

BOARD BRIEFS

March 19, 2020 Regularly Scheduled Meeting

Board of Education:

Mr. John Corcoran, President
TBD, 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

Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions for sheltering-in-place to minimize the spread of the virus, LaGrange Highlands commenced the March 19 Board meeting virtually. We are following the recommendation of the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) during this pandemic to only conduct essential business.

Remember Highlands Community, we are strong and we will weather this storm.
Stay healthy and provide encouragement to each other in whatever manner that works best for you and your families!

New Business

Board Vacancy

Mr. Corcoran stated the Board seat became vacant when Mrs. Bryant no longer resided in the district. The Board has received her resignation letter. Dr. Warke indicated the Board has 60 calendar days to appoint someone to fill the remainder of Mrs. Bryant's 4-year term, which runs until April 2021. The vacancy has been posted on the district website and published in the paper. Candidates interested in applying would contact Kathy Schmitt, Recording Board Secretary. A special board meeting will be held virtually on April 9 to interview selected candidates in the Closed session.

Personnel

The Board accepted or approved the following:

- Approve the Following Resignation Requests: (Board Policy 5:290)
 - **Grant McEachern**, 1.0 FTE Middle school music/chorus teacher, effective the last day of the 2019-20 school year.
 - **Richard Morton** - 1.0 FTE Middle school 7th-grade social studies teacher, effective the last day of the 2019-20 school year.
 - **Kelly Urso**, 1.0 FTE Middle School regular education paraprofessional, effective 3/3/2020
 - **Mike Vargas**, 1.0 FTE Assistant Business Office Manager, effective 5/1/2020
- Accept the following Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) requests:
 - **Jacob Southwood**, 1.0 FTE custodian, from 2/24/20 to approximately 3/27/20.
- Rehire of Probationary Teachers for the 2020-21 School Year

Your Board Approved or Accepted

1. March 2020 bills payable.
2. February 2020 financial report.
3. The February 21, 2020 payroll in the amount of \$6,089.80; the February 28, 2020 payroll in the amount of \$438,828.66; and the March 13, 2020 payroll in the amount of \$705,010.08.
4. The LADSE Fiscal Year 2021 purchase services.
5. The Resolution authorizing certain payments between the March 19, 2020 and the June 16, 2020 board meetings.

Future Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, April 21, 2020**, virtually, if still sheltering-in-place or in the LRC or at 1750 W. Plainfield Road, La Grange, IL 60525.

Have comments for the Board of Education?

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