

BOARD BRIEFS

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

At the August 03, 2009 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: The Board recognized visitors from Hope Wall, Jewel, Nicholson, Todd, Washington, West, AEAW, WAOPA and SCAC. Also Alderman Rick Lawrence.

AUDIENCE SPEAKING TO BOARD: Ms. Lydia Bartell spoke to the Board regarding the benefit of the exploratory options, foreign language and band offerings for the middle school students.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Board of Education recognized Ms. Becky Jo Tabone for her coordination of the 4th Annual Community Gift of Life Blood Drive that was held at West Aurora High School on July 11, 2009. The Heartland Blood Centers collected 167 units with 28 deferrals. This generous donation helps provide hospitals in your area with a safe and adequate supply of blood and blood products and many patients will benefit from the generosity of your donors.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVED and authorizes the Board Secretary to cast ballots for the proposed members of the NIA (Northwestern Illinois Association) Executive Board and Director of Special Education.

APPROVED that the Board of Education renew the contract for District 129 Transition Program, Pathways for another year.

APPROVED the Letter of Agreement between West Aurora School District 129 and CSIG Management, Inc., d.b.a. Laurus Strategies for the services identified.

APPROVED THE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR AUGUST 03, 2009 including the resignations of: Stacy Behmer-Director of Technology, Sarah Martine-Kgd @ Hall/Greenman, Maria Duran –Spanish @ West, Rachel Montgomery-Paraprofessional, Nathan Cotter- Paraprofessional, Dorothy Smith – Bus Driver, Darrell Smith- Security, Lee Bee – Custodian, Bobby Tenner-Custodian, Leslie Jeziorski- Sign Language Interpreter.

APPROVED THE RETIREMENT OF: none

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: Stephanie Barbel – LBS @ Smith – Rehire, Sandra Carroll – LBS @ Jewel, Kristen Coronado – Credit Recovery @ West High – Rehire, Amy Hurt – Spanish @ West High – Rehire, Kim Johnson – Title One @ Nicholson – Rehire, Sarah Mallas – Biology @ West High, Denise Reed – Spanish @ West High – Rehire, Alyssa Richter – LBS @ McCleery – Rehire, Sarah Saghir – Psychologist @ Greenman, Joshua Turner – Music @ Hill, Laura Wagley – PE @ West High, Ann Sixt – Title One at parochial school – Rehire, Sheryl Mezger – Title One at parochial school, Kristina Hettinger – Art @ Nicholson, Justine Sykora – Parapro @ Washington – Recall, Lara Nendick – Parapro @ Goodwin – Recall, Brianne McCoy – Parapro @ Hill – Recall, Monick Ramos – Parapro @ Hill – Recall, Jennifer Schiber – Arciga – Parapro @ Smith – Recall, Julie O'Malley – Parapro @ Goodwin – Recall, Elia Arcilla – Parapro @ West High – Recall, Joe May – Custodian – Recall, John Berenyi – Custodian – Recall,, Kevin Nelson – Custodian – Recall, Teresa Powers – Health Assistant - Rehire

APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF AMY RANDALL TOWNES to the position of Assistant Principal at Washington Middle School.

APPROVED REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE: That the Board of Education approve the request for leave of absence for Traci Hartman-Perez for the period starting second semester of 2009/10, consistent with the terms and agreement between the Board of Education.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Field Trip Update: Director of Elementary Education, Erin Slater and Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Cynthia Latimer presented the proposed plan for elementary field trips. Field trip recommendations create alignment with the PLT (Priority Learning Targets) and consistency between the elementary schools. Buildings may add additional trips. **Internet Safety school Code:** Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, Cynthia Latimer, presented the new school code which requires Internet Safety instruction grades three and above. The Board of Education is required to determine the scope and duration of this unit of instruction. This curriculum must be taught at least once each school year. Questions can be presented at the next BOE meeting on August 17th with approval at the September 8th BOE meeting.

SAFE AND SECURE FACILITIES

West Aurora High School Surplus Auditorium Light Fixtures: West Aurora High School has 60 surplus auditorium light fixtures and they have been replaced by newer fixtures with funds raised by West High Stage Crew. Approximately one third of the lights will be sent to the middle schools in our district and the others would be sold. Recommendation is made to request Board of Education approval to dispose of these items. **Equipment Disposal Technology/Electronic Equipment:** In the district we have technology/electronic equipment that are no longer being used because they are broken and unable to be repaired or obsolete. If applicable, this equipment has had its usable components removed to be used as repair parts in other technology equipment. This technology/electronic equipment is: Printers – 12, LCP Projectors – 5, Scanner – 1, Keyboard – 24, Computers – 40, Monitors – 35, Laptops – 8, Server – 1, Per Board of Education policy 4:80, a request for recommendation that the Board of Education approve the disposal of these items, through a recycling program. Recommendation to be requested at the 8/17/09 Board of Education meeting.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Financial Update: Chief Officer of Finance, Christi Tyler, gave a financial update. We are \$3.5 million in the rear for funds from the state. The state is approximately 3-4 months lag in payments. Many grants have been completely cut or decreased by large percentages and affect our Early Childhood program. Bill 2051 is due to be signed by August 8th. Todd Early Childhood Director, Michelle Shabaker, gave an update regarding early childhood funding. The school is capable of serving 320 students but right now will serve 80 students due to funding issues. We are \$420, 763 dollars behind in that funding.

CORRESPONDENCE

PRIOR TRIP APPROVAL: none

SPECIAL EVENTS

August 17, 2009	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm
August 19, 2009	First Day of Student Attendance
August 24, 2009	SCAC Meeting in B140 – 7:00 pm
August 26, 2009	West High School Open House – 6:30 pm
September 8, 2009	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm
September 21, 2009	Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm
September 28, 2009	SCAC Meeting in B140 – 7:00 pm
October 26, 2009	SIP Presentation to Board of Education 4:00
November 20-22, 2009	Triple I Convention in Chicago