RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Crestwood Board of Education Meeting

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MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE CRESTWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2014 AT 6:45 P.M. AT THE CRESTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.

The public hearing was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by the President, Mr. Matthew Sorrick, with the following members in attendance: Mrs. Bonnie Lovejoy, Mr. Todd Monroe. Mr. David Becker arrived at 6:50 P.M. and Mrs. Debra Soltisz arrived at 6:55 P.M.

A public hearing relative to the 2015-2016 School Calendar. There were no questions or comments from the public.

The Board of Education and the Superintendent engaged in conversation regarding the calendar. Mr. Sorrick questioned the need for 49 minute lunch periods at the High School. Mr. Toth reminded the Board this time has been utilized this school year with intervention time for at risk students. Mr. Sorrick asked why we are changing the calendar to start a week earlier. Mr. Toth responded with the following reasons:

- Earlier student testing windows (i.e. we need more instructional time earlier in the school year). This is especially important for high school students who now need proficient scores on the (7) seven new end of course exams and college and career readiness exam to earn a diploma. These tests are administered in April and May.
- The Third Grade Reading Guarantee causes students who do not meet the requirement to be retained in third grade. The earlier start date allows us more time to prepare these students and intervene on their behalf. These tests are administered in October, April, and May.
- The fall semester would end prior to the holiday break. This allows high school students to start fresh when they return from winter break and eliminates possible down time of instruction after winter break to review for semester exams.
- Increase student accountability in the form of statewide assessments
- Athletic schedules have moved to earlier start dates in August

School Calendar

Mrs. Lovejoy had concerns about the Portage County Fair and the students that participate in the fair. Mr. Toth explained the Fair will be one week later than normal in 2015. Typically the District would be in school, under our normal past calendars, in 2015 if we were to keep the calendar status quo. He also stated we understand that the earlier start date of school conflicts with the dates of the Portage Randolph County Fair which will be August 25-30, 2015. We also understand that we have students who participate in the fair and complete projects through 4-H. We do not want these students to miss out on these educational opportunities. When we met with the Fair Board on October 30, we explained to the board that the students that did participate in the fair, will be able to obtain an excused absence from school on the days that they are working on their projects. This will not count against that student. In some cases, these projects may even count as an educational field trip. We want all of our students to be successful and are trying to make accommodations for all of their needs.

Mr. Sorrick recessed the meeting at 6:58 PM.

Matthew Sorrick, President

Jill A. Rowe, Treasurer/CFO