

BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING—JANUARY 23, 2014 7:00 P.M.

Action Items:

The Board accepted/approved the following items:

- Minutes from: Regular Board Meeting and Levy Hearing Meeting on December 16, 2014
- All December Finance Reports that included-
 - Accounts payable
 - Bill List
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Fund Balance Report
 - Bank Reconciliation
- Approved Tentative 2014-15 School Calendar
- Accepted \$5,180 Caliendo's Fundraising Donation and Matching Donation of \$5,000 from Carton Craft for District intervention programs including the Learning Enrichment After-School (LEAP) Program and check for \$137.25 from WePay
- Approved the FOIA Request-Daily Herald

Public Comment:

Jennie Fleming invited the Board to attend Trivia Night to support the PTO's biggest fundraiser of the year on Saturday, February 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Presentations:

- A. Student Recognition- Xavier Gomez and Josie Gloss were both honored by the Board of Education as Students of the Month for December.
- B. Tony Reyes-Presentation of Donation Checks for the Winfield Education Foundation
Tony Reyes presented the Board with a check in the amount of \$10,300.00, representing donations from the Winfield Lions, Knights of Columbus Council 8002, Caliendo's, Cartoncraft, and various other donors, for the Winfield Education Foundation and the Learning Enrichment Afterschool Program-LEAP.
- C. Kindergarten Taskforce Presentation and Discussion
Members of the Kindergarten Taskforce gave a detailed presentation of data regarding half day versus full day kindergarten. Subcommittee members reviewed their findings which included a review of the current program; comparisons to other programs in Illinois as well as DuPage county, financial projections, and results from a family survey. This will be discussed again at the Committee of the Whole Board meeting on February 10, 2014, and the Board will take action at the February 27th Regular Board meeting.

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Reports:

From the Superintendent-

1. Discuss and Approve New Legal Counsel

Dr. Kell reviewed the comparison of fees and services of three law firms being considered; Ottosen, Britz, Kelly, Cooper (our current law firm); Scariano, Himes, and Petrarca; and Hodges and Loizzi. Dr. Kell recommends that the District switch to Hodges and Loizzi, who was the only firm to offer a monthly retainer fee. After discussing fees and services, the Board voted to approve the retainer arrangement with Hodges and Loizzi.

2. E-Rate Update

The savings that the District will incur through additional e-rate reimbursements was detailed in Dr. Kell's handout.

3. DISCUSSION: Registration Fees FY15

Kindergarten fees will be determined based on the program changes at the February Board meeting.

4. Approval of Annual Preschool Fees FY15

The Board voted to approve a \$10.00 a month increase to the three day program, or \$ 90.00 per year.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Community Chest Grant

Two items will be submitted for the grant: Crisis Go mobile app and Primary playground fence connecting Park to Beecher.

b. IASB Triple I Conference Proposals

Boards are asked to submit topic ideas for the Triple I Conference next November.

c. Safety Communications

Will discontinue the phone tree for staff as the One Call automated system has worked well to alert families, staff, and community.

d. ISBE Financial Rating

3.9.

e. Music Department Purchases

A list of purchases was given to the Board.

From the Principal-

1. Staff Professional Development Activities in January-iCurio and Kids at the Core

Dawn Reinke discussed two professional development tools that have been introduced to staff recently.

2. PTO's Trivia Night

The PTO will be hosting their first Trivia Night on Saturday, February 8th, at the Carol Stream American Legion Hall. We hope Board members will be able to join us that evening.

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From the Winfield Education Foundation-

1. Report-Meeting was last Tuesday, talked about working more closely with the PTO.

Old Business-

- A. Approved second reading and adoption of policies: 2:105, 2:120, 2:170, 3:60, 4:100, 5:50, 5:90, 5:100, 5:120, 5:200, 6:10, 6:30, 6:60, 6:230, 6:250, 7:15, 7:30, 7:185, 7:210, 7:300, 7:340 (revised), 8:30

New Business-

1. Items For Future Agendas- No items were presented.

The Board went into closed session for #10-*The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.* 5 ILCS120/2(c)(10).

No action was taken upon their return to open session.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, February 10, 2014, Committee of the Whole Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 27, 2014, Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Joint Boards meeting on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. was canceled due to weather and will be rescheduled. It is hosted by District 25 at the Benjamin Middle School Multipurpose Room Door #1.