed to the Board.
- Planning is underway for summer Curriculum Committee work.
- Pilot materials used this year from Activate Learning have resulted in many challenges from the Activate Learning Customer Service Department. This has resulted in a large credit to our district. The Science Committee is currently reviewing new pilot materials from FOSS and the committee will meet in May to determine next steps.
- Mrs. Kim Lohse, Director of Education and Information Technology, shared a technology update that included developments and opportunities from this school year, as well as the following recommendations for the upcoming three years ahead:
 - 2017-2018 – expand laptops for grades 1,4 and 7 (approximately 1420 computers) and add two full-time media center teachers; additional licensing costs and access to Google G-Suite; continue to offer professional development during late-start Mondays, Early Dismissal days and through voluntary after-school sessions or video tutorials.
 - 2018-2019 – expand laptops for grades 2, 5 and 8 (approximately 1420 computers)
 - 2019-2020 – expand laptops for grades K, 3 and 6 (approximately 1420 computers)

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 established the end of the school year 2016-2017 as Wednesday, June 7th for students and Thursday, June 8th for teachers.
- The Board approved the Resolution to Declassify Closed Session Minutes and destroy Closed Session audio recordings, as presented.
- The Board approved the 2017 Paving Repairs Project, as presented.

Discussion Items:

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, May 31, 2017 and will take place at 7:00p.m. in the Board Room of the Addison Village Hall.
- Mr. Wartman updated the Board on Kindergarten Registration, as well as Returning Students' Registration.
- Board committee reorganization will be considered for the May 31st Board meeting; board members should let Mr. Williams know if they would like to make a change in committees, or simply stay put.
- The District 4 Retirement Dinner will take place on Thursday, May 4, 2017, at 4:00p.m. at Empress Banquets.
- Indian Trail Junior High School Promotional Exercises will take place on Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at Addison Trail High School.
- A reminder that Statement of Economic Interest forms are due online to the DuPage County Clerk's Office by May 1, 2017.
- Mr. Wartman presented the 1st Reading of Board Policy Updates.

Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Langton noted that the beautiful artwork hanging in the Board Room was completed by students at Army Trail School, under the direction of Carrie Zatarski.

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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