

In Board Briefs, we summarize key agenda items and discussion topics from previous Board of Education meetings. Full meeting minutes are usually not available until approved by the Board at a subsequent meeting. The community is encouraged to attend each meeting, and the Board welcomes questions and comments. Previous Board Briefs can be found on the district website [here](#).

July 11, 2016 Board of Education Reorganization and Regular Meeting

After an executive session, the annual reorganization meeting was called to order. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was held in memory of the victims of the recent shootings in Dallas, Louisiana and Minnesota prior to commencing the meeting. Superintendent of Schools Dr. Thomas Rogers and re-elected Board trustees Tracey Frankel, Rob Gershon and Susan Parker all took the oath of office. The Board reappointed Dr. Michael Cohen and April Neuendorf to serve as president and vice president, respectively. The Board also appointed Francine Benjamin as district clerk, Christina Costa as district treasurer, and made several other annual appointments of staff and designations for services. In addition, they established a calendar for regular and budget information meetings.

Following the reorganization meeting, the regular monthly public meeting was called to order. The minutes from the June 13 and 29 Board meetings were approved. The Treasurer's Report was delivered and also approved.

The Superintendent's Report and Other Monthly Items

- Dr. Rogers provided a brief update on the facility work being done during the summer. The final phase of the high school roof replacement and a complete replacement of the A.P. Willits School roof are underway. He noted that as a result of the work being done at the high school, summer school is being held at Harry B. Thompson Middle School this year. Later this summer, A.P. Willits will undergo a significant electrical upgrade.
- Coordinator for Educational Services Peggy Grosso informed the Board of the procedures involving the annual review and update of the districtwide School Safety Plan, in compliance with the Schools Against Violence in Education (SAVE) legislation and the commissioner of education's regulations. This entailed a review and update of all 10 school building and administrative office safety plans by the district Safety Team, with input from local law enforcement officials. The review covered areas such as responses to violence, threats and crisis communication procedures.

Audience to the Public

- Numerous community members, including parents, colleagues, current student-athletes and former players, voiced their support of a coach who was not included on the list of coaching appointments on the evening's agenda. President Cohen made a brief statement prior to the public comment period to inform the audience that in the interest of protecting the privacy of all students and staff, Board members do not comment or provide specific

information in public regarding the performance or any other specific matters of students and staff. During the discussion, the Board briefly reconvened to executive session and upon their return, Dr. Cohen clarified that there were several coaching positions for Fall sports that were not being filled or voted on at this meeting.

New Business

- Various resolutions were approved relating to appointments and abolishment of positions, as well as the approval of district policies, acceptance of donations, acceptance of service contracts, awarding of bids and other financial operations of the district.
- The Board appointed V. Dolly Kranz as assistant to the superintendent for teaching and learning. The Board also appointed Mary Kolkhorst as the new principal of Berry Hill Elementary School.
- The Board approved the Professional Development Committee's annual review of the Multiyear Professional Development Plan and as a result approved the plan.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for Monday, August 15, 2016 at South Woods Middle School, beginning at 8 p.m.