

BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**
School District
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At its Regular Meeting of **December 19, 2018** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Closed and Regular Session Meetings of November 28, 2018.

The Board approved the Accounts Payable for the Month of December 2018.

The Board approved the Payroll for the Month of November 2018.

Communications/Public Participation on Agenda Items: None

Presentation – Building Relationships at Wesley School, Mrs. Katie Purse, Principal

- This school year #House4Wesley was established to help build relationships. On October 5, 2018 students found out which house they were randomly assigned to; red, orange, yellow, green, blue, or purple. Each house has a mixture of students from each grade.
- These houses will help build relationships among students outside of the typical grade level and classroom structures. Kids will also benefit by having a sense of belonging, mentor opportunities, and collaborative competition.
- The houses are a staff led initiative, are connected to SEL initiatives, and are aligned to school wide reading, math, and behavior goals.
- In November students had a collaborative competition for the most reading minutes logged, in December students will participate in house holiday sing along, and in January which ever house collects the most Wildcat Ca\$h will get to plan the PBIS whole school reward.

Mrs. Haney asked if the students will remain in the same houses next year or if they will be randomly reassigned again. Mrs. Purse said that she will need to discuss this with her team at the end of the school year. She also shared that students have not complained about being randomly assigned and being in different houses than their friends.

Administrative Reports:

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

- The 5 Year Goals Mid-Year update, along with the original 2018-2023 Goals and Action Plan, are available on the school district's website under "District" and "Strategic Plan".
- Here are a couple of highlights that showcase the accomplishments so far this school year:
 - Goal 1: To provide rigorous and relevant learning opportunities
 - Mrs. Haney hosted a Learning Spaces Summit with staff to discuss ideas for innovative learning spaces and necessary resources to enhance students' learning opportunities.
 - We opened two new prevention initiative classes for our birth to three year olds. These were made available through collaboration with Metropolitan Family Services and funded through the Prevention Initiative (PI) Grant through the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).

- Goal 2: To provide the necessary social/emotional supports for all
 - Student safety has been increased with the addition of secure vestibules at 5 of our schools and will continue to Indian Trail in the summer.
 - The district's School Safety & Crisis Committee has reviewed and updated safety plans.
 - We applied for and were awarded a grant for the BluePoint Alert System and that will be installed next summer.
- Goal 3: To operate with fiscal responsibility
 - We passed a balanced budget and will continue to work within our means.
 - Mr. Keeley is working with our food service company to address any dissatisfaction and receive feedback from students, so we can consider any needed changes.
- Goal 4: To enhance community engagement
 - A Parent Advisory Council was established at the Early Learning Center.

We will provide the board with an end of the year update.

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

- Custodial Services – Bid was published on December 13, 2018 and a mandatory pre-bid meeting will take place on December 20, 2018. The bid opening will take place on January 15, 2019.
- As part of the Evidence-Based Funding legislation, the state established the Property Tax Relief Grant as a mechanism to reduce the local tax payers' burden of school funding, shifting a portion of it to this state grant program. For Addison School District 4, this figure is 74.7%. The total funding available during the first year of the program is \$50,000,000 statewide. Awards will be made in order Unit Equivalent Tax Rate (UETR) and will continue until the funding is depleted. Of the 851 Districts eligible for this grant, ASD4 is 683rd based on this calculation. In other words, ASD4 would only receive the award if the \$50million in grant money was not depleted by grant awards to the 682 districts ahead of us in line.
- The annual TIF meeting took place on December 11, 2018 at Village Hall. Tax year 2017 updates for each are summarized below.
 - Michael Lane TIF (expired)
 - \$652,000 transferred to the Town Center TIF
 - Town Center Area TIF (expires 2029)
 - Continued investment in festival ground improvements
 - Limited additional projects forthcoming
- June, July and August's Treasurer's Reports have been amended due to the Board transferring funds at the end of the fiscal year. When the Business Department received the final audit they amended these documents. The bottom line fund balance remains the same, the only thing that changed is that the capital projects funds are now properly classified.

Mr. Daniels asked about the impact of receiving the Property Tax Relief Grant. Mr. Keeley shared that if we received the grant we would not be losing our taxing capacity and there would be no impact on our future funding.

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

- Our January 7, 2019 Institute Day will be building based and the activities will focus around school improvement plans, an ALiCe refresher, and technology presentations.
- Winter MAP testing will be finished on Friday and the data will be accessible to staff during the January 7 Institute Day. Dual Language and ESL students will take the ACCESS exam and the results will be received in the Spring. After winter break, our kindergarten students will be benchmarked using Fountas and Pinnell.

- The Winter Book Study #PDintheCold is about to begin. Staff can choose to read “Kids Deserve It”, “Teach Like a Pirate” or an independent study book. Flipgrid will be used once again and the study will culminate with a district Twitter chat.
- Our 5th grade students participated in a Wonder Day after reading the book. All 5th grade students got together to participate in activities related to kindness.

Mr. Ruffolo asked about the next ALiCE training date. Mr. Langton shared that the next full training will not be until August with our New Teacher Orientation.

Action Items:

- The Board accepted the District 4 Staff Resignation request, as presented.
- The Board approved the District 4 Staff Employment requests, as presented.
- The Board accepted the 2017-2018 Annual Financial Report (AFR), as presented.
- The Board authorized the Assistant Superintendent/CSBO to finalize and sign the contract with Andy Frain for Crossing Guard Services, as presented.
- Mrs. Haney presented the details of the District Improvement Plan and each school’s School Improvement Plans. The Board then approved the District Improvement Plan (DIP) and School Improvement Plans (SIPs) for all Schools, as presented.

Discussion Items:

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, January 30, 2019 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 Theresa Yoon, SEIU Local 1, with 152 pages of information, which took 10 minutes to prepare.
- Mr. Langton presented a draft copy to the Board of the School Calendar for 2019-2020; He will be presenting the final calendar for approval in the January 30, 2019 board meeting; he asked the Board for their feedback and will present an approval request to the Board in their January Board meeting. There is a change and this calendar reflects 176 student attendance days due to the requirements of the State of Illinois. To add that day, students will be in session on what use to be the teacher workday and that will be an early dismissal day.
- Mr. Langton shared a draft of the 2019-2020 student fee schedule, as well as the fee history. A recommendation for approval will be brought to the January 30, 2019 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 the January meeting.
- The Dare to Dream Conference for 8th Grade Latinas will take place on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at College of DuPage.
- 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.
- Mr. Langton shared a thank you card from the band students to the Board for their continued support.

Communications/Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items: None

Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business: None

The Board went into closed session to discuss personnel and litigation. No action was necessitated by closed session.

The December 19, 2018 Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 6:33p.m. /cs