

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 17, 2009 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: The Board recognized visitors from AEAW and West High. Board Treasurer, George Malina was present.

AUDIENCE SPEAKING TO BOARD:

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: None at this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve to dispose of 60 surplus auditorium light fixtures with one third of the lights being sent to the middle schools in our district and the others will be sold.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the disposal of 12 printers, 5 LCP Projectors, 1 scanner, 24 keyboards, 40 computers, 35 monitors, 8 laptops and 1 server.

APPROVED THE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR AUGUST 17, 2009 including the resignations of: Maria Duran- Spanish @ West High, Ross Draper – Dean @ West High, Christina Holda – Science @ West High, Brad Hill-Custodian, Sara McCoy- Paraprofessional, Bernadette McCarthy- Paraprofessional, Rebecca Fischer – Paraprofessional, Elizabeth Michels- Paraprofessional, Randall Place, - Security, Linda Dee- Paraprofessional, Mary Jo Rauen – Paraprofessional.

APPROVED THE RETIREMENT OF: none

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: Katie Byers – School Psychologist @ Washington, Geoff Bradley – Exploratory @ Jewel, Laura Sallas – Kindergarten @ Greenman/Hall, Nancy Wolfe – LBS @ McCleery, Yuliana Vera – Spanish @ West, Patrick Comeford – Parapro @ Goodwin – Recall, Octavio Velasco – Parapro @ Greenman – Recall, Cassandra Aleman – Parapro @ Hal - Recall, Rosalinda Ballesteros – Parapro @ Hill – Recall, Luz Anaya – Parapro @ McCleery – Recall, Esteban Torres – Martin – Parapro @ West High – Recall, Kristina Rosenstiel – Bus driver, Donna Hampson – Sign Language Interpreter @ Washington, Yadira Pena – Health Assistant @ Todd, Leigh Jackson – Office Professional @ Todd – Recall.

APPROVED REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE: That the Board of Education approve the request for leave of absence for Jenny Windle for the period October 19, 2009- January 29, 2010, consistent with the terms and agreement between the Board of Education and that the Board of Education approve the request for leave of absence for Ashley Caskey for the period August 17, 2009 – December 18, 2009, 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 were present to answer any questions regarding 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, was present to answer any questions from the Board of Education regarding 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. Approval to be requested at the September 8th Board Of Education meeting.

SAFE AND SECURE FACILITIES

Disposal of a 1993 Chevrolet G20 Van: Transportation would like to declare a 1993 Chevrolet G20 custom van with wheelchair lift as surplus. Vehicle has been as Hope Wall over 10 years and has been used once or twice last year. A considerable amount of time and money has been spent trying to repair this van but it continues to have electrical problems. The vehicle was donated to Hope Wall and the District approx. 9 years ago. Recommendation is made to request Board of Education approval to dispose of this van. Recommendation to be requested at the 9/08/09 Board of Education meeting.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Financial Update: Chief Officer of Finance, Christi Tyler, gave a financial update. She presented information comparing last year with this year's anticipated figures from state. Several programs will have a 50% cut in funding. Those include School Breakfast Incentive, National Board Certification Incentives, ADA Block Grant (75% cut), Arts Education and Foreign Language Assistance. The following funds were completely eliminated for Fast Growth Grants, Class Size Reduction Pilot Program and Textbook Loan Programs. Early Childhood for 0-3 and 3-5 were cut by 10% allowing the District to house 11 classrooms at Todd. Those classrooms include 6 blended (regular and special ed), 2 regular Rediness classrooms, 3 Spanish Rediness classes. Start date for Todd is 8/24/09 and no classes will be housed at Westminster. Principals will be sending in student counts on the 1st day, 4th day, 6th, 10th and 14th day. **Northern Illinois Convocational Center Contract:** Christi Tyler and West High Principal, Dan Bridges presented the three year proposed contract with Northern Illinois University to continue holding our graduation at their convocational center. An increase from \$5000 to \$7600 will cover labor, equipment, and ticket printing services. Recommendation for approval of three year contract will be requested at September 8th BOE meeting. **Copier Committee Update:** Christi Tyler explained how the committee has met with four different vendors and that the vendors need to have their proposals to the committee by 8/24/09. Currently the district has 41 leases and we would like to have one vendor and one lease. The new vendor would buy out the District's current outstanding leases. Recommendation to be requested at the 9/08/08 Board of Education meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you letter from Eva Balek for IAEA recognition.

PRIOR TRIP APPROVAL: none

SPECIAL EVENTS

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| 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 |