

BOARD BRIEF

ACTION

- Approval of Minutes
- Filing of Minutes
- Approval of Financials
- Renewal of IHSA Membership
- Personnel Report
- Separation of Employment
- Student Travel: Spain Exchange
- Student Travel: LifeSmarts
- Pool Repair Project 2016
- Cafeteria Project
- Student Fees
- Chiller/Condenser Repairs

GOOD NEWS OF THE DISTRICT:

West Chicago Cheerleading Team & Coach Meghan Klein

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

February PeaceBuilder:

Jesus Martinez

Athletes of the Winter Season:

Tai Bibbs

Bria Williams

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Becky Hall thanked the school board for their continued support of the Sister Cities German Exchange. Teachers from Germany presented the school board with a hand painted picture of their school and a yearbook.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Items Removed From Consent Agenda:
None

The Board of Education approved the following:

- Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 16, 2016
- Minutes of the Executive Session of February 16, 2016
- Filing of Minutes of the following committee meetings:
Finance February 23, 2016
- Financial expenditures from February 11, 2016 to March 9, 2016.
- Renewal of Illinois High School Association Membership

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS & INFORMATION:

Superintendent's Report:

Student Report:

Grace Kelley gave an update on student activities.

Dr. Domeracki updated the Board on the following topics:

- PARCC testing is in its second week.
- World Relief will place a projected total of 350 families in DuPage County within the next year.
- As our population changes, there will be a higher need for translation services.
- A special board meeting will be held March 29th to review PMA figures.
- Senior Jacob Wiegele will represent WCCHS in the IHSA 3-point shooting contest on March 17th.
- Due to Senate Bill 100, disciplinary policies need to be completely redrawn. PRESS has come forward with recommendations which will be taken to the Discipline Committee for review.
- The Wildcat Booster Club will host a spaghetti dinner March 16th.
- West Chicago Museum will present a look into West Chicago's High School history April 8, 2016 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- An Administrator Academy will be held at the District Administrative Center August 25, 2016.
- Dr. Domeracki distributed a letter of commendation for Mary Ellen Daneels from Prairie Ridge High School.
- Two school-wide goals were discussed, the Establishment of Curricular Goals for all Content Areas and the schedule for staff in-service related to the instructional goals.

Director of Business Services Report:

Mr. Cole reported the first preconstruction meeting had been held with L.J. Morse. He stated that some preliminary work for the summer construction project would be done over spring break.

Director of Human Resources Report:

Mr. Blatchley said there would be a PERA Joint Committee Meeting March 18 where feedback from last month's survey will be reviewed. He stated there will be voluntary PERA training opportunities for staff this summer. He also reported he would attend a bilingual job fair March 29th.

Principal's Report:

Dr. Cheng reported on the following topics:

- Parent Teacher conferences would be held March 23 & 24.
- The Chromebook collection process is being finalized. Chromebooks will be collected from seniors and distributed to incoming freshmen in the fall; freshmen through juniors may keep their Chromebooks over the summer.
- It was noted there had been a spike in truancies; Dr. Cheng said he would investigate the spike.

Adult Education Report:

Mr. Don Zabelin gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Adult Education program, which is celebrating its 40th year. Mr. Zabelin stated that, due to the lack of state funding, the program has been unable to serve as many people as in the past.

District Goal Discussion:

Dr. Domeracki presented 5 possible district goals for the upcoming year. The Board discussed the goals and determined that the goals for Dr. Domeracki should be:

- Identifying district efficiencies
- Comprehensive curriculum audit

Committee Reports:

- Communications Committee – Dr. Domeracki reported the committee looked at public comments from a Community Conversation and compared them to the current communications plan. He said the graduate study was complete and would be administered at the end of the school year. The committee also adopted a district logo and an internal newsletter had been created called “Cat Chat”.
- Human Resources Committee – Mr. Blatchley reported the February 16th meeting had covered Special Education staffing, but that there were several agenda items that were not addressed. It was agreed that another meeting would be held to address the outstanding agenda items.
- Finance Committee – Mr. Cole reported there had been meetings in February and March in which sectioning for 2016-17 was discussed, as well as various building repairs.
- Education Committee – Dr. Cheng said he will schedule a meeting in the near future.

Future Dates:

- a. Special Board of Education Meeting – March 29, 2016
- b. Regular Monthly Board of Education Meeting – April 19, 2016

Open Comment:

Ms. Yackey stated the Educational Foundation would host a dueling pianos fundraiser August 6th and asked if any board members could provide a donation or item to be raffled off.

Ms. Yackey and Mr. Campos said they would meet with staff in April for a “Coffee with the Board”; Mr. Kotche and Mr. Saake said they were available to meet with staff in May.

NEW BUSINESS:

Personnel Report:

The Board of Education approved the following:

- The renewal of contracts and granting of tenured status for the 2016-2017 school year to the following people: William Bicker, Steven Brown, Nicole Cleveland, Patrick Clifford, Annika Dockstader, Anne Dragosh, Roberta Felfle, Anna Fulmer, Anne Gomez, Meghan Klein, Joshua Piha, Kathryn Stevens Schoen, Karen Szot and Michelle Walters.
- The renewal of contracts for the following non-tenured certified staff for the 2016-2017 school year: Jeffrey Anderson, Robert Beal, Tyler Belding, Jennifer Brady, Christopher Camerano, Courtney Damm, Kyle Etheridge, Julie Gawenda, Sean Gimpert, Zachary Hill, Janet Hurtado, Maureen Isphording, Amy Lee, Ted Monken, Laura Moran, Drew Plumb, Laura Pollard, Anne Marie Salazar, Annette Snyder and Charles Vokes.
- The release of the following non-tenured certified staff at the conclusion of the 2015-2016 school year: Brigitte Debs, Eleni Sianis and Alexandra Wojciechowski
- The following requests for part-time assignments for the 2016-2017 school year: Kristen Isacson, 80% and Barbi Mathews, 80%
- Staff FTE's for the 2016-2017 school year: 253.47
- Separation of Employment:
 - Brian Puchalski, Teacher/Special Education Division, Head Coach Cross Country, effective March 24, 2016
 - Sarah Arcan, Teacher/Science Division, effective upon the conclusion of 2015-16 school year

- Kelly Hall, .6 FTE Teacher in the Career & Technical Education Division & .4 FTE Teacher in the Support Services Division effective upon the conclusion of 2015-16 school year
- Nicholas Herrera, Teacher in the Physical Development Division effective upon the conclusion of 2015-16 school year
- Jerrick Habecker, Assistant Baseball Coach, effective March 3, 2016
- David Pater, Event Supervisor, effective May 26, 2016
- David Sayner, Teacher/Humanities Division, retirement upon the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year
- Coaching positions for the 2015-2016 school year:
Courtney Damm, Assistant Girls' Badminton Coach, effective March 4, 2016
- Coaching positions for the 2016-2017 school year:
Laura Pollard, Head Coach Competitive Dance Team/Poms
- Miscellaneous Wages for the 2016-2017 school year

Student Travel: Spain Exchange

The Board of Education approved Student Travel for the Spain Exchange trip to Soria Spain – Nuestro Senora del Pilar, Escolapios March to April, 2017.

Student Travel: LifeSmarts National Conference:

The Board of Education approved Student Travel for LifeSmarts to the National Conference in Denver, CO April 9 – 12, 2016.

Pool Repair Project 2016:

The Board of Education approved the construction contract with Expedia Construcion for the 2016 pool repair project at a cost of \$171,800.

Cafeteria Project:

The Board of Education approved the award of the cafeteria project to ATP Enterprise Group in the amount of \$139,000, and alternate 1 in the amount of \$34,000.

Student Fees:

The Board approved the fee schedule for the 2016-2017 school year.

Chiller/Condenser Repairs:

The Board of Education approved the proposal/contract with The Trane Company for the replacement of the condenser tubes for a cost of \$64,378.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

There was no Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board of Education meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.