

BOARD BRIEFS

September 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

Board Members Tour Facility

Prior to the regular meeting, Mr. Hoefling conducted a tour of the Highlands Middle School facility for Board members.

Public Hearing/Adoption of the Proposed 2019-2020 Budget

Mr. Duback presented the proposed FY 2020 budget, which incorporates several assumptions. The school budget is a financial plan for ensuring instructional programming that meets the needs of all District 106 students. Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/17-1) requires the Board of Education to create and authorize a financial budget for the district each year. The Board is required by statute to place this budget in tentative form on public display for 30 days; give notice of a public hearing; hold that public hearing, and formally adopt a final budget by September 30.

New Business Reports

Classroom/Facilities Update

With the district experiencing notable enrollment growth over the past several years, Mr. Hoefling provided some history on building renovations/additions and history on the Laurel property across from the elementary school owned by the district. Mr. Hoefling projected an aerial view of the existing district-owned property and also highlighted an additional parcel of property for sale. The discussion revolved around the purchase of a new parcel, the sale of existing parcels, parking availability, and building additions/renovations. Dr. Warke indicated the administration team is meeting weekly to discuss different “if this...then” scenarios for our growing sections. The administration will present the enrollment and facility suggestions at the October meeting. The Board determined this topic will remain as a regular item for discussion.

Policy Updates

Dr. Warke introduced the standard first reading of policy revisions with calling attention to board policy 2:230. The intent of the policy is to provide guidelines for public participation at school board meetings. The Board will review and approve policy recommendations at the October board meeting.

Reclassification of Registered Nurse to Certified School Nurse

Mrs. Laskowski explained the current registered nurse role supports the elementary students but does not allow the individual to be a member of the IEP team to help inform students' special education plans. At this time, this role is supported by our District Nurse, working under her Certified School Nurse (CSN) license. The current registered nurse also holds the CSN credentials. A proposal was brought forth to reclassify our current RN to a District CSN to allow greater alignment in elementary services.

Information ONLY

A. 5Essential Survey Results: Mrs. Beiermeister explained the 5Essentials is a research-based and practice-proven school improvement system that provides data and insight into schools' organizational strengths and areas of opportunity across the five essential factors for school improvement: Effective Leaders, Collaborative Teachers, Involved Families, Supportive Environment, and Ambitious Instruction. The 5Essentials provides data on the social components of a schools' culture, such as trust and commitment.

B. Summer Technology Report: Mr. Callis described that each year the technology department embarks on a program of maintenance, equipment replacement, and upgrades to prepare for the next school year. Some of the areas he highlighted included summer staff, HB3606 legislation, software privacy evaluation, device collection and preparation, AV updates, wireless networking, and workload/work orders.

C. Vendor Contract Awards Exceeding \$25,000: Mr. Duback explained that Section 10-20.44 of the Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/10-20.44) requires school boards to list all vendor contracts over \$25,000 on the district's website. In an effort to maximize financial transparency for the community, all vendors to whom payment in excess of \$25,000 occurred are listed, whether or not a formal contract was in place.

D. Certified Teacher and Administrator Compensation: Mr. Duback reported that Sections 10-20.47 and 34-18.38 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/10-20.47 and 5/34-18.38] require school districts to report administrator and teacher salary and benefits to the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE). Specifically, each school board must report the base salary and benefits to the ISBE on or before October 1 of each year. Prior to this annual reporting, the information must be presented at a regular school board meeting, and then posted on the district's website.

Updates/Discussions

Township Treasurer's Office Update (TTO)

Board president Mr. Corcoran, reported that he is not aware of any resolution from the scheduled trial dates of September 9th through 11th. During the trial days, there were several days of discussion from the judge. There has been no recent activity of the area school board presidents.

Personnel

The Board accepted and approved the following:

- Employment Recommendations: - **Vanessa Uhler**, Part-time crossing guard, effective 9/3/19, (replacing M. Garon for crossing guard only) - **Elliott Krause**, FTE change from .67 to .83, Certified PE Teacher
- Employment Resignation: **Shanae Olson**, 1.0 FTE Special Education Paraprofessional, effective 8/19/19

Your Board Approved or Accepted

1. Minutes of the August 14, 2019, Special scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
2. Minutes of the August 14, 2019, Closed session meeting of the Board of Education.
3. Minutes of the August 20, 2019, Regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education.
4. Minutes of the August 20, 2019, Closed session meeting of the Board of Education.
5. September 2019 bills payable.
6. August 2019 financial report.
7. The August 30, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$418,301.48; and the September 13, 2019 payroll in the amount of \$414,830.30.
8. Freedom of Information Act request from K12 Transportation Research.
9. IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint Annual Conference board member(s) expense.
10. District Consolidated Grant Application.

Future Agenda Items

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on **Tuesday, October 15, 2019**, in the LRC at 1750 W. Plainfield Road, La Grange, IL 60525.

- Elementary School Improvement Plan - SIP (October) Presentation
- Middle School Improvement Plan - SIP (October) Presentation
- Strategic Plan Progress Update (October) Information
- Draft 2019-20 Superintendent Goals (October) Discussion
- Registration and Residency (October) Discussion
- Acceptable Use Policy Discussion (November) Discussion

Have comments for the Board of Education?

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