

# BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**  
School District  
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At its Regular Meeting of **September 28, 2016** the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board held a Public Hearing on the FY2017 Budget. Mrs. Boyan, Assistant Superintendent for Business, offered a Power Point presentation of the Budget highlights. The proposed budget reflects the conditions of the community and current legislation. Much of the estimated revenue is based on projections, assumptions and known facts. The budget has been developed over many months with input from staff, the administration, and the Budget Committee.

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular and Closed Session Meetings of August 31, 2016.

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

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

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

- One blue card was sent forward from a community member regarding a non-agenda item:
  - Maricela Wesby noticed that there are many new/young teachers in the district. She wanted to know what the turnover rate is and what the average tenure is. Mr. Wartman, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services, responded that there are 42 new staff members for this school year and there were 40 new staff members last school year. He did not have the specifics on the turnover rate, but will follow up with Ms. Wesby. He also noted that teaching staff left the district for a number of reasons including retirement, moving out of state, and other employment related to salary and benefits. In addition, a few new programs were implemented in the district, requiring more staff to be hired.

## **Committee Report:**

- Buildings & Grounds Meeting of August 31, 2016 - Mr. Ruffolo, Committee Chair, informed the board that he had given an overview of the meeting at the last Board meeting in August.

## **Administrative Reports:**

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

- Two new residential developments within District 4 have been approved by the Village of Addison:
  - Woodland Estates, at the corner of Rohlwing Road and Woodland Avenue, will consist of 14 town homes scheduled to be available for occupancy by next summer; these homes fall into the Stone Elementary School attendance area.
  - Enclave on Mill Creek, at the corner of Mill Road and Army Trail Road, will include single family homes; these homes would be in the Wesley Elementary School attendance boundaries.

This is good news, as it shows that our economy is improving.

- A reminder to the community regarding the upcoming April 2017 Consolidated Election, including the election of Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District officials. The terms of four of the District 4 School Board's current members (Aranda, Daniels, Lange, Triantafillos) will expire with this election.

Election materials are now available on the DuPage County Election Commission website for any community member that is interested in running for one of the four 4-year terms. Required paperwork must be filed with the Election Commission between December 12-19, 2016.

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

- Facilities Update:
  - A sewer line repair in the gym 2 boys' locker room at Indian Trail Junior High has been a huge challenge, due to decades of items either being flushed in toilets or placed into floor drains. After several attempts to remedy this situation, it was decided to utilize a camera to prepare for a large project that will involve excavating floor space to make the needed repairs.
- A state auditor is currently in the district office reviewing grant funding of 12 programs that span from the 2014-2015 and 2015-2016 fiscal years. These programs include General State Aid, Special Education, transportation, Early Childhood, Race to the Top and Title I, II, and III grants.
- Recently, she, Mr. Langton and Mike Kucko met with their E-Rate consultant to review funding and planning objectives for the upcoming FY17 funding year. The district participates annually in this funding program.

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction – In Mrs. Haney's absence, Mr. Langton reported on the following:

- On the September 9<sup>th</sup> Early Release Day, licensed staff members participated in many learning activities including Student Learning Profile refresher training, Office 365 training, SANDI Assessment training, STARNET Training, Social Skills implementation and Balanced Literacy and Math Framework activities. Para Educators also attended and participated in Social Emotional Learning activities.
- 50 parents came to the September 27<sup>th</sup> Presentation by the Robert Crown Center for Health Education at Army Trail School. An overview of their human growth and development program was given to parents in preparation for the district's curriculum for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- An exciting new program, *Songwriting with Kids*, will be presented to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students in the district. Students will actually write a song and perform it at an all school assembly. Songs typically focus on Social Emotional topics such as character building and anti-bullying. This program works into the district's STEAM and SEL focus for this school year.
- A unique opportunity has been presented to the Village of Addison and Addison School District 4 by the Science & Entrepreneurship Exchange (SEE) for 18 eligible middle school students to participate in the *Innovation Alive Challenge*. These students will participate in project-based learning experiences with professional and university mentors. An important component of the program is to partner with local manufacturing businesses, both financially and to mentor these students. The students would actually develop a product and then enter it into a competition with other communities. District 4 is hosting an informational breakfast on Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Local manufacturing firms have been invited to hear a presentation from the SEE. Student ambassadors will also lead a tour of Indian Trail with two classroom visits included.
- The Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS) will be a new state required assessment for Kindergarten students. Two teachers in District 4 are currently piloting the survey. Data collected will include Relationships and Social Interactions, Communication Skills, Phonological Awareness, Number Sense and Fine Motor Skills. Requirements and implementation information will be coming in the future.
- The District 88 Compact group met recently for the purpose of collaboration and efficiency. This group consists of the high school district and the 3 elementary feeder districts that feed into the high schools.

At this time, Mr. Langton asked that the Board move to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing Personnel. A motion was presented and approved for the Board to go into Closed Session. No official business was conducted in the Closed Session.

The Board returned from Closed Session and a motion was presented and approved to move to Open Session.

**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 FY2017 District 4 Budget, as presented.
- The Board approved the Application for Recognition of Schools, as presented.
- The Board approved the resolution to declassify Closed Session minutes and destroy Closed Session audio recordings, as presented.
- The Board waived the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and approved the Board Policy updated, as presented.

**Discussion Items:**

- Mr. Langton notified the Board of the Joint Board Meeting with Districts 88, 45, 48 and 4 on October 18, 2016. The presentation will be from Gary Howard on Equity and Cultural Competence.
- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at Indian Trail Junior High School at 7:00p.m.
- The Joint Annual Conference (IASB/IASA/IASBO) will be held on November 18-20, 2016. Registrations and reservations have been made. Thanks to the Board for getting their information to Mrs. Miller.
- Mr. Wartman noted that club/activity sponsor applications are due from teachers by October 3rd. These stipends are budgeted for teachers to implement clubs or activities for students and are offered in accordance with Appendix A of the Negotiated Agreement. This item will be brought to the Board for approval in the October meeting.
- Board Policy 6:235 on Internet Safety was reviewed by the Board.
- The Board acknowledged two asset disposals of district property.
- Changes to the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) DuPage Division has made some changes to their bylaws. The Board should let Mr. Williams or Mr. Langton know if they have any questions.
- Mr. Langton reminded the Board that the required Compensation Reports will be posted on the district website by October 1, 2016, in compliance with the required statute.
- Mr. Langton acknowledged and thanked the ADP Corporation in Elk Grove Village on their recent donation of 30 new books to the Army Trail Elementary School library.

**Miscellaneous Business:**

- Mr. Langton congratulated Mr. Aranda on his upcoming run at the Chicago Marathon in October.

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 8:15p.m.

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