

Winfield School District 34

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board of Education Meeting --- December 17, 2012

BOARD BRIEFS

Action Items:

The Board accepted/approved the following items:

- ❖ Minutes from Regular Board Meeting on November 12, 2012
- ❖ All the December Finance Reports that included-
 - Accounts payable
 - Bill List
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Fund Balance Report
 - Bank Reconciliation
- ❖ Approval of the 2012 Tax Levy as presented at the Levy Hearing.
- ❖ Approval of Resolution Supporting Governmental Self Insurance Pooling and In Opposition To Non-Productive Legislation Restraints
- ❖ Destruction of verbatim tapes dated: February 24, 2011, March 24, 2011, May 26, 2011, June 23, 2011
- ❖ Open executive minutes to public dated: May 17, 2012, August 2, 2012, August 23, 2012
- ❖ Approve final reading and adoption of policies: 2:125, 2:200, 4:45, 4:170, 6:65, 6:210, 3:60
2:20, 2:30, 2:110, 2:140-E, 2:220, 4:100, 5:30, 5:125, 6:60, 6:110, 6:250, 7:290

Public Comment:

There was no public comment.

Presentations:

Student Recognition- Alina Pancratz and Tony Karales, 7th graders, were both honored by the Board as Student of the Month for December.

Reports:

From the Superintendent-Dr. Kell updated the Board on the following information only items:

1. Legislative Update-Nothing happening at this time to report on pension reform.
2. Audit Update-All departments worked hard to prepare documents for the upcoming audit which is conducted every five years by the Regional Office of Education.
3. Tech Committee Update-Working on establishing the Phase II of our technology plan to present to the Board in the spring,
4. Joint School Boards meeting Save the Date-District 34 will be hosting on January 28, 2013 in the Winfield Central Commons.
5. Nursing Substitutes-Looking into different options to finding substitute nurses. Cadence Health has generously offered an additional contribution to fund the cost. The cost based on Kris Monzel's estimated number of annual absences.
6. SASSED Update-Given that Dr. Lehman is no longer present in his District, Dr. Kell has been appointed to take over as Vice-President of the SASSED Board.

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7. Legal fees budget-These fees have increased due to security and safety procedures being reviewed as a result of some incidents that occurred at start of the school year as well as for preparation of the audit.

In response to Friday's tragic events, communications were sent out over the weekend to parents. After today's meeting with Winfield Fire and Police Departments, there were some procedures they suggested we should revise, though overall we have good ones in place.

Future Board meetings will be held in the Winfield Central School Commons for security reasons and this will start with the January 24th meeting.

From the Principal-

1. New ISAT Cut Scores and transition to Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers- Assessment (PARCC)-Mrs. Reinke reviewed the new assessment that will be replacing ISAT in 2014-15 school year since ISAT doesn't align with new Common Core state standards.
2. Performance Evaluation Advisory Council (PEAC) School Climate Survey (spring 2013) grs. 6-12- Now required by the state as part of the school report card on the Illinois Interactive Report card IIRC website for grades 6-12 beginning with October 2013 reporting.

From the Board President-

Triple I Conference- Susan Gillespie and Bob Brown reported on the presentations that they attended at the conference. Susan Gillespie and representatives from the 3 feeder districts boards presented on the topic of collaboration vs. consolidation. As a result of her attending a meeting at the Winfield Creek stakeholder group, Eric Spande (village trustee) volunteered to present to our 8th grade science classes on water.

From the Director of Business Services-

- The Board voted to approve the 2012 Tax Levy.
- Health Plan Annual Renewal- Mr. Gallois reviewed the cost of health care and the fact that it went up 16% this year. He is seeking additional information from Blue Cross Blue Shield as to the reason for the increase. He expressed his concern for the lack of predictability of the cost for future budget estimation.
- Approval of Resolution Supporting Governmental Self Insurance Pooling and In Opposition To Non-Productive Legislation Restraints.

The Board went into closed session for *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). No action was taken upon their return to open session.

The next meeting of the Board will be January 24, 2013, Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 28, 2013 will be the Joint Boards meeting hosted by District 34 at the Winfield Central School Commons.