

BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**
School District
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At its Regular Meeting of **August 31, 2016** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of July 20, 2016.

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

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

Communications/Public Participation on Agenda and Non-Agenda Items:

- Carolina Bonilla, Indian Trail, Lake Park and Addison Early Learning Center parent, asked why Minutes are not posted after each Board meeting. Mr. Williams noted that the Board Meeting Minutes need to be approved by the Board at the following month's meeting before they can be posted.

Mrs. Bonilla also questioned when the Board will look into a new food service program, such as Aramark. Mr. Williams stated that several months ago, the district went out to bid on Food Service. Arbor Management was the low bidder and we have a five-year contract with them. Mr. Williams, Mr. Triantafillos and Mr. Langton all tried Arbor's lunch and the quality was good. Mr. Langton added that Aramark did submit a bid, but was not the low bidder. Also, due to the federal Free and Reduced lunch program, federal commodities are required and the diet is mandated. Less sodium is now being used, so students do not like the food's taste as well. If there are any concerns about the quality of the food, contact Mrs. Boyan and it will be remedied.

- April Kledzinski, Lake Park and Addison Early Learning Center parent, expressed disappointment with the cancellation of the Lake Park Meet and Greet event. Mr. Langton stated that this is not a district mandate, but a school based decision of the Building Leadership Team. It was suggested that perhaps the event had to be cancelled due to the wiring upgrades going on at Lake Park.

Mrs. Kledzinski also questioned why Spanish is not offered to English speaking students, in order to advance language skills (besides Technology skills). Mr. Williams noted that those resources are only available right now at the junior high level. Dr. Gomez, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, stated that the Bi-literacy program made some changes this year in the district. In addition, a two way Dual Language program has been investigated and will be introduced in two schools for kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year. The names of those two schools will be announced in January, 2017.

Presentation:

- Mrs. Kim Lohse, Director of Education & Information Technology, made a presentation to the Board regarding the district's Technology Plan Update. Here is a summary of her presentation:
 - One of the district's goals for this school year is STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math), since students need to develop skills and know how to problem solve. These are critical to classroom success and also essential skills for the workplace.
 - Therefore, a proposal to increase Technology devices was presented.
 - The Technology Goals for 2016-2019 will include:

- All teachers will utilize technology enhance, engage and personalize student learning to prepare students for college and career readiness.
- Ensure equitable access to technology for students in PreK-8th grade.
- Review and assess current technology programming.
- Increase parent understanding of technology use and safety; enhance communication to parents through the use of technology.

Committee Report:

- Mr. Ruffolo stated that a Buildings & Grounds meeting was just held today and a complete set of Minutes will be reported on in the September 28, 2016 meeting. However, he discussed a few items with the Board:
 - Wooden portions of the Fullerton School playground were removed due to being unsafe; other options are being considered.
 - Ardmore School facility space challenges were discussed.
 - The Indian Trail Library needs improved lighting and additional air flow and ceiling fans.
- Mr. Williams, Board President, reported on the Budget Committee Meeting of August 23, 2016:
 - Budget enhancements and adjustments were discussed since the preliminary Budget was presented in June, 2016.
 - The General State Aid allocation for FY2017 and the number of FTEs planned for the school year were both increased, along with anticipated spending.
 - The final Budget will be presented in the September 28, 2016 Board meeting.

Administrative Reports:

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

- Congratulations to the Early Learning Staff on their recent receipt of the Gold Circle of Quality bestowed by the Illinois State Board of Education. Not many districts throughout the State achieve this level. Mr. Wartman added that there are higher levels to shoot for in the future.
- Illinois legislators passed Senate Bill 100 last year, which enhances the guidelines that school districts are required to follow when suspending a student from school. District 4 Administrators participated in training on August 5th with our legal firm. The district's suspension practices are already aligned with SB100. The only change suggested by the firm was to revise parent/guardian notification letters. Administrators have already received those updated letters.
- A new Food Allergy Management Program has been established in the district, which is required by school board policy 7:285. This program will eliminate food being brought into school by students for birthdays or holidays.
- Many thanks to Village Manager, Joe Block, and the Village of Addison for completing further improvements to Ardmore Avenue near Ardmore School. This includes widening the street south of the school and the addition of sidewalks on the west side both north and south of the school. This has greatly improved safety for Ardmore students.

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

- The district's financial auditors were in the district August 22-26, 2016, collecting data for the FY16 Annual Financial Report. Report results will be available by early November.
- Student transportation routes were established in early August based upon students who registered last spring. However, many routes had to be added due to late registrants.
- The district recently met the deadline for federal contributions to the Healthcare Reform PCORI fee. This is a trust fund to research evidence-based medicine and assist patients, clinicians and policy-makers in making good decisions with healthcare. This contribution is part of the Affordable Care Act.

- A Facilities Update revealed a variety of many summer projects that have been completed.
 - Recently completed work in the district includes:
 - District paving and sidewalk repairs at Indian Trail, Stone, Fullerton and Army Trail schools.
 - HVAC project in the round building of Indian Trail.
 - New magnetic white boards, removal of chalkboards, installation of LED lighting, and mounting projectors on the ceilings occurred at Ardmore, Fullerton and Army Trail schools.
 - Domestic water piping upgrades at Wesley, Stone and Army Trail schools.
 - The electrical thermal scan of all panels throughout the district; several items have been identified as areas to address in the near future.
 - The completion of the Lake Park reading room.
 - The cabling has all been pulled for the elementary schools' new security cameras.
 - A new computer lab at Indian Trail.

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

- During the opening two Institute Days, many learning activities were had by all, including:
 - STEAM initiatives
 - SEL initiatives
 - New science pilot materials
 - Grade level/department articulation
 - New music curriculum, Quaver
 - New PE curriculum, FitStats
 - Technology
 - Special Education initiatives

Following the two Institute Days, a Teacher Collaboration Day was held. Staff feedback from these activities will be brought to the Educational Development Council to guide in planning future opportunities.

- Licensed staff members will participate in a review of the Student Learning Profile, Gradebook, Office 365, and STARNET professional development during the first Early Release Day on September 9, 2016. Paraprofessionals will participate in SEL activities.
- Implementation of the new science pilot will take place on October 1, 2016. However, the district is still waiting for the vendor, Activate Learning, to complete the delivery of all needed materials.
- Since there is a direct correlation between brain activity and printing, kindergarten teachers will implement a new program, Handwriting Without Tears. Learning to form letters correctly positively impacts fine motor skills and upper body strength.
- Approximately 100 staff members recently were trained on MENTA, which focuses on de-escalation skills through verbal problem solving with student versus physical management.

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 Recognition of Tenure of Licensed Staff, as presented.
- The Board approved the Donation in Excess of \$2,500, as presented.

Discussion Items:

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at Indian Trail Junior High School at 7:00p.m.
- Mr. Langton gave the Board an update on the sixth day enrollment figures. He is currently watching fifteen hotspots where class size exceeds the current Negotiated Agreement. Mr. Wartman is reviewing these

situations and will make the necessary changes. The possibility of adding additional Paraprofessionals is also included in the current agreement.

- Mr. Langton and Mr. Ruffolo are reviewing Closed Session Minutes to be considered for declassification. Recommendations will be acted on in the September 28, 2016 meeting. Board Policy 2:220 dictates this. Audio recordings that are more than eighteen months old will also be destroyed, if the Minutes have been approved and declassified.
- Mr. Wartman responded to four recent FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests in a timely manner.
- The Joint Annual Conference (IASA/IASB/IASBO) will be held on November 18-20, 2016. Mr. Langton thanked the Board members in advance for their participation. More information will be coming soon.
- Board Policy updates were given to the Board. Mr. Daniels, Mr. Lange and Mr. Aranda made recommendations to the Board and approval will be sought in the September 28, 2016 Board meeting.
- Mr. Langton acknowledged and thanked the organizations that have recently made donations (less than \$2,500.00) to District 4.
- Mr. Langton reminded the Board that the State required Compensation Report will be acted on during the September Board meeting and will be posted on the district website by October 1st.

Miscellaneous Business: None

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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