

BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: MARK BRADFORD, SONNI HERGET,
NEAL ORMOND III, MARICELA PEREZ, ANGIE SMITH, JIM
TOYNTON, JONATHAN WOOD AND JAZZLYN LUCKETT, STUDENT
MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

At the October 19, 2009 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: The Board recognized visitors from Jefferson, Jewel, Transportation, West, WAPA and AEAW.

AUDIENCE SPEAKING TO BOARD: Tom Moeller spoke to the Board regarding the Middle School exploratory curriculum. Leah Frueh also spoke about her concern regarding the 7th and 8th grade exploratory curriculum.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Board of Education recognized Felicia Ptak, a 7th grader at Jefferson, who was instrumental in setting up the yard sale at Jefferson Middle School. All proceeds go to needy families during the holidays. She helped set up Friday evening and worked all day Saturday to help make the event a success. She also volunteers many hours helping build sets for play productions. Congratulations to Felicia on her dedication and community spirit!

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVED that the Board of Education appoint Christi Tyler, Chief Financial Officer, as the District's IMRF Authorized Agent effective October 19, 2009.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the disposal of the following surplus technology items: 42 monitors, 35 keyboards, 37 desktop computers, 9 laptop computers, 5 printers.

APPROVED THE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR OCTOBER 19, 2009 including the resignations of: none

APPROVED THE RETIREMENT OF: None

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: Ada Carrillo – Paraprofessional @ Smith, Erin O'Keefe- Paraprofessional @ Jefferson, Peacottio Woods – Bus driver

APPROVED REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE: None

ACTION AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

BOARD

Fundraising E Mail Policy

Fundraising may not be conducted via staff email unless it is approved through the Community Relations Department and is sent by the District. Approval for addition to Policy number 7:325 Student Fund Raising will be requested at the November 02, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

Administrative Compensation Report

Illinois Public Act 096-0434 requires school districts to post annually administrative compensation on their websites and to submit those reports to the Illinois School Board of Education and to their respective Regional Offices of Education. The act also requires that the report be included in a school district's Board of education meeting.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Release of Information on State Report Card

Board members received a copy of the 2009 Adequate Yearly Progress Report Status Summary for District 129 as indicated on the 2009 Illinois School Report Card. The District is required to post the school report card by 10/31/09 on the website and make available to the public.

Parent University

Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, provided the Board of Education with information relative to a Parent University project that is being planned in conjunction with East Aurora District #131. The Parent University will be held at East High this year on February 27, 2009 and held at West High the following year. They will have keynote speakers, multiple sessions for parent to choose topics of interest and use a survey to discover what other items parents would like to participate in on that day. This is funded through Kane County ROE for \$20,000 to help get parents involved with schools.

Aurora Math and Science Educational System

Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, provided an update on the Aurora City-Wide Mathematics and Science Education System project that is the result of the Dunham prize for \$100,000 awarded to the Aurora University Institute for Collaboration. There are three key components for this project, they are formal education setting for grades 3-8 for a magnet school for gifted students, supplemental programs for all students i.e. summer school, and lastly teachers will be able to participate in professional development in math and science.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Treasurer's Report

Board Treasurer, George Malina, updated the Board of Education regarding the Treasurer's Report. He spoke of the Operating Revenue and pointed out that the district has uneven revenue flows. Our Operating Expenses were fairly regular throughout the year. An overview of our Cash Flow Analysis shows that the district runs low on funds in the Spring and that due to TAW's and the delay of state funding, we could be eight million dollars short. We should receive the 2051 aide payments in January and June of 2010. George Malina will now be providing the Board of education with quarterly Cash Flow Analysis.

SAFE AND SECURE FACILITIES

Variance for West High School Coaches Office

Pete Kerl, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, is requested that the Board of Education review the Application for Approval of Variance for the West Aurora High School Coaches Office. Architect, Pat Callahan explained that the coaches' office was originally built as a storage area and that the office does not meet code for minimum height requirements for occupied spaces and minimum ventilation requirements for occupied spaces. The cost to make these modifications is approximately \$45,000 and funds could be taken from the Health and Life Safety Fund. Request for approval will be done at the November 16th Board of Education meeting.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORT

African American Heritage Board

Jazzlyn Lockett, Student Board member, presented information on the Aurora African –American Achiever's Academy that West High School hosted on Monday, October 12. The speakers included Telenae Reid, Author Julius Rhodes, several community elders, college entrepreneurs, African American Law Enforcers and Pastor Katrina Smith. We had a large turnout from many school districts.

100 Black Men Scholarship Fair

Jazzlyn also gave an update on the 100 Black Men Scholarship Fair that was held in Chicago last Friday night and Saturday. West High had 4 students invited to attend. Students were given the opportunity to speak with college admission officers and have an opportunity to also receive scholarships.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank You card from Cristina Delgado for recognition of Hispanic Pioneers

PRIOR TRIP APPROVAL: none

ELECTRONIC BOARD BOOKS

Our new electronic BoardBook program was introduced. We will no longer be providing a paper copy of upcoming Board of Education meetings. Everyone can view what the Board of Education members receive in their Board packet by logging onto our district website, navigate to the Board of Education section and on the right hand side is the box for Board Books. Please click on this box and then choose what date you would like to view. You will have two options: one to only see the agenda and one to see the entire packet with attachments. This site will archive 5 years worth of Board packets.

SPECIAL EVENTS

<i>October 26, 2009</i>	<i>SIP Presentation to Board of Education and SCAC - 4:00 p.m. at West High School in A206</i>
<i>November 2, 2009</i>	<i>Board of Education Meeting in Library at West – 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>November 9, 2009</i>	<i>Facilities BOE Study Session at Admin – 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>November 16, 2009</i>	<i>Board of Education Meeting along with Golden Apple Awards – 6:00 p.m. in Library</i>
<i>November 16, 2009</i>	<i>School Board Recognition at BOE meeting 6:00 p.m. in Library</i>
<i>November 16-20, 2009</i>	<i>American Education Week</i>
<i>November 20-22, 2009</i>	<i>Triple I Convention in Chicago</i>
<i>November 23, 2009</i>	<i>SCAC Meeting in B140 – 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>January 11, 2010</i>	<i>Community Involvement BOE Study Session at Admin – 6:00 p.m.</i>
<i>January 25, 2010</i>	<i>SCAC Meeting in B140 – 7:00 p.m.</i>
<i>April 10-12, 2010</i>	<i>National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference in Chicago</i>