

## BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING—FEBRUARY 27, 2014 7:00 P.M.

### **Action Items:**

The Board accepted/approved the following items:

- Minutes from: Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 10, 2014, and the Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session Meeting on February 27, 2014
- All February Finance Reports that included-
  - Accounts payable
  - Bill List
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Fund Balance Report
  - Bank Reconciliation
- Approved Joint Special Education Programming with District 25
- Approved Before and Afters Fees 2014-15
- Approved Sports and Activities Fees for 2014-15
- Approved Registration Fees For Grades 1-8 for 2014-15

### **Public Comment:**

Eileen Tibble thanked everyone for supporting Trivia Night which raised about \$8000.00. She thanked the Kindergarten Task Force for their work. She, along with Patti Weber, expressed their support of the Village's comprehensive plan, noting that any additional funding the school could receive would benefit the students.

### **Presentations:**

- A. Student Recognition- Marissa Castrejon and Jaeda Fini were both honored by the Board of Education as Students of the Month for February.

### **Reports:**

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

1. Discussion and Approval of Full Day Kindergarten -The Board discussed all aspects of the impact of approving a full day kindergarten program, including budgeting, staffing, class sizes, and tuition. They came to a decision and voted to approve the full day kindergarten program beginning in the 2014-15 school year; charging \$2416.50 tuition for the full day; approve annually the number of full or half day sections based on enrollment no later than March; coming to the Board before the start of the school year if there is a need for an additional section based on enrollment.
2. Committee Updates-Details on the Technology, Evaluation, and Wellness Committees were explained in Dr. Kell's handout.

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3. Reading and Adoption of Policy 8:90 Parent Organizations and Booster Clubs-The Board approved the adoption of policy 8:90 with revisions made.
4. DISCUSSION Village Comprehensive Plan-The Board discussed how to weigh in as a governing body with regards to the village comprehensive plan. Points were made that there was much misinformation which was being communicated. Since there were many different opinions amongst board members, they decided it would be best as a governing body not to take a stand on this issue at this time.
5. INFORMATION ITEM-FY15 Strategic Planning / PLC-We will be starting the process again, as it will be five years since the last one. Dr. Kell will be presenting details at the April meeting.
6. INFORMATION ITEM-AASA Conference-More details in the handout from Dr. Kell.

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

1. Curriculum Update- In the fall, our teachers will be piloting a digital science curriculum called Science Fusion. STEM Exploratory classes will begin for Grades 6-8 in the fall. Primary School was awarded \$500 of free books from the Wheaton Target. Cori Nelson took advantage of an offer from NiCor and ComEd to come into her classroom.

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

1. Budget Update-INFORMATION ITEM- Doug Gallois, Director of Business Services, reviewed the 2013-2014 revenues and expenses noting the higher expenses due to weather, and unexpected staff leave of absences. All in all, we are very close to the original budget projections.
2. Capital Projects INFORMATION ITEM- Doug Gallois, Director of Business Services, provided a detailed report that the Board had requested listing the age of mechanical units in the district. He then presented the current Capital Projects fund balance amount, reviewing the remaining capital projects, their costs, and how they will impact the budget.
3. Approval of Food Service Contract with Ceres-The Board approved the contract with Ceres Food Service for 2014-15.
4. Approve Evans, Marshall, & Pease, P.C. to perform the independent audits for the fiscal years FY14,15,16-The Board approved Evans, Marshall and Pease to perform annual audits through FY16.

#### **From the Winfield Education Foundation-**

1. Report-Board members supporting Trivia Night fundraiser.

#### **Old Business-**

- A. None

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## **New Business-**

1. Items For Future Agendas- County Storm water meeting in April, put end of school year dates/calendar on the next agenda.

The Board went into closed session for *REASON # 1. 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).*

No action was taken upon their return to open session.

**The next meeting of the Board will be Thursday, March 27, 2014, Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**