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## Board Briefs: January 25 2024 Regular Action Meeting

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## **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Lechner welcomed Dr. Becky Nelson as the new Co-Interim Supt. for District 86, noting that this is the third interim superintendent position that they have shared. He noted that the pair make a great team and collaborate on everything.

Dr. Nelson then addressed the board and said she was grateful for the opportunity to serve the District 86 family. She also noted that she had the opportunity to tour Hinsdale South and was amazed at the work the students were doing. On Friday, she toured Hinsdale Central.

## **RFP Process for District Legal Counsel**

Interim Superintendent Lechner provided a brief update on the request for proposals (RFP) process advising that while it is not required, periodically school systems will release an RFP for legal services as a way of review and pricing. Lechner advised that the draft RFP presented for board consideration was reviewed and revised by a superintendent committee (including two board members) and D86 Procurement Manager, Tina Snyder.

## **2024-2025 School Year Calendar Updates**

The board discussed updates to the 2024-2025 school year calendar proposed by the district calendar committee including a new start date; a new end date; and the 2025 graduation date. The 2024-2025 calendar will return for board vote at the next regular meeting.

Information on all proposed calendar updates is available here: <https://bit.ly/3Uil9Ze>

## **District 86 Academic Report**

Administration presented the D86 Academic Report which provides an overview of the academic trends and growth of district students on comprehensive external measures including Dual Credit, SAT, AP, Access, and the Seal of Biliteracy. The board requested that administration create an executive summary of the report to be published along with the full report and data on the district website.

The full report can be accessed here: <https://bit.ly/3OgYybm>.

## **Discussion of Curriculum Alignment**

The administration and the board discussed the goal of curriculum alignment and how it is operationalized including: 1. Program of Studies; 2. Textbooks and Course Fees; 3. Learning Objectives; 4. Grade Weighting & Re-Take Opportunities and 5. End-of-term Assessments.

Administration provided an update on the progress of this work across academic departments. Consensus was reached to continue the work of curriculum alignment as discussed.

More information is available here: <https://bit.ly/3SITdfX>.

## Action Items

The board took action as follows::

- Awarded Bid 24-015 (Commercial Washer and Dryers).
- Approved a contract for the Executive Director of Communications.
- Approved the appointment of Robbins Schwartz as general legal counsel.

## Consent Agenda

The board approved the consent agenda as presented. Consent Agenda items are detailed beginning with item 6 on the agenda: <https://bit.ly/3OigfYa>.

## Administration Reports

The administration presented the following reports:

- The 2024 Employee Benefits Open Enrollment Report
- The 2024 Annual Investment Options Report
- The financial and treasury reports for December 2023
- Information about the FOIA requests that have been processed since the board's last regular action meeting.

## Board Committee Reports

The board heard reports from the following committees:

- Finance Committee (January 17)
- Academic Committee (January 18)
- Facilities Committee (January 19)

## Board President's Report

Board President Catherine Greenspon welcomed Dr. Nelson and Mr. Mayster to District 86, and also recognized the district's new superintendent, Dr. Michael Lach, who was in attendance. She also thanked and recognized the school board administration for working to establish understanding and build relationships. Additionally, Greenspon noted that the board is trying to communicate effectively and thoroughly so that all stakeholders understand what is happening in the district.

## Future Agenda Items

There were no future agenda items proposed by the members of the board. You can access the current list of future agenda items by visiting <https://bit.ly/3RFA8tk>.

## Audience Communication

Members of the public spoke about the following topics during audience communication:

- Curriculum alignment, in particular the ability for ninth graders to take the World History Honors course at Hinsdale South.

The board adjourned to closed session. The board did not take action following the closed session. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

The video recording of this meeting is available at <https://vimeo.com/user9373008/videos>.

### **Future Board Meetings**

Below are the dates of the board's upcoming regularly scheduled meetings. The full calendar of board and committee meetings for the 2023-24 school year can be accessed by visiting <https://bit.ly/44oHoho>.

- Feb. 8, 2024 - Committee of the Whole Meeting
- Feb. 22, 2024 - Regular Action Meeting
- March 7, 2024 - Committee of the Whole Meeting

