

# 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 November 02, 2009 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS:** The Board recognized visitors from Freeman, Greenman, Hall, Hill, Jefferson, Jewel, Smith, Transportation, West, WAOPA and AEAW.

**AUDIENCE SPEAKING TO BOARD:** None

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION:** The Board of Education recognized Ms. Helen Streeter Flock, West Aurora High School Class of '27. Ms. Flock turned 100 on October 11<sup>th</sup> and she is a lifelong avid Blackhawk supporter. She and her sister, Emily Streeter Zilly, Class of '29, attended our all-class alumni reunion in 2005. The marching band, cheerleaders, football players and Madrigal singers all wished Helen a happy birthday.

## **ACTION ITEMS:**

**APPROVED** that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda for November 2, 2009.

**APPROVED THE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 02, 2009** including the resignations of: none

**APPROVED THE RETIREMENT OF:** None

**APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF:** Kirstan Beatty- LBS @ McC and Smith, Cheryl Shumway – Paraprofessional @ Hill, Jeff Essig – Director of Technology – Change to Admin position, Director of Information Services – Debbie Nardone – Change to Admin position

**APPROVED REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** Ashley Caskey, paraprofessional, has requested a leave of absence for the period starting January 4, 2010 – end of year consistent with the terms and agreement between the Board of Education and the West Aurora Paraprofessional Association. This is a revision from original request of 8/17/09 -12/18/09.

**ACTION AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Expulsion of one student for remainder of \ 2009-10 school year.

## **INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION**

### **BOARD**

#### **Annual Athletic Review**

Athletic Director, Andy Lutzenkirchen, presented the Annual Athletic review to the Board and noted that the athletic staff for 2009-10 had noted changed and was happy to have the same helpful staff supporting the athletic department. He noted that athletic participation for this year is down from last year's number. The decrease might be due to economic conditions. At this time the athletic department does not allow for fee waivers for sports participation. Andy reported the numbers for home contest dates with 158 dates and 584 individual home contests. The IHSA chose our school to host numerous sporting events due to our facilities and the positive way the teams are treated when they visit. West offers numerous intramurals as an alternative to competitive sports.

## **TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **Electronic State School Improvement**

Board members received a copy of the 2009 NCLB requirements electronic State School Improvement Plans. These are required when a school does not make Adequate Yearly Progress for two consecutive years. Freeman, Greenman, Hall, Hill, Smith, and Jefferson are required to submit a Board approved ePlan. Jewel has a plan but is required to update that plan although Jewel made AYP in 2009, their plan has expired and they remain in status until there are two consecutive years of making AYP. Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning presented the schools

ePlan's at this meeting and Board members were allowed to ask questions of those principals. Board approval will be at the December 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. The District will then submit to ISBE by December 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

### **Funding Update**

Chief Director of Finance, Christi Tyler, updated the Board members with the information that the state is behind in \$3.3 million in state payment and the state might borrow to pay for the categorical with two payments for our district in January and June. Our stimulus payments (from the GSA) plan might be delayed. This consists of 22 payments and the foundation level might decrease. Christi will present the levy to the Board of Education with an anticipated increase of 1% but it now appears that the number might be -8% decrease. This would cost the district \$2.5 million dollars per year for the next two years. We should receive \$2.4 million from the tax payment this calendar year.

## **SAFE AND SECURE FACILITIES**

### **Variance for West High School Coaches Office**

Pete Kerl, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, was available for any questions relating to the Application for Approval of Variance for the West Aurora High School Coaches Office. 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.

### **Disposal of Surplus Laminator and Kiln**

Per Board of Education policy 4:80; a request for disposal of a laminator Model GBC Heal Seal Ultima 65 Serial Number QGG0349 and an electric kiln Model Knight 103 Serial Number 575-6452. These units no longer work and would be more expensive to repair than replace. Request for approval will be made at the December 7th Board of Education meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Thank You card from John Sierakowski.

**PRIOR TRIP APPROVAL:** A request for approval for an overnight trip to Purdue University with the West High School Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band has been received from Band Instructor Patty Sampson. The band will leave on Friday, January 22-Saturday, January 23, 2010.

## **SPECIAL EVENTS**

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