

# BOARD BRIEFS

December 17, 2019 Regularly Scheduled Meeting

## **Board of Education:**

*Mr. John Corcoran, President*  
*Mrs. Lori Bryant, Vice President*  
*Mrs. Natalie Watkins, Secretary*  
*Mrs. Jennifer Dunleavy*  
*Mrs. Jennifer Gusentine*  
*Mrs. Laurie Scheer*  
*Mr. Andy Taylor*

## **Administration:**

*Dr. Amy Warke, Superintendent*  
*Mrs. Ali Beiermeister, Director of Teaching & Learning*  
*Mr. Eric Callis, Director of Technology*  
*Mr. Michael Duback, Director of Operations/CSBO*  
*Mr. Kent Hoefling, Director of Buildings and Grounds*  
*Mrs. Amy Laskowski, Director of Student Support Services*  
*Ms. Laura Magruder, Elementary School Principal*  
*Mr. Michael Papierski, Middle School Principal*

## **District Celebration**

### District Holiday Card Contest Winners

Dr. Warke indicated the annual Holiday Card Challenge activity invites students in all grades to submit holiday artwork. The Board has the difficult decision to select the holiday artwork to decorate the Board's holiday card sent to staff and community members. This year there were many submissions showing wonderful holiday spirit and artistic creativity with three winners chosen this year. Dr. Warke and the Board congratulated and applauded Patrick, grade 3 (Snowman Basketball Player); Ginger, grade 4 (Red Truck with Gifts); Joaquin, grade 7 (Highlands Holiday Room). Each student received a recognition award with their artwork.



### ILMEA Honor Band Students

Mrs. Hardesty explained that the Illinois Music Education Association (ILMEA) hosted the festival auditions in November. She recognized and everyone applauded Will and Alex, both in 8th grade, for joining the ILMEA Honor Jazz Band and Nicholas, 7th grade, for participating in the ILMEA Honor Band.

## COMMUNICATIONS, VISITOR(S), COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

During the public comment section of the meeting, there were seven parents/community members that addressed the Board. They voiced concern over an unsettled contract, fair compensation, having educational tools, teachers feeling respected and treated with professionalism, property taxes and home values that depend on school ratings, rebuilding trust and personal leave restrictions. Other comments revolved around providing the data for the specific school districts used to compare with district 106, what the community can expect in the 5-year plan, respect for the financial stability of the district, parents having interaction with teachers, respect for the board leadership who protects the school environment/culture, and the need to collaborate to reach consensus on the teacher contract.

### Old Business Reports

#### Strategic Plan Progress Update

Dr. Warke reported the Vision Retreat meeting was recently held. The outcome of the Vision Retreat will provide support for the next meeting, the Setting Direction Retreat. The result from the Setting Direction Retreat meeting is to finalize a draft of the strategic plan for presentation at the February board meeting. The draft will incorporate stakeholder feedback. For further details on the Strategic Plan progress, click on the following link: [Strategic Plan](#). It will take you directly to the District website page.

### New Business Reports

#### Debt Service Discussion

Mr. Duback explained that District 106 continues to experience notable enrollment growth, changes in instructional practices, and the need to evaluate its facilities and the use of the space. Due to several moving parts, the district's finances will be an important variable to monitor closely in the coming months and for the next 3-5 years. Mr. Duback indicated it is appropriate and timely that the district's debt service levy is considered. Currently, the district's debt is expiring. The discussion is whether new, non-referendum debt should be extended to safeguard the district.

### **Information ONLY**

IASB/IASA/IASBO Conference Update: Dr. Warke invited the three board members who attended the conference to share their experiences. Mrs. Watkins indicated she was the district's delegate at the IASB annual meeting, attended sessions on school safety, and visited safety-focused vendors. Mrs. Dunleavy stated she attended sessions on parent-teacher associations, their alignment, and how to incorporate themes being learned by students. She also discovered a product where students can electronically check out books. Mrs. Bryant spoke about attending sessions on communication to the public about classroom learning, creative innovation for classrooms, and the superintendent evaluation process. Dr. Warke said she attended sessions on adult SEL (social-emotional learning) to assist the district with moving forward in the area of climate and culture, innovation and communication needs.

### Updates/Discussions

#### Township Treasurer's Office Update (TTO)

Mr. Corcoran, Board president, reported that LTHS District 204 requested the December trial be delayed. The request was granted and the December trial will be postponed until January.

### Personnel

The Board accepted or approved the following: Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA): - **Jeanne Ziolkowski**, 1.0 FTE elementary teacher 11/18/19 thru approximately 12/20/19 - **Kelly Urso**, 1.0 FTE math paraprofessional, 11/19/19 through approximately 3/2/19; - **Nancy Meingast**, 1.0 FTE paraprofessional, 12/2/19 through approximately 12/20/19

## Your Board Approved or Accepted

1. Minutes of the November 19, 2019, Regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
2. Minutes of the November 19, 2019, Closed session meeting of the Board of Education.
3. December 2019 bills payable.
4. November 2019 financial report.
5. The November 29, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$425,434.65; and the December 13, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$422,789.45.
6. The resolution authorizing the reduction of certain fund levies for the 2019 tax levy year.
7. The resolution to adopt the 2019 tax levy.
8. The FY 2019 annual audit prepared by Lauterbach & Amen.
9. The recommendations of Closed Session minutes from May 21, 2019, through October 15, 2019.
10. The recommendations to destroy Closed Session Audio Tapes from January 16, 2018, through June 19, 2018.

## Future Agenda Items

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, January 21, 2019**, in the LRC at 1750 W. Plainfield Road, La Grange, IL 60525.

- 1st Reading of 2020-2021 School Calendar (Board Policy 6:20 - January)
- Resolution to Designate a Person to Prepare the 2020-21 Preliminary Budget (Board Policy 4:10 - January)
- Capital Projects/Roofing Update (Board Policy 4:60 - January)
- Draft of 5-Yr. Strategic Plan (Board Policy 3:10 - January)
- Residency Policy Review (Board Policy 7:60 - January Discussion)
- Facilities Update (Board Policy 4:150 - January)
- Acceptable Use Policy, 1st Read (Board Policy 6:235 - January)
- Superintendent 100 Day Report (Board Policy 3:40 - January)
- Lyons Township School District Demographics Report (January)

Have comments for the Board of Education?

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