

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 December 3, 2007 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNIZED THE AURORA AREA SEA CADETS performing the color guard ceremony to open the meeting.

HELD A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED TAX LEVIES

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: The Board recognized visitors from AEAW, West High, West Aurora Paraprofessionals, Hope Wall, Herget, Jewel, AEAW Bargaining Team; SCAC, Aurora Division of the Sea Cadets.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION was given to the four general contractors for their work on the Hope Wall "Hope in Motion" project. Honored were Asta Dzeveckaite, Evergreen Landscaping; Joe Madden, Abbey Paving; Mark Baum, R.C. Wegman and Erick Oleson, Recreation Concepts/Gametime. Sandy Lowder, project coordinator, spoke about each of these contractors. The Board then presented Sandy with a special certificate for her work and coordination on the project..

ACTION ITEMS AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

APPROVED RESOLUTIONS APPROVING THE TAX LEVIES TO BE FILED WITH THE KANE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE BY DECEMBER 30, 2007.

TREASURER'S REPORT was presented by Jack Meyer, District 129 Treasurer.

APPROVED RESIGNATIONS OF Lluvia Moreno-Gomez, Paraprofessional and Caren Arrocena, Paraprofessional @ Fearn.

APPROVAL OF RETIREMENTS: Approved retirements for Patricia Skeels, Grant Coordinator and Ruth Kramer, Head Bookkeeper. The Board offered special thanks and appreciation to both Pat and Ruth for their work with the district and wished them both the best in their retirement.

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: Darlene DeWitz, English @ West High; Matthew Johnson, Alternative Education @ West High; Lindsey Shortness, Paraprofessional @ Hope Wall.

APPROVED PURCHASE OF TWO 14-PASSENGER ACTIVITY BUSES.

APPROVED PURCHASE OF TEN 71-PASSENGER BUSES FOR DELIVERY MARCH OF 2008 AND TEN ADDITIONAL BUSES FOR DELIVERY JULY OF 2008.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT EVALUATION – Crysta Morrissey reviewed both qualitative and quantitative data as it aligns to the key areas – teaching and learning, safe secure facilities, financial responsibility and community involvement. Crysta reviewed the Special Education Department's process of reviewing the areas filtered, the assessment data and things that needed to be canceled, continued, created and changed as it relates to Teaching and Learning of Special Education students. She provided a comprehensive analysis of assessment information, discipline data and will continue with the evaluation at the January 7, 2008 meeting.

K-5 SCIENCE PROPOSAL – Science Chairs Mike Runge and Dr. Ann Butcher presented information about the proposed K-5 science text and related materials. They review the process used to arrive at this recommendation. They shared the members of the Science Committee, the evaluation tool and the frequently asked questions. They assured the Board of the alignment to the Illinois Learning Standards and the District's Priority Learning Targets. They will return to the January 7, 2008 meeting to answer questions and put the materials on 30-day review.

ILLINOIS MATH AND SCIENCE PARTNERSHIP MASTERS COHORT – the Board was presented with a listing of the 47 District 129 staff members who are being recommended for participation in the four Illinois Math and Science Partnership Masters Degree Cohorts through Aurora University and Northern Illinois University.

DISTRICT IMPROVEMENT PLAN – is in the process of development and will be presented to the Board at the January 7, 2008 meeting.

BID TABULATION FOR BUS MOUNTED VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM was presented and will be discussed at the January 7, 2008 meeting.

RECYCLING PROGRAM – Dan Flaherty, Student Board Member, shared information about the practice of recycling being done in District 129 and the plans to encourage more recycling by providing the necessary receptacles throughout the district. He is also working on ways to make students and staff aware of the importance of recycling. More information will be presented at a future meeting.

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 24 – January 4

January 7, 2008

January 15, 2008

January 22, 2008

January 28, 2008

February 9, 2008

Winter Break

Board of Education Meeting

A+ Illinois Forum @ Prisco Center

Board of Education Meeting

Presentation of School Improvement Plans

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.

**HAVE A HAPPY AND HEALTHY WINTER BREAK
ENJOY YOUR TIME AWAY FROM WORK.....**