

BOARD BRIEFS

REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING—November 13, 2014 7:00 P.M.

Action Items:

The Board accepted/approved the following items:

- Minutes from: Regular Board Meeting on October 23, 2014
- All November Finance Reports that included-
 - Accounts payable
 - Bill List
 - Treasurer's Report
 - Fund Balance Report
 - Bank Reconciliation
- Approved Proclamation for American Education Week 2014
- Adopt Resolution for SB16
- Approved the 2014 Tax Levy to be put on display
- Approved second reading and adoption of policies: 2:20, 4:60, 4:90, 5:260, 5:330, 7:20, 7:180, 7:240, 2:40, 2:50, 2:60, 2:80, 2:240, 4:40, 4:55, 5:310, 7:170, and 7:200
- Approved waiving second reading and adopting policy 5:30

Recognition of School Board Members Day November 15, 2014- Board members were presented with certificates of appreciation from Dr. Kell for their work on the Board. Students thanked the Board of Education in a YouTube video. PTO expressed their gratitude to the Board with notes and a cake.

Public Comment:

An e-mail to the Board from a parent who was unable to attend the meeting was shared. Melanie Triebel expressed her concerns about the possibility of splitting the kindergarten into two classes after the first of the year.

Presentations:

Student Recognition-Ryan Pineda and Gianna Hernandez- The students were honored by the Board of Education and presented certificates as Students of the Month for November.

Current District Strategic Plan and Administrators' Goals Updates -Dr. Gwynne Kell, Supt.; Dawn Reinke, Principal; Dawn Winkelman, Director of St. Services-Administrator's reviewed each of their SMART goals and how they are tied to the Strategic Plan's objectives and indicators.

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).

No action was taken upon their return to open session.

Reports:

From the Superintendent-

UPDATE: Strategic Plan- Vision Retreat—Dr. Kell reviewed the documents from the Vision Retreat including the revised SWOT all of which are posted on the website. The Board gave their input on them.

From the Principal-

UPDATE: Gifted Program Review Committee-The presentation on this will be given at the December Board meeting.

UPDATE: Science Pilot-Update on the program, some technical issues but overall well received by students.

From the Director of Business Services-

Approved the 2014 Tax Levy to be put on Public Display- Doug Gallois, Director of Business Services, summarized how the levy figures were calculated. It was determined that because the levy was under a mandated amount, it was not necessary to publish in the newspaper, thereby saving the district approximately \$800.00.

UPDATE: Roof Project-Doug Gallois gave a review of the timeline of the bidding process for the roof project.

From the Winfield Education Foundation-

Winfield Education Foundation Report- Donna Bartlett reported that District 34, 25, and 33 foundation presidents are still planning to meet.

Old Business-

DISCUSSION: Regarding Changes to Current Kindergarten Program Effective January 2015-
The Board discussed the Kindergarten program in detail and each member gave their input and opinions. Upon reviewing the data including scheduling, financial data, and a report on student progress, all were in agreement that the kindergarten program should remain as it currently is, with all students in one classroom for the remainder of the 2014-15 school year. Each spring, this topic will be presented to the Board to review.

New Business-

1. Items For Future Agendas-None

The next meeting of the Board will be December 15, 2014, Levy Hearing at 6:55 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Central School Commons.