

District 172 Regular Meeting of The Board of Education

Thursday, November 9, 2023 Board Meeting

Dyanna McCleverty Gymnasium, 2950 Glenwood-Dyer Road, Lynwood, Illinois 60411

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Mrs. Gray - Absent

Mrs. Newton Present

Ms. Guthrie Present

Ms. Krueger Present

Mr. Colwell Present

Ms. Lee Absent

President Jenkins-Brown Present

3. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG**

4. **RECOGNITION CELEBRATION** Dr. Nalls presented on Sandridge School Dr. Nalls provided the District with information obtained from the Illinois School report card. Sandridge SD 172 has been moved from the bottom 5% of schools to ranking commendable. Dr. Nalls attributed this success to current and past Board members who supported the work of Sandridge as far as creating a strategic plan, school improvement plan, Board adopted goals. Sandridge has increased student achievement in all levels under the leadership of Dr. Nalls. Sandridge is now ranked as commendable. Daily attendance has increased, discipline issues have decreased, map testing data has increased, and overall achievement has increased in all grade levels. Dr. Nalls celebrate students, the village of Lynwood, JMA architects, current and past Board members.

Dr. Veda Newman recognized Student of the month in addition to students for academic achievement and behavior. The Sandridge cheerleaders performed and members were called up to obtain their awards.

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Public Comments Cheryl Ward

Ms. Ward informed the Board that PTA membership has significantly increased to 103 Members. The PTA hosted a family Movie Night and approximately 44 families attended. Sandridge's PTA facilitated a fall coat drive and approximately 53 Coats were distributed. The District has 23 coats remaining for any student in need. The Fall Ball was a huge success. In order to continue raising funds to support the students at Sandridge the PTA conducted a Taffy Apple Fundraiser. The PTA is exploring the feasibility of sponsoring an Ice Cream Day.

-Next PTA meeting will take place January 10, 2024

6. **PRELIMINARY TAX LEVY PRESENTATION** Dr. Alicia Evans congratulated the district on moving to commendable status in such a short period of time.

Dr. Evans commented on how a tax levy is simply a request for tax dollars. The District is requesting their fair share portion of the taxes generated from tax dollars. Dr. Evans reviewed the various funding sources and the majority of funding to support schools is generated via the tax levy.

November 9th Dr. Evans presented an estimate aggregate tax levy.

December 21st the BOE will adopt the 2022 Tax Levy, including all appropriate resolutions.

December 22, 2023 File necessary documents with the county clerk. This is how public schools are funded.

7. **PROPERTY TAX RELIEF GRANT** Dr. Alicia Evans presented on ISBE Property tax relief grant. The purpose is to provide districts with additional money that will be paid through the evidence based funding and have the district abate those funds back to the taxpayers. Dr. Evans believes the district should apply for the grant. Sandridge is currently eligible for 11% which is around \$382,000 and is currently number 179 out of 851 schools. It is important that Sandridge apply even if they do not receive it. The cost to apply is \$0 and Dr. Evans recommends that Sandridge SD172 applies.

Sonja Jenkins asked "What is the impact of the grant"

Dr.Evans: If we receive the grant we have to repay the funds.

8. **MOTION TO APPROVE TAX RESOLUTION**

Sonja Jenkins Motion to approve Tax Levy - Motion Carries

9. **SUPPLEMENTAL LEVY TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON OUTSTANDING BONDS** Dr. Alicia Evans 2016 there was a bond issued. There is an opportunity to repay the debt over the next 10 years. The amount for repayment \$129,041.40. The purpose of repaying through the levy is so that the funds do not have to be repaid through operating funds.
10. **DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL FY 24 MAINTENANCE PROJECTS** Dr. Nalls presented on the school district applying for a \$50,000 School maintenance grant. Will work with JMA to work on projects off of the Life Safety list. Gymnasium Walls, add LED lights as well as dimmer switch, Kitchen floor, Kitchen shelving, Cafeteria wall repairs. Repairing technology room floor by removing carpet. Total project \$100,000. Maintenance grant will cover 50%. The board is not taking action Dr. Nalls just wants to notify the board about the districts intent to apply for the grant.
11. **SOUTH COOK DIVISION CHAIR UPDATE: This item was tabled the chair was not in attendance at this Board meeting.**
12. **ACTION ITEMS CONSENT AGENDA** Motion Carries
 1. Approval of Minutes
 2. Approval of Payroll \$355,939.32
 3. Approval of Bills for Payment - \$189,984.64
13. **MOTION TO VOTE ON RESOLUTIONS FOR TRIPLE I CONFERENCE**
 1. INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION
 2. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FUNDING
 3. BUS DRIVER REGULATIONS
 4. EMPLOYMENT HISTORY REVIEW
 5. ALTERNATIVE SAFE SCHOOL FUNDING
14. **MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION:**

Discussion on the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity
15. **MOTION TO RECONVENE OPEN SESSION**
16. **Adjournment**