

BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: SONNI HERGET, LAURIE HOFFMAN, NEAL ORMOND III, ALLAN RHEA, ANGIE SMITH, JIM TOYNTON, JONATHAN WOOD AND DANIEL FLAHERTY, STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

At the September 4, 2007 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: *The Board recognized visitors from West High, Smith School, Partnership School, Hope Wall, Village of Montgomery, SCAC, West Aurora Sports Boosters and Transportation Department.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION was given to students from Smith School who attended Space Camp, iD Technology Camp and Saturn Essay Contest winners.

ACTION ITEMS:

Teaching and Learning

APPROVED DISTRICT TITLE I PLAN

APPROVED AMENDMENT TO 2007-08 SCHOOL CALENDAR – changing the October 10 half-day inservice to OCTOBER 17 – HALF DAY – GRADES K-12.

ACCEPTED FOR A 30-DAY REVIEW PERIOD, ADVANCED PLACEMENT ENGLISH TEXTBOOKS

Safe and Secure Facilities:

APPROVED RESOLUTION TO DISPOSE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY for the gym floor at West High School. Watch for information regarding the e-bay auction for portions of the floor.

APPROVED RESIGNATIONS OF: *Lisa Rasche, Greenman and Mary Monroe, West High.*

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: *Robert Bassett, English @ West; Michael Bonner, Technology @ Jefferson; Margaret Carlson Lane, Social Worker, District; Elizabeth Favre, Science @ West; Margaret Finlayson, English @ West; Susan Garcia, Drivers Education @ West; Allysia Gidaszewski, 3rd grade @ Greenman; Adam Godfrey, Psychologist; Emilia Kowalski, Business @ West; Lori Kuwik, Science @ West; Robert Mankivsky, Science @ West; Laurie McCauley, Music @ Hill; Meredith Moran, Special Ed @ West; Pamela Mosier, Child Development Center @ Hope Wall; Ronna Scruggs, 2nd grade @ Hill; Gayle Silagi, Science @ Herget; Amanda Sundaramoorthy, Exceptional Needs @ Wall; Lilia Vera-Perez, Bilingual @ Washington; Carrie Waterman, Reading @ Lincoln; Jennifer Weeks, 1st grade @ Freeman; Heather Smith, Reading @ Lincoln; Shelly Walden, Kindergarten @ Nicholson; Melissa Baldwin, Title I Literacy @ Nicholson; Ashley Caskey, 1:1 Para Pro @ Jewel; Susan Guevara, Parent Program @ Todd; Chad Kenner, Security @ West; Christina Padilla, Parent Program @ Todd; Maricela Quintanilla, Child Development @ Wall; Cynthia Solis, Health Assistant @ Greenman; Maura Tumpane, Title I Literacy @ McCleery; Charles Wolter, Title I Literacy @ McCleery; Jennie Zajac, Title I Literacy @ McCleery; Shirley Stokes, Bus Driver; Terese McDonald, Bus Driver; David Tyrawa, Custodian @ Smith.*

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

Teaching & Learning

Crysta Morrissey, Director of Special Education, provided an update on the program evaluation of Special Education Programs, discussing assessment, placement and alignment to the Priority Learning Targets.

Deb Quinn, Pat Butler and Dan Bridges provided additional information on the Revitalization Plan for West High and the 8 period day. They shared information on the instructional assistance and the instructional resource components, indicating that this has begun on a smaller scale for the 2007-08 school year. They answered questions from the Board and addressed concerns. They confirmed that this program is still in the planning phase and discussions are ongoing. They also shared that the 8 period day will allow students to have a lunch period and to be able to take advantages of electives. They felt confident that the results would show an increase in student achievement.

Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, provided an update to the Board on the program evaluation for English Language Learners. She shared assessment information, the instructional language program and the program being piloted at the elementary level. Both Cynthia and Crysta shared the frustration of not being able to disaggregate data easily due to the limitation of the present data system. Cynthia also shared information on the impact of the World Relief Program to the district. She indicated that

this program brings children to the district that need additional resources with limited resources to support their needs.

Safe Secure Facilities

A construction update was provided for the Board's information.

Financial Responsibility

The Board received background information on the re-bid for fuel for the district and the copier lease information for a new copier for the Transportation Department.

SPECIAL EVENTS

September 10, 2007 – 6:30

September 17, 2007 – 6:00

October 1, 2007 – 6:00

November 3, 2007 6:00

February 9, 2008

West High School Open House

Board Meeting @ West High

Board Meeting @ West High

Alumni Association Hall of Honor Dinner

District-wide Fine Arts Festival

Please note: All Board of Education Meetings will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be held at West High School in the Health Academy Classroom.