

BOARD BRIEFS



Addison **4**
School District
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At its Regular Meeting of **January 31, 2018**, the Board of Education conducted the following business:

The Board approved the Minutes of the Regular Session Meeting of December 20, 2017.

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

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

Presentation:

- Pay It Forward – Jack Andrews, Special Education Teacher and Pay It Forward Sponsor from Addison Trail High School, along with student directors, Bianca Piscopo and Holly Schwartz, gave a brief explanation of their “Pay It Forward” program to the Board. This 12-hour program is going to be held Saturday, February 17, 2018, from 8:00a.m. to 8:00p.m., and includes three meals. District 4 provides the lunch. This annual student-led event is considered the Freshman Orientation and inspires Gr. 8 students (from Indian Trail Junior High and area private schools) to become involved at Addison Trail High School. The goal is to collaborate between the elementary students and the high school students. The cost is \$20.00 and there are scholarships available. The high school will promote the event at Indian Trail Junior High this Friday, February 2, 2018. Mr. Ruffolo thanked the high school for this program to make students feel comfortable and safe.
- Blended Program Model – Dr. Erin Alexander, Principal of Addison Early Learning Center (AELC), thanked the board for the wonderful space the AELC provides and the opportunity to present to the Board. The school layout has added twenty minutes of instructional time to their programs. Four programs are currently running at the AELC: Preschool for All, Preschool Expansion, Early Childhood and Intensive Intervention. Dr. Alexander explained the programs and how they differ, yet are the same in many ways – hence, the Blended model. Families are engaging through an app. The AELC programs have been monitored by the state and the school is a Gold rated school (top rating).

Committee Reports:

- Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting of January 23, 2018 – Mr. Serge Ruffolo, Chair, reported on this meeting:
 - Secure vestibules are needed at Army Trail, Fullerton, Lake Park, Lincoln and Stone Schools. The Board will vote this evening on the architect’s package for this summer project. Bids will follow and be brought to the Board in March.
 - Larson Engineering is working on design schematics and project cost estimates for the Building Automation System (BAS). Tentatively, the schedule shows bid publication in early February, seeking Board approval at their February 28th meeting.
 - The District Office air-handling unit will be replaced, with bids for the project going out in February.
 - Project cost estimates will be coming soon for the Summer Paving Project scheduled for Army Trail, Indian Trail, Lincoln, Lake Park and Stone.

Administrative Reports:

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

- Many thanks to all stakeholders that participated in the ASD4 Goal Setting Survey. The next step will be for the Board and Administrators to meet to develop five-year goals that will address priorities.
- He provided the Board with an update on his 2017-2018 Superintendent Goals/Action Plans. Another update will be coming in late spring.
- Congratulations to Alex Scimeca-Knierim and her husband Chris for being the sole figure skating pair from the United States to represent our country in the Winter Olympics in South Korea. Alexa is a District 4 alumni and her mom, Tina, is a current 3rd grade teacher at Army Trail School. The district is participating in a Red, White and Blue theme day to show support for Alexa.

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

- Welcome to Robert Zummallen as the district's Interim Facilities Engineering Manager. Robert has over 40 years in the facilities and construction industries, the last 15 of which have been in the K-12 arena. He is a great asset to the district, making the transition to a permanent position on July 1st very smooth.
- The final Consumer Price Index (CPI) rate for 2017 was 2.1%. The 2018 tax levy, exclusive of new construction, will be capped at this percentage by the County Clerk's office.
- Please welcome Marcia Kehoe as the district's new Payroll Coordinator. Marcia comes to us with twenty-five years of payroll and bookkeeping experience, the last five of which were at Winfield Elementary District 34.

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

- The 2016 ISA Assessment preliminary results are now available to view, but have not been fully aggregated. Based on the information provided, 45% of our Gr. 5 students performed in the proficient range and 59% of our Gr. 7 students performed in the proficient range. The final aggregated scores will be available in February and will be shared with the Board at their February 28, 2018 meeting. To date, 2017 results are not available.
- Beginning on March 5th, students in Gr. 3-8 will again be taking the 2018 PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career) Assessment. Grades 5 and 8 will take the Illinois Science Assessment.
- Plans are being finalized for the March 3rd County Wide Institute Day. Staff will be either attending DuPage County sessions, the NDSEC Connections Conference, or staying in the district for De-escalation training.
- Sixteen students from Stone and Indian Trail schools will be presenting at the Students Involved in Technology (SIT) Conference on February 10th. Tinkercad, MakeyMakey, Spheros and creating a book trailer video are some of the skills and tools they will pass on to other students.
- Congratulations to two Indian Trail "Battle of the Books" Teams that recently competed in the state competition and ended up coming in third place and eighth place. This month, the district's fifth grade students began this program. Students will have until the end of April to read twelve books before the "battles" begin in May.
- Kim Lohse will give an update to the Board at their February Board meeting regarding the technology rollout and a summary of the next steps in the action plan.

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 Resolution Designating Interest Earnings for Fiscal Year 2017-2018, as presented.
- The Board approved the 2018-2019 School Calendar, as presented.
- The Board approved the 2018-2019 Student Fee Schedule, as presented.
- The Board adopted the Licensed and Educational Support Personnel (ESP) Staff Seniority Lists, as presented.
- The Board approved the settlement with Wisthoff Fitness, as presented.

- The Board approved joining the Educational Benefits Cooperative (EBC), as presented.
- The Board approved the Secure Vestibules Project Contract, as presented.

Discussion Items:

- The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be Wednesday, February 28, 2018 and will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Indian Trail Junior High School.
- The following Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests were received and were responded to in a timely manner:
 - Received from Alejandro Garcia, Parent’s Foundation for Education, with 20 pages of information, which took 15 minutes prepare.
 - Received from Rob Propst, Advanced Disposal, with 31 pages of information, which took 60 minutes to prepare.
 - Received from James Fuller, The Daily Herald, with 2 pages of information, which took 30 minutes to prepare.
 - Received from Nathan Mihelich, Illinois Retire Teachers Association, with 5 pages of information, which took 5 minutes to prepare.
 - Received from David Stachura, Schiller Park, with 4 pages of information, which took 15 minutes to prepare.
- Mr. Wartman announced to the Board the upcoming Kindergarten Registration dates of Friday, March 9 (8-11a.m. and 12-3p.m.), Thursday, March 22 (4-7p.m.) and Wednesday, April 4 (4-7 p.m.). All registrations will be held in the large gym at Army Trail Elementary School.
- The first reading of Board Policy updates were given to the Board by Mr. Wartman. Mr. Daniels, Mr. Lange and Mr. Aranda made recommendations to the Board and approval will be sought in the February 28, 2018 Board meeting.
- Mr. Langton encouraged everyone to attend the Partnership for Inspired Education (PIE) Foundation Fundraiser on Sunday, March 11, 2018 at Drury Lane Theater in Oakbrook at 2:00pm.

Communications/Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items:

- Mr. Frank Weld, Addison Community member from the Ardmore School area, asked two questions of the Board:
 - Are improving test scores being considered for the upcoming five-year plan for the Board?
 - Mr. Langton noted that there is a lot that goes into measuring test scores – academically, as well as socially and emotionally.
 - Mr. Langton continued, stating that there is much concern in the state since there is only one test (PARCC) to measure school success. The state is actually going to change their process to include use of multiple indicators for scores. In addition, the PARCC test is given in English and many of our students are English Language Learners, which is why our district prefers other methods of testing. Those results show that our students are growing!
 - Principal of Ardmore School, Mrs. Janet Diaz, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Mrs. Donna Haney, and Superintendent Langton would all be happy to meet with Mr. Weld.
 - Are the School Board and the Village of Addison on the same page?
 - Mr. Williams stated that the district is currently involved in a community wide strategic plan through the village.
 - Mr. Weld wondered if there was any discussion of a charter school being brought to Addison; Mr. Langton stated there was no current plans for this type of school; he added that charter schools do not necessarily mean higher test scores and that our district provides students with an excellent education.

Miscellaneous/Unfinished Business:

- Mr. Ruffolo thanked Mr. Williams and Mr. Langton for representing District 4 at the Shape of Addison event.
- The beautiful artwork hanging in the Board Room is courtesy of Ardmore and Lake Park Elementary School students, under the direction of Ann Alagna.

The Board of Education meeting officially adjourned at 8:35p.m.

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