

# BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**  
School District  
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At its Regular Meeting of **August 30, 2017** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of July 26, 2017.

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

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

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

## **Presentation:**

- Mrs. Katie Purse, Principal of Wesley Elementary School, made a presentation to the Board about the *Ten Things you should know about Wesley School*:
  - They are not the baby school, but a “little slice of heaven on the west side of town”.
  - They tell their stories via weekly email blasts, weekly posts on their school website, social media posts, *School Messenger* voice mail reminders, newsletters, blogs, online web groups and more.
  - According to the *Panorama Survey*, they are very proud of their culture, which was well established last year.
  - Everyone participates to make them great, including building committees, office staff, Education Support Personnel (ESP), licensed staff and Administration.
  - They LOVE the new improvements to their school, such as wireless mics, basketball nets/backboards, classroom lighting/whiteboards, new teacher desks, and an office makeover. Thank you to the Board of Education for supporting Wesley.
  - Wesley’s Student Council is a BIG contributor, both at Wesley and out in the community.
  - They work together with the PTA to be able to offer parties, dances, social functions and assemblies.
  - They have many new initiatives for this school year. These include Number Talks, Reading Is Fun, Class Meetings focusing on Social Emotional Learning, Technology Integration, Professional Development for ESPs, Student Goal Setting and Parent Engagement.
  - They are helping the community get to know their staff by posting staff bios on their website.
  - They are #WILD4WESLEY, an important part of #ASD4ALL!!

## **Administrative Reports:**

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

- A huge thank you to Mrs. Purse for her great presentation. He reminded the Board of their request to have these presentations monthly.
- Wow, it was a great start to the new school year with much enthusiasm. Positive attitudes and careful planning contributed to this.
- Another thank you to the Educational Development Council (EDC), who helped plan the Institute Days’ programming. The all staff program at Medinah Shriners Banquets began with a “pep rally-like” environment. Following the excitement, keynote speaker Joe Sanfelippo helped staff to understand the importance of sharing the success of our students to a larger audience through the use of social media, podcasting, etc. He is so proud

of the entire District 4 staff, as they are embracing this concept and the power of WE are #ASD4ALL. He asked the Board to spend some time looking at Twitter feeds from staff. District 4 is blossoming!

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

- The district surprisingly recently received payments 3 of 4 of Mandated Categoricals (MCAT) from the 2016-2017 fiscal year. However, the State still owes District 4 \$1.3 million in MCAT funding from FY16-17. The legislature continues to seek a resolution to the 2017-2018 funding stalemate. On August 31<sup>st</sup>, all will be waiting and watching for the Governor to sign SB1947. This accomplishment would allow General State Aid (GSA) payments to be disbursed.
- He is pleased to report that on the opening day of school, most buses were on time and arrived at all schools as expected. Many thanks to Gina Grabowski, Business Information Specialist, for her collaboration with the district bus company, *First Student*, to accomplish this feat. In general, there continues to be a shortage of bus drivers.
- The first of three Insurance Advisory Board (IAB) meetings will take place on October 4<sup>th</sup>. This group will work together to identify ways to improve benefit offerings and identify efficiencies within the program. The IAB has also announced the district's annual wellness screenings have been moved from the spring to the fall, in order to offer flu vaccinations. The screenings will take place on October 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Facilities Department put their efforts into overdrive this summer, in order to be ready for school's opening day. A list of detailed list of their efforts was given to the Board.

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

- During the first Institute Day, staff was able to spend time in their buildings working with principals on school initiatives and later meeting with grade levels/teams/departments to discuss instructional information. Staff was also provided an opportunity to view the solar eclipse. Another round of thanks to EDC, Joe Sanfelippo and all who worked together to make the all staff Institute Day a huge success. Dr. Sanfelippo was also able to visit each school and have conversations with staff about how important it is to celebrate and share our stories.
- A schedule of the curriculum committee meetings was distributed to the Board. EDC will continue planning for Late Start Mondays, Early Release Days and Institute Days for all staff members, aligning with district initiatives and building needs.
- This summer, principals and six other staff members were trained to become certified Crisis Prevention Institute (CPI) trainers. In turn, approximately 90 staff members were then trained in CPI by these trainers. CPI replaces the former MENTA training. The Board was given a summary/philosophy of CPI. Mr. Langton thanked Keri Karpman for overseeing these events. Training the trainers is less expensive and we are the only NDSEC district currently doing this practice.
- The Technology Department is completing an inventory of the new student technology devices for grade 1, 4 and 7. The next step will be to get the web filtering up and running and test it out. Professional Development for teachers will begin in early October, prior to deployment. A comparison of estimated hardware and licensing costs versus the actual costs was presented to the Board. The actual costs came in significantly lower than the estimates.

#### **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 Student Technology Guidelines and Fee Recommendation, as presented.
- The Board approved the Donation in Excess of \$2,500, as presented.

- The Board approved the 2017-2018 Dues for the Legislative Education Network of DuPage (LEND), as presented.

**Discussion Items:**

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at Indian Trail Junior High School at 7:00p.m.
- Mr. Wartman gave the Board an update on the sixth day enrollment figures. These figures reveal a slight downward trend in enrollment. He is watching a couple of “hot spots”, including high enrollment in Kindergarten at Army Trail School.
- Mr. Langton announced that the Addison Early Childhood Collaborative (AECC) will hold its annual Fall Family Fair on September 21, 2017. (The fair was formerly called the Family Resource Fair.)
- Mr. Wartman responded to four recent FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests in a timely manner.
- Mr. Langton acknowledged volunteers from the Domtar Corporation, who recently helped with summer projects in the district.
- The first reading of 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 27, 2017 Board meeting.
- Mr. Langton acknowledged and thanked the organizations that have recently made school supply donations to the district, including:
  - Women of Peace from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
  - SWD, Inc.
  - George and Chris Ellefsen
- Mr. Langton acknowledged and thanked a group of licensed staff that applied for and were recently awarded Ecolab grants totaling over \$20,000.00.
- 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 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- Kevin Olickal, representative from State Representative Deb Conroy’s office, was in attendance. The aide asked those in attendance to reach out to Representative Conroy’s office, if you have questions or concerns.

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 8:10p.m.

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