

# Winfield School District 34

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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**Regular Board of Education Meeting --- April 25, 2013**

## **BOARD BRIEFS**

### **Action Items:**

The Board accepted/approved the following items:

- Minutes from: Regular Board Meeting on March 21, 2013  
Closed Session Meetings on March 21, 2013
- All March Finance Reports that included-
  - Accounts payable
  - Bill List
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Fund Balance Report
  - Bank Reconciliation
- Approved Intent to Retire in 2017 from Alice Butler, Debra Sasveld and Dr. Gwynne Kell
- Approved Employment of Becky First as Middle School Language Arts Teacher
- Approved Employment of Don Rathje as Part-time Grounds Person
- Approved Employment of Maggie Malik as Psychology Intern
- Accepted the Resignation of Crystal Oswald, Fifth Grade Teacher
- Approved the 2013-2014 Program Plan as presented
- Approved 2013-2014 School Calendar
- Approved Amended 2012-2013 School Calendar
- Approved 2013 Summer Sports Camp Proposal
- Approved Lease Agreement for SASSED Classroom Rental for FY14
- Approved Phase II Technology Plan

### **Public Comment:**

There was no public comment.

### **Presentations:**

Student Recognition- Hannah Watson and Jacob Malay, 8<sup>th</sup> graders, were recognized by the Board of Education.

Technology Phase II Plan and Project Planning Presentation-Melissa Doucet, Patti Hennessy, and Dr. Gwynne Kell presented a visual overview of how technology has evolved this past year, including how it is used in the classrooms. They highlighted the rapid increase of usage for our students in this new technology driven world. In order for the District to keep current, they reviewed the technology Phase II Plan being presented for Board approval tonight. Some board members expressed their concerns about technology driving curriculums versus curriculum driving technology needs. Questions were asked about the differences between various devices such as iPads, chrome books, and netbooks.

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### **Reports:**

#### **From the Superintendent-**

1. Honor Roll Recognition - Dr. Kell and Mrs. Reinke were presented the District's award from our State School Superintendent Dr. Chris Koch. Winfield was one of twenty DuPage County schools recognized in Itasca on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> for being named to the 2012 Illinois Honor Roll.
2. Technology Committee Update -This was part of the Technology Presentation.
3. Community Chest Grant -The \$12,000 grant was approved from Cadence Health and will be used to put in a fence/gate around the Primary playground.

#### **From the Principal-**

1. End of Year Activities-Mrs. Reinke reviewed all the upcoming activities including several field trips, award ceremonies, and end of year picnics.

#### **From the Director of Business Services-**

1. Statement of Financial Position: Operational Funds FY13-Doug Gallois, Director of Business Services, presented facts and figures that he used to establish fund balances and the budget for FY14.

#### **From the Board President-**

1. Mandatory Board Training -All new board members are required to do four hours of training.
2. IASB Board Resolution- Boards interested in presenting a new resolution must do so by Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Old Business-**

1. Approve SASSED Classroom Rental Lease for FY14- The Board voted to approve the leasing of 2 ½ Primary east wing classrooms to SASSED (School Association for Special Education in DuPage).
2. Approve Phase II Technology Plan FY14- The Board voted to approve the Phase II Technology Plan for FY14.

#### **New Business-**

1. First Reading of Policy 7:70 Attendance and Truancy- We are tightening our policy and procedures. Chronic truancy is now defined as 5% unexcused absences out of 180 days, down from 10%.

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***The Board went into closed session for #1-Collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2). and #2 -The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1). REASON #3. The selection of a person to fill a public office, including a vacancy in a public office, when the District is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the District is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.***

### **Action from Executive Session-**

- Approved the process of appointing a Board member to fill the vacant seat.

**The next meeting of the Board will be May 6, 2013, Special Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. and Special Reorganizational Meeting immediately following in the Central School Commons.**