

BOARD BRIEFS

ACTION

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- Acceptance of Committee Minutes
- Approval of Financials
- Personnel Report
- Separation of Employment
- Student Travel - France
- Student Travel – Costa Rica
- New/Modified Courses for 2018-19
- Snow Removal Bid

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

September Student of the Month:
Michael Sawicki

GOOD NEWS OF THE DISTRICT:

West Chicago Community High School Math Team

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was no participation

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS & INFORMATION:

Student Report:

- Mike Sawicki gave an update on student activities.
- Dr. Domeracki reported the following:
- There had been 8 FOIA requests.
 - The process of auditing the school's website is approximately 2/3 complete.
 - Registration opens tomorrow for the National School Board Association conference in San Antonio.
 - Finalization of the 2018 summer projects is nearly complete; bid packets will be going out soon. Staff will be surveyed and some students will be selected for their input on the instructional needs and design concepts.
 - The annual Joint School Boards' meeting is scheduled for January 22, 2018.
 - Administrators have made site visits to some recently renovated libraries in order to better understand how student needs are being met.

- Evaluation and assessment of our Chromebook inventory is underway. A recommendation for disposition of older Chromebooks will be made to the Finance Committee.
- The November board meeting will be held on the 2nd Tuesday, November 14, 2017.
- The Illinois State Board of Education will report its recommendation of the eLearning program for expansion, revision or discontinuation on or before June 1, 2019.
- BoardBook will be rolled out to Board members within the next few days. This is the tool that will be used for the board packet in November.
- An addition to the audit of our ELL program will now include a Technical Assistance Review that will last two years.
- The State is unaware of how they will reimburse districts for the administration of the PSAT9 & 10; continuing financial assistance for students taking the AP exams has not yet been decided.
- The CTE Advisory Council had an initial planning meeting.
- Data dialogue meetings will be held with each individual feeder districts this winter.
- ISBE will do an RFP for assessment as a result of ESSA requiring a growth component to the state assessment.
- An email was sent to board members earlier today reporting a diagnosed case of whooping cough in the school.

Mr. Saake asked if science assessment tests taken two years ago had yet been graded. Dr. Domeracki responded that there had been no reports of grades from the State.

Director of Building Operations Report:

Mr. Cole reported that planning for the summer of 2018 was almost complete, and that the projects would be going out for bid. He stated that half of the money dedicated to the projects for the summer of 2018 would be spent on HVAC.

Director of Business Services Report:

- Anna Wiszowaty of Baker Tilly reported there had been another successful audit of District 94.

She added that the district will be awarded the “Financial Recognition” status from ISBE which indicates the District is in the highest category of financial strength.

- Mr. Blatchley stated that, now that the annual financial report is complete, he will update and post on the website a list of vendors who are paid \$25,000 or more. He also reported that he will complete the annual state of affairs for ISBE. Collective bargaining continues.

Director of Human Resources Report:

Ms. Moore reported the following reports had been submitted to the Illinois State Board of Education:

- Unfilled positions report which only had one unfilled paraprofessional position to report.
- Reduction in Force report for 2016-17.

She stated that 2017-18 positions will be submitted to ISBE by the November 1st deadline.

Principal’s Report:

Dr. Cheng reported on the following:

- Student attendance is tracking nicely with past school years. Dr. Cheng stated that, due to the early start of school this year, this month’s discipline report included an additional 3 weeks of attendance this year.
- Scott Albright and Len Egan took interested female students on a field trip to attend a Women in STEM Career Day at College of DuPage on October 6th.
- The 5th annual Dare to Scare event will be held in the LRC on October 26th. Third grade students from Gary and Pioneer Elementary Schools will attend.
- October is a busy month for college representatives to visit the school. 15 visits are scheduled for just this week.
- A handout was provided that lists dual credit classes with West Chicago Community High School and College of DuPage. The back of the handout listed all 19 Advanced Placement classes offered at the high school.

Safety and Security:

Pete Martino reported that staff training on Run, Hide, Fight was conducted on August 14, 2017; a safety drill was conducted at the high school with students, staff and the West Chicago Police Department on October 10, 2017. Two “intruders” were released into the building and were apprehended in approximately three minutes. He then showed a video which was titled “Run/Fight/Hide”. Board members and Mr. Martino discussed how best to prepare students and staff in the event of an actual intruder entering the building.

Committee Operations:

Board members discussed the rationale of having ex officio members and administrators included as a voting member of a quorum.

Committee Reports:

Dr. Cheng stated there had been an Education Committee meeting September 25, 2017. Minutes were in the packet.

Mr. Cole stated there had been a Finance Committee meeting October 11, 2017. Minutes were in the packet.

Ms. Yackey commented there was a Class Size Committee a few weeks ago.

It was agreed that the Education Committee and Finance Committee minutes would be amended to indicate all members; those who were present and those who were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

The Education Committee approved the minutes of the September 25, 2017 meeting as amended at table.

The Finance Committee approved the minutes of the October 11, 2017 meeting as amended at table.

Future Dates:

- Regular Board of Education Meeting – November 14, 2017
- Regular Board of Education Meeting – December 19, 2017

Open Comment by Board Members:

Mr. Nagel asked Board members to review the IASB Resolutions for 2017 and bring recommendations for voting to the November Board meeting. Board members discussed who can update the website; a review of the website is underway.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items removed from the Consent Agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting September 19, 2017.
- Minutes of the Closed Session Board of Education Meeting September 19, 2017
- Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting September 25, 2017

- Minutes of the Facilities Committee Meeting October 11, 2017
- Financial expenditures from September 15 to October 17, 2017

The following items were approved by the Board of Education:

Approval of Minutes:

Regular Board of Education Meeting – September 19, 2017

Closed Session Board of Education Meeting – September 19, 2017

Acceptance of Minutes:

Education Committee Meeting – September 25, 2017

Finance Committee Meeting – October 11, 2017

Acceptance of Financials:

Financial Expenditures from September 15, 2017 to October 17, 2017

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel Reports:

- The employment of 2 support staff for the 2017-18 school year
- The resignation of 2 support staff
- 1 leave of absence request
- The reclassification of 3 support staff
- The employment of 3 new athletic coaching staff

Separation of Employment:

The Board of Education accepted the resignation of the following employees:

- Antonio Acevedo, Custodian, effective September 22, 2017
- Christi Bloom, Program Assistant/Special Education Division, effective October 5, 2017

Student Travel: French Exchange:

The Board of Education approved Student Travel for the French Exchange to Grenoble, France.

Student Travel: Costa Rica Foreign Exchange:

The Board of Education approved Student Travel for the Costa Rica Foreign Exchange trip to Alajuela, Costa Rica.

New/Modified Courses for School Year 2018-19:

The Board of Education approved the addition of five (5) courses (Introduction to Philosophy, Introduction to Education; Investments; Machine Shop; and Quality Control) and modifying one (1) course (Multimedia Design to Electronic Presentations for Business Professionals) for the 2018-19 school year.

Snow Removal Bid:

The Board of Education approved awarding the snow removal contract to Ground Effects Maintenance for school years 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved to Executive Session at 8:26 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees; and collective negotiating matters.

OPEN SESSION:

The Board returned to Open Session at 8:52 p.m. There was no action after returning to open session.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.