



BOARD BUSINESS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GOVERNMENT AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Terrence Heafey

Vice Chair: Nadine Scodro

Mr. Heafey provided an update related to the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR). Mr. Heafey indicated that the current legislative session has been very busy and it has been shared that nearly 3,000 bills have been introduced thus far. As the committee looks ahead, they will be considering district visits by local legislators, as well as other effective methods to communicate action items to stakeholders. This will allow the committee to provide feedback to legislators as bills move through the legislative process.

Mr. Heafey also shared that the Illinois State Board of Education has released the 2019 information related to the Illinois Assessment of Readiness. The 2018 exam has been shortened but is essentially a reissuance of the PARCC that has been issued the previous four years.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Katie Thomason

Vice Chair: Nadine Scodro

Mrs. Thomason gave an update on the recent Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting.

- **DISCUSSION OF 2019 SUMMER PROJECTS**
Mr. Veihman gave an overview of the summer capital improvement recommendation to move ahead with bidding the summer projects. Bids for the casework will be presented at the February 19 board meeting.
- **APPROVAL OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**
The Committee has recommended entering into an agreement with Wight & Co. for construction management services for the summer projects.
- **DISCUSSION OF PROPERTY TAX AND LEASE HOLD PROPERTY**
Mr. Veihman informed the Committee that the district had reached an agreement with Southwest Montessori regarding property taxes levied on its portion of the building.
- **DISCUSSION OF LONG TERM FINANCIAL PLANNING**
The committee continued its discussion on the district's long range financial plan. The conversation focused on addressing the projected operating deficits beginning in FY20.

STUDENT AND LEARNING SERVICES COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Katie Thomason

Vice Chair: Terry Heafey

Mrs. Thomason gave an update on the recent Student and Learning Services Committee Meeting. Dr. Scarsella provided an overview of the district's attendance information, informing the committee that the number of students identified as chronically absent compared to last year at this time has dropped by 50%.

An overview of the district's three-year PSAT 8/9 and winter MAP math benchmarking data was provided. Dr. Cozza also presented an overview of the Palos South Go Math Program pilot and indicated the board would receive a recommendation in April.

MUSIC PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Member: Pam Paris

Member: James Cantorna

Mrs. Paris liaison for the MPA reported the MPA has been busy with the recent solo contest.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Member: Pam Paris

Member: Terry Heafey

Mrs. Pam Paris liaison for the Foundation reported the Foundation's Trivia Night was a success and a lot of fun.

PARENT FACULTY ASSOCIATION

Member: Katie Thomason

Member: Pam Paris

PFA President Kori Aldrich gave her report.

The "Camp READ-A-LOT" read-a-thon initiative took place from January 28 - February 11. Palos 118 students were encouraged to read and raise pledges for their reading and were rewarded with exciting raffle prizes and classroom parties. Gina Narciso and Mary Skweres are the organizers and have done a magnificent job.

The Father Daughter Dance will be held on Saturday, February 23 at Palos South. The theme for this event is "An Evening in Paris."

The PFA's annual Shamrock-N-Roll spring auction fundraiser on March 9 at Midlothian Country Club is quickly approaching. The PFA is actively seeking sponsorships and donations for their largest fundraiser of the year. This year's event is being organized by Hilary Rhodes, Kimberly Houston, and Kori Aldrich. If anyone would like to donate, they are encouraged to contact the PFA.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

STAFFING AND ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Dr. Scarsella reported highlights of the most recent 2019-2020 projections for K-8 in-district students.

2019-2020 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION UPDATE

Dr. Scarsella reported he projected 100 kindergartners at Palos East, and 80 kindergartners at Palos West for the 2019-2020 school year. Considering the size of the last two incoming kindergarten classes, a district-wide estimate of 180 kindergartners appears reasonable.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF SUMMER 2019 CASEWORK BID RESULTS

the Board of Education accepted the proposal from and awarded the contract for the casework in the science rooms at Palos South to Hargrave Builders.

APPROVAL OF CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

The Board of Education approved entering an agreement with Wight Construction for construction management services.

APPROVAL OF SUMMER 2019 CAPITAL PROJECTS

The board authorized the administration to seek public bids for updating the science classrooms at Palos South Middle School.