

BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**
School District
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At its Regular Meeting of **February 28, 2018**, the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of January 31, 2018.

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

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

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

Presentations:

- **Stone School Stands For... - Ms. Cristina Ardizzone, Principal, Stone Elementary School**
 - Ms. Ardizzone thanked the Board of Education and her staff for their support.
 - Students and Staff:
 - Their goal is to promote positive school climate through their PBIS program.
 - Team Building:
 - Their goal is to focus on building stronger relationships through Cool Tools, Staff team building activities, *All About Me* and Stone Student Voice.
 - Opportunities:
 - There are many opportunities to join clubs.
 - Additionally, the collaboration with the *Salt Creek Ballet* presents a great opportunity.
 - Noteworthy:
 - Their school is recognized through social media, newspapers and via their great events.
 - Engaging:
 - Students have been engaged through Technology, Math Boot Camp and the “What I Need” intervention block.

- **Technology Update – Mrs. Kim Lohse, Director of Education & Information Technology**
 - Accomplishments in the 2017-2018 school year:
 - Chromebooks rollout for students in grades 1, 4, and 7.
 - Professional Development for teachers.
 - Library Resource Center staff provides troubleshooting on site.
 - Improvement of Home & School Connection (through student videos).
 - Looking ahead to the 2018-2019 school year:
 - Chromebook rollout for students in grades 2, 5, 8 and all self-contained classes; she would like to also include grade 6 so that all junior high students will be equipped.
 - Placing interactive projectors at the Early Learning Center.
 - Continue with Professional Development for teachers.
 - Look to add three more tech support teachers.
 - Teaching staff to pilot new staff devices.
 - Realigning curriculum to fit in these tools (apps, programs, etc.).

- Practice Digital Citizenship.
- Staff support for student learning (ICE Conference).
- Looking forward to the 2019-2020 school year:
 - Chromebook rollout for students in Kindergarten and grade 3.
 - Continue with Professional Development for teachers.
 - Teacher device refresh.
 - Convert tech labs to makerspaces.

Mr. Ruffolo asked if grades K and 3 Chromebooks could be rolled out next year to complete the district rollout. Mrs. Lohse stated that Professional Development for staff must also be supported in conjunction with the rollout, as it is critical. Mr. Langton noted that this idea could be revisited by providing a time/cost estimate before the March Board meeting.

Committee Reports:

- Mr. Williams gave the Board information on the recent Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND) meeting of February 23, 2018:
 - LEND has a new website and he encouraged the Board to check it out.
 - Organizational changes are being made at LEND.
- Mr. Williams reported on the Budget Committee meeting of February 28, 2018, where the following was discussed:
 - A 5-year budget projection based on the new Evidence Based Model (EBM) of school funding; included in this projection is extensive renovations to the district's aging buildings; the Buildings & Grounds Committee will be looking at this recommendation.
 - A realignment of investments to bring in more return.

Administrative Reports:

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

- In light of the recent school shooting in Florida, he reassured the community, employees and students that we take school safety very seriously and that our schools are best prepared; the annual school safety audit was recently completed and action plans are being developed to address the audit deficiencies; secure vestibules will be addressed beginning this summer; crisis response training, ALiCE, is being considered for re-training staff and students to ensure complete understanding of how to respond in a crisis.
- Principal interviews for qualified candidates are being scheduled; the principal vacancy for Army Trail School resulted from Mr. Martello's upcoming retirement; a final candidate recommendation will be presented to the Board at their March 21st meeting.
- Dr. Joe Patricelli, former District 4 Principal, recently passed away; he made an impact on many local families during his 40 years plus at District 4.

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

- Kudos to the Facilities Department for their tireless efforts related to snow removal during the February 9th snowstorm.
- The initial design development phase has been completed for the 4 summer 2018 projects and they will be moving onto the bidding phase. Contracts for these projects will be presented to the Board at their March 21st meeting.
- Planning is already underway for summer 2019 construction; the Buildings & Grounds Committee will be reviewing plans at their next meeting and a formal proposal will be presented to the Board at their March 21st meeting.

- The Insurance Advisory Board recently met regarding the transition of insurance to EBC Cooperative. July 1st is the date that this change takes effect.

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

- Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 1st from 12:45-3:30p.m. for elementary schools, and 12:30-3:00p.m. for Indian Trail.
- The annual ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) State Conference recently took place in Chicago with many district administrators attending. Dr. Lisa Black-Gomez and Keri Karpman were presenters at the conference for a breakout session titled *Identifying and Meeting the Needs of the Whole Student*. Many thanks to Lisa and Keri.
- 25 staff members recently attended the Illinois Computing Educators (ICE) Conference; these staff members came back with great ideas and a fresh perspective on how we need to prepare our students to be future ready.
- The 2017 Illinois Science Assessment (ISA) results have been released. Our 5th and 8th grade students scored closely to other students statewide. Individual student reports were sent home to the current 6th grade class.

Action Items:

- The Board accepted the District 4 Staff Resignation requests, as presented.
- The Board approved the District 4 Staff Employment requests, as presented.
- The Board authorized the Assistant Superintendent for Business to begin the Tentative Budget process for FY2019, as presented.
- The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Addison Public Library, as presented.
- The Board waived the second reading and approved the Board Policy Updates, as presented.
- The Board rejected the District Office S-4 HVAC Project Bids, as presented.

Discussion Items:

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, March 21, 2018 and will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Indian Trail Junior High School.
- Mr. Wartman responded to a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request in a timely manner.
- Mr. Wartman reminded the Board that Kindergarten registration for 2018-2019 will take place in the Army Trail School gym on Friday, March 9, 2018 (8-11a.m. & 12-3p.m.), Thursday, March 22, 2018 (4-7p.m.) and Wednesday, April 4, 2018 (4-7p.m.). Kindergarten registration packets are available in all buildings. Registration packets for students currently enrolled will take place from April 4th through May 7th. Residency night will take place on April 26th.
- The Board of Education is reviewing the proposed Board Meeting dates for 2018-2019 and will take action on this item during the March 21, 2018 meeting.
- Mr. Langton also announced the upcoming District 4 Educational Foundation for Excellence Fun Fair on Friday, April 13, 2018, from 5-8p.m. at Indian Trail Junior High School.
- Mr. Keeley discussed the annual Post-Issuance Tax Compliance Report with the Board.

Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Langton noted that the beautiful artwork hanging in the Board Room was completed by students at Fullerton School, under the direction of Ms. Lisa Struc.

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 8:20p.m.

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