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## BOARD BRIEFS

### Regular Board Of Education Meeting—November 12, 2015 7:00 P.M.

#### **Action Items:**

The Board accepted/approved the following items:

- Minutes from: Regular Board Meeting on October 22, 2015
- All October Finance Reports that included-
  - Accounts payable
  - Bill List
  - Treasurer's Report
  - Fund Balance Report
  - Bank Reconciliation
- Accepted Proclamation for American Education Week 2015
- Accepted Proclamation of School Board Member's Day
- Accepted the Following Generous Donations: Kawai Electric Piano Donation from Martin Family and Large Box of Prize Items Donated to Mrs. Cyrus
- Approved Board Meeting Date Change from February 25th to February 18th, 2016
- Approved 2015 Levy to be on Public Display
- Approve First Reading of Policies: 2:160, 2:260, 4:50, 5:50, 5:170, 5:270, 5:290, 6:140, 7:10, 7:40, 7:260, 7:310, 7:325, 8:10, 8:80 and 7:90.

#### **Public Comment:**

Jenny Fleming, PTO representative, in honor of School Board Members' Day, thanked the Board for their time and dedication. She also expressed interest in hearing the class size discussion later in the meeting.

#### **Presentations:**

- A. Student Recognition- Brittany Lingle (6) and Leo Johnson (6)- They were honored by the Board of Education and presented certificates as Students of the Month for November.
- B. Social Emotional Learning Presentation-Jessica Peters and Shona Davé- In a powerpoint presentation, Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Davé illustrated the programs in place to support students' emotional needs, including universal support, as well as intensive individualized supports.

#### **Reports:**

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

1. Recognition of School Board Members' Day November 15, 2015- Dr. Kell thanked the Board, on behalf of the students, staff, and parents, for all they do. She presented them with certificates of appreciation for their work on the Board.
2. American Education Week- Dr. Kell explained the ways that administration will celebrate American Education Week, including a special coffee for the crossing guards.

3. Legislative Update- Dr. Kell will be co-leading a working group, including colleagues from DuPage and Lake Counties, to discuss the KIDs Assessment and their opposing position to it. Additional legislative information should be available at the Triple I Convention in Chicago on November 20<sup>th</sup>.

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

1. INFORMATION ONLY Classroom Visitations- Mrs. Reinke invited the Board to attend on Monday, November 16, to visit the classrooms. She will also be hosting another “Conversation with the Principal” during the last hour of the day on December 11<sup>th</sup>.

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

1. Approve the 2015 Tax Levy to be Placed on Public Display- Doug Gallois, Director of Business Services, presented a draft of the tax levy for 2015. He summarized how the levy was calculated.

##### **Additional Items:**

Capital Projects- Mr. Gallois reviewed the capital projects timeline and presented the details of the paving project behind the Central school.

Updated Projections- Mr. Gallois reviewed the four year projection figures, with the 10% medical costs and property tax freeze that the Board requested.

Electricity- Mr. Gallois was granted authority to take the energy cost out to bid, in an effort to lock in a lower cost for the District over an extended period.

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

Winfield Education Foundation Report- None

#### **Old Business-**

- A. Class Size Discussion – The Board discussed the class size issue and what type of guidelines that they were looking to establish such as; a teacher/student ratio or a high/low range. They felt the administration ultimately knows the students and should be able to continue making these decisions, given all the possible variables involved. They decided to table this discussion, but requested that class size projections be included in the staffing plan to them in the spring.

#### **New Business-**

- A. Items For Future Agendas- Erin’s Law

1. Approve First Reading of Policies: 2:160, 2:260, 4:50, 5:50, 5:170, 5:270, 5:290, 6:140, 7i:10, 7:40, 7:260, 7:310, 7:325, 8:10, 8:80 and 7:90 were approved. Policies 2:260 and 5:170 were discussed. Dr. Kell will send these policies to Terry Hodges, the District attorney for clarification.

**The next meeting of the Board will be December 10, 2015 Special Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. December 14, 2015, Levy Hearing; 6:55 p.m., Regular Board Meeting; 7:00 p.m. in the Central School Commons.**