

BOARD BRIEF

ACTION

- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Financials
- Personnel Report
- Textbook Display 2015-2016
- Award Contract for Renovation
- Employment of Legal Counsel
- Amended 2014-2015 Calendar
- Adopt Lease Amendment

REPORTS & INFORMATION:

Good News of the District:

Natalie Wagner was recognized for being chosen by competitive audition to the Illinois Music Educators Association and the Illinois Music Educators All-State Honor Choir.

Student Recognition:

Student of the Month - Evelyn Almonte
PeaceBuilder of the Month - Namrata Patel

Superintendent's Report:

- Student Report:
Jacob Urban reported to the Board on student activities.
- Dr. Domeracki updated the Board on the following items:
 - There had been three FOIA requests.
 - A review of closed session minutes would be conducted prior to February's board meeting.
 - The Joint Board meeting would be held on January 26th.
 - "Go Wildcats" was being displayed on the West Chicago McDonald's outdoor sign.
 - Progress is being made with the PERA program.
 - Dr. Domeracki said he was exploring topics for the summer Administrator's Academy.
 - The Chicago Public School system had announced they would not participate in the PARCC Assessment.
 - The February 17th Board meeting would be held at the high school to accommodate the Voice of Democracy awards.

- An alternative to the traditional end of the year brunch was being discussed due to Commons being used during construction.

Director of Business Services Report:

Mr. Cole stated he had begun compiling a list of summer projects for 2015 and 2016, and that work on the 2016 Budget has begun.

Director of Human Resources Report:

Mr. Blatchley updated the Board on the progress of the PERA joint committee. He stated that the committee has begun using framework which District 501 used. Mr. Blatchley stated that negotiations with support staff could be initiated by either side by March 15th.

Principal's Report:

Dr. Cheng reported on the following:

- Student attendance was tracking nicely with past data.
- Course selection was currently underway for incoming freshmen.
- Testing schedules are being developed. The ACT will be administered March 3rd, and may require a school calendar change.
- Recommended textbooks for 2015-2016 are at the District Office and will be on display for 21 days.

Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports.

Future Dates:

- Joint Boards of Education Meeting – January 26, 2014
- Monthly Board of Education Meeting – February 17, 2015 – Community High School
- Monthly Board of Education Meeting – March 17, 2015 – District Office

Open Comments – Board Members

The review of closed session minutes was confirmed for 6:30 p.m. February 17th.

ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Minutes:

The Board approved the minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of December 16, 2014.

Approval of Financials:

The Board approved financial expenditures from December 12, 2014 to January 14, 2015.

Personnel Report:

The Board of Education approved the employment of the following people:

- Lloyd Butts, Custodian/Buildings & Grounds, effective January 20, 2015

The Board accepted the following resignations:

- Jakub Piotrowski, Program Assistant/Special Education, effective January 16, 2015
- Leny Escobedo, Administrative Assistant/Support Services, effective January 30, 2015

The Board of Education accepted the following retirement:

- Lynn Knutson, Administrative Assistant/Principal, effective January 23, 2015

The Board approved the following leaves of absence:

- Kevin Woitas, Program Assistant/Special Education, effective March 27 – April 21, 2015
- Scott Albright, Division Head/Science, intermittent leave effective January 6 – May 15, 2015
- Pedro Perez, Groundskeeper/Buildings & Grounds, effective January 15 – January 30, 2015
- Nick Parry, Teacher/Physical Development, effective March 18 – May 7, 2015

The Board of Education approved the following transfer:

- Viviana Cuautle Cielo from Clerk in the MIS Dept. to Administrative Assistant to the Director of Support Services effective February 2, 2015.

Textbook Display for the 2015-2016 School Year:

The Board of Education authorized the Administration to advise the public via website that textbooks recommended for adoption will be on display for 21 days.

Award Contract 2015 Renovation Project:

The Board of Education approved the award of the construction contract for the 2015 renovation project to Lite Construction, Inc. of Montgomery, IL in the amount of \$1,877,000.

Employment of Legal Counsel:

The Board of Education approved employment of Engler, Baasten & Sruga as additional legal counsel for matters related to the provision of Special Education services and student-related Section 504 matters.

Amended 2014-2015 School Calendar:

The Board of Education approved the amended 2014-2015 school calendar which extends the school year by 2 days due to the use of emergency days on January 7 & 8, 2015.

Adopt Lease Amendment:

The Board of Education approved the amendment to a lease agreement between the City of West Chicago and Community High School District 94.

OPEN COMMENT:

Dave Hempe thanked the Board for allowing Special Olympics to use the school's facilities. He invited board members to attend the 4th Annual Kwasman Classic fundraiser which would be held at the high school on January 24, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board moved to Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The Board of Education returned to Open Session at 8:02 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

The Board of Education meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.