

BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**
School District
ADDISON | ILLINOIS | SINCE 1842

At its Regular Meeting of **November 29, 2017** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of October 25, 2017.

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

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

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

Presentation:

- Ms. Deb Martello, Principal of Army Trail School, made a presentation to the Board highlighting their Science curriculum:
 - This program is different than traditional methods and involves 8 science and engineering practices
 - The program is fully aligned to the new Next Generation Science Standards
 - The focus is to engage, explore, explain, elaborate and evaluate
 - It shifts away from students' sitting and memorizing and is more "hands on"
 - Teachers facilitate a group discussion
 - The students are really enjoying this program

Committee Report:

- The Intergovernmental Meeting was held on November 10, 2016 and Mr. Ruffolo noted some of the highlights from that meeting:
 - The Addison Fire Protection District will hold their *Shop with a Hero* event on December 16th.
 - The Addison Public Library has a new scholarship available for GEDs.
 - The Addison Township is going to be expanding their Food Pantry early next year.
 - The DuPage County Board reported that unemployment is at a low 4.4%.
 - Addison Trail High School recently held their College Fair, which included over 80 schools.
 - State Representative Kathy Willis will hold "office hours" at the Addison Library on December 5th.
 - The Village of Addison Tree Lighting will take place on December 1st.
 - The Village will be replacing intersection street signs with lighted signs.

Administrative Reports:

Superintendent Report – Mr. Chuck Wartman reported on the following, in Superintendent Langton's absence:

- The first draft of the 2018-2019 School Calendar is being developed; once the draft is complete, it will be shared with school principals, the Addison Council PTA and the Addison Teachers' Association; the final draft recommendation will be presented to the Board and discussed on December 20th with a final recommendation coming to the Board for a vote in the January 31st meeting.
- The District Leadership Team has developed areas of focus in preparation for district goal setting; these areas of focus were presented in draft to the Board; a survey will be developed and sent to all district stakeholders following winter break.

- Many thanks to all who contributed to the ASD4 Educational Foundation's participation in the annual Mayor's charity ball; the Foundation earned \$6,524, which is \$1,600 more than last year and was the second largest grossing non-for-profit of the twenty that participated; a special thank you goes out to Diane Junokas for her tireless efforts in organizing this and to Tim Keeley for his efforts to solicit support from our vendors.
- The Addison Early Childhood Collaborative continues their strong work in our community; the Collaborative developed a Kindergarten readiness resource that was shared with the Board and will be made available to the families of the district's birth to five-year old children.
- Please remember to continue monitoring all of the great activities in our school by following #ASD4ALL.

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

- The Facilities Engineering Manager position was posted on November 15th and an update to the Board will be given before their December meeting; kudos to the Facilities Department staff for their dedication to the students in the district by picking up the slack during this transition period.
- A new software module will be added to Skyward next school year to help with the tracking all student payments.
- Mr. Langton, Mr. Keeley and the Addison Police Department recently met to discuss installing stop-arm cameras on all buses; data will be collected and reviewed in order to establish a plan to carry out this campaign.
- The State House recently passed a property tax freeze bill, but the bill did not come up for vote in the Senate.

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

- At the November Institute Day, staff members participated in team building activities and attended sessions of their choice from a field of different sessions that were led by administrators, staff members and outside experts; food trucks provided lunch, but the lines were long; the afternoon consisted of grade level/department/building focus, as staff collaborated and learned together; many thanks to the Educational Development Council (EDC) and all of the presenters.
- Curriculum committees will be meeting in December to continue their work in Math, Literacy and Social Science; EDC will continue making plans for future Early Release Days, Late Start Mondays and the March Institute Day.
- Technology Update - Chromebook deployment for grades 1, 4 and 7 was completed on October 31st; teachers and students are actively using their Chromebooks and there has been positive feedback; Professional Development is continuing.
- State Report Cards for each school, as well as the district summary were distributed to Board members for review; there were no significant changes in assessment scores from the previous year.

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 approved the Final 2017 Tax Levy, as presented.
- The Board approved the Network and Projector Mounting Bid Recommendation with Applied Communications, as presented.
- The Board approved the 10-year Health Life Safety Audit, as presented.
- The Board approved the Resolution to Declassify Closed Session Minutes and destroy Closed Session Audio Recordings, as presented.

Discussion Items:

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, December 20, 2017 and will take place at **5:00 p.m.** in the Board Room of Indian Trail Junior High School. Mr. Williams reminded the Board of the meeting time change.
- Mr. William notified the Board of the forthcoming Shape of Addison Town Hall Meeting, to be held on January 24, 2018, at 7:00p.m. at the Village Hall.
- The Board shared their experiences at the recent Joint Annual Conference.

Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Wartman thanked the students of Lincoln school for the lovely artwork displayed in the Board room. These students are under the direction of Korinne Ostojic.

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 8:03p.m.

/jm