

# SPECIAL EDUCATION DISTRICT OF LAKE COUNTY

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## Executive Board Meeting Summary

Thursday, December 21, 2017

### Consent Agenda

Minutes and financial matters were approved along with the following personnel items:

- 👤 Requests for contracts for 11 educational support personnel (ESP)
- 👤 Resignations/retirements by 6 ESPs
- 👤 See last page of summary for list of professional vacancies

**Public & Executive Board Comments:** No comments were made.

### Recognitions

Student Recognition – Students Taking Academic Responsibility Seriously (STARS): The Board recognized Genevieve “Neva” Beauchamp, a student from Wauconda Unit District #118, as December’s STARS student. Neva is a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Gages Lake School. *Pictured with Neva (l-r) are: Val Donnan, Assistant Superintendent for Special Services at District #118; Carey McHugh, Governing Board (Dist #118) & Executive Board member; Katy Schuhrke, Social Worker; Tia Martinez, Assistant Principal at Gages Lake School; Jan Bridgman, Teacher; and Board President Joanne Osmond.*



Employee of the Month: Jill Murphy, Paraprofessional in the LASSO-2 (Language and Social Skills Opportunities) class at Wauconda High School, was recognized as December's employee of the month. Pictured with Jill (1-r) are: Holly Smigelski, Parapro Co-Worker (holding Jill's grandson); SEDOL Supervisor Kelly Olsen; Teacher Kristen Lanzerotti; Jill with her granddaughters; Board Member Carey McHugh; Board President Joanne Osmond; and Val Donnan, Wauconda District #118.



### **Old Business**

A. FY17 Audit Report: The Board approved the FY17 audit report.

### **New Business**

A. January Governing Board Meeting: The Board reviewed a draft of the agenda for the January 25 Governing Board meeting.

Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

### **Program/School Reports**

A. In Memoriam: Administration was very sad to report that Sabrina Cortina, a student at Laremont School since February 2001, passed away on November 16. Sabrina was 19 years old and was a resident of Community High School District #128.

Administration was very sad to report that Mary Kay Rohner (age 74) passed away on December 10. Mary Kay was a speech pathologist with SEDOL from August 30, 1982 until she resigned June 3, 2008.

B. Announcements / Wins: The following items were reported on at the December meeting of the Supervisory/Administrative Team.

- The Deaf/Hard of Hearing Program is continuing their video chat trainings with Dr. Kristin DiPerri and Dr. Todd Czubeck from Boston University. Dr. DiPerri and Dr. Czubeck are assisting staff to improve student literacy using their new Grammar Curriculum. They are meeting with grade level teams throughout the year.
- The students at John Powers Center have chosen *Jack and the Beanstalk* as their spring play. Auditions were held December 8, and the play will be presented in May.

- Two classrooms at Transition Center South held their annual Thanksgiving feasts. Students took responsibility for food service and some had taken the food handlers class.
- Cyd Lash Academy will graduate 10 students in December. The school also sent a team to the Chicago Area Alternative Education League Academic Bowl this year.
- Deb Thomas's Educational Life Skills (ELS) class at North Chicago High School and Karen Martin's ELS class at Vernon Hills High School prepared and enjoyed their annual Thanksgiving feasts.
- ELS students recently attended a performance at the PM&L Theatre in downtown Antioch. They are very supportive of students with special needs.

Laremont School: The month of December is proving to be both productive and rewarding for staff, students and families.

- Dec 2: Hosted an all-day event that started with *Donuts with Santa* and then a *Parents' Day Out*. From 9 to 11 am, students and their families had donuts, listened and danced to holiday music, completed holiday crafts, and had their picture taken with Santa. From 11 am to 2 pm, parents dropped off their children and were able to have a few hours to do some holiday shopping, enjoy a nice lunch together, or just take a nap. Staff and students watched holiday movies, ate lunch, played with holiday toys, and had full use of the mobility room.
- Dec 4: From 7 to 8 am, students and their families had the opportunity to do some holiday shopping in a low sensory-stimulated environment at Toys R Us in Gurnee. The store manager opened the store an hour before general public hours and provided dimmed lighting, soft music and refreshments for the families.
- Dec 7: Nurses, adapted PE and music staff provided Christmas donuts, oatmeal and orange juice for the entire staff.
- Dec 18: The Rotary Club of Mundelein-Vernon Hills will come with Santa and gifts. Students will have an opportunity to visit with Santa and receive a gift for the entire class.
- Dec 19: The Laremont PTO will host a Holiday Shoppe for the students who will have an opportunity to choose a small gift they can give to their parents.
- Laremont social workers put together giving trees that helped 35 families provide Christmas gifts for their children. Staff selected tags from the giving tree and shopped for each of the families.
- The intermediate pod organized a toy drive, and the toys will be donated to Lurie Children's Hospital.

Closed Session: The Board entered into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees.

#### Other Business

- A. Terminations: The Board approved Administration's recommendation to terminate an educational support staff member.

With no other business to be considered, the meeting was adjourned.

Professional Vacancies for 2017-18

- 1 Speech Pathologist (Various Locations)
- 1 LASSO-3 Teacher ( Laremont School)
- 1 Adapted PE Teacher (.4 FTE – Various Locations)
- 1 ED/BD Teacher (cover leave at Cyd Lash Academy)
- 1 Certified School Nurse (Gages Lake School)

**Executive Board Meeting Schedule** *SEDOL Office Bay Room unless noted otherwise*

Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, February 22, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 22, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, April 12, 2018 – 9:30 a.m. *Special Meeting to Review Tentative Budget*

Thursday, April 26, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 24, 2018 – 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 28, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 26, 2018 – 9:30 a.m.

**Governing Board Meeting Schedule** *Laremont School Gym unless noted otherwise*

Thursday, January 25, 2018 – 7:00 p.m. ***Special Meeting – Appoint New Supt – Admin Bldg Bay Room***

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 6, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.