

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 July 06, 2009 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: The Board recognized visitors from Herget, Hope Wall, Jefferson, Jewel, Smith, Washington, West, West High Maintenance Dept., Transportation, AEA, WAOPA and SCAC. Also George Malina, board Treasurer.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Board of Education recognized the following track members who qualified for state finalist. Congratulations on your dedication and success! Girls track members: Kristin Holmes, Kehlay Dunah, Cynthia Smith, Markesha Davis, Brittany Loza, Shanice Andrews, Jasmine Ranson, Mariah Smith, Tracy William-Moore, Shadae Pickett, Brandi O'Banner, Carmen Von Patterson, and Sam Brand. Boys track members: Steve McMullen, Leon Spears, Darron Guyton, Josh Zinzer, Markus Cocroft, George Handley, Marcus Waller, Kevin Costin, and Aviance King.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVED and authorizes the disposal of the following items at the Administration Office: Six teacher desks, three computer desks, various drawer organizers, three small cabinets, three single chairs, one folding lunch table.

APPROVED that the Board of Education not continue busing in the areas listed in the attached backup material. The Serious Safety Hazard are for Schneider School does not qualify for the 20 points necessary for bussing to continue.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the emergency corrective work to fix water infiltration at Hall Elementary School to begin as soon as possible.

APPROVED the following resolution: the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder for the Clean School Bus Grant to Inland Power Group, in the amount of \$118,000 for FY 10.

APPROVED the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder for beverages to PepsiAmericas.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the following lowest responsive, responsible bidder for elementary planners to Premier Agendas, Inc. (School Specialty) in the amount of \$2.45 per planner.

APPROVED that the Board of Education direct the Board President and Board secretary to sign the enclosed resolution which disclaims and waives any interest in the proceeds of Mr. Thomas Wolfsberger's estate.

APPROVED THE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR JULY 06, 2009 including the resignations of: Kenny Randle, Custodial Supervisor, Brian Johnson, West High PE, Kristin Schultz - English

APPROVED THE RETIREMENT OF: none

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: Jonathan Bacheller – LBS @ District, Sally Hepler – Music @ Hall, Kevin Mortlock – Special Ed @ West, David Norman – Special Ed @ West, Alexandra Perez – Bilingual Assessor @ District, Rebecca Robins – Music @ Nicholson/Hope D. Wall, Angie Abbott- English @ West – Rehire, Andrea DiDonato – PE @ West – Rehire, Jolene Duet – Math @ West – Rehire, Annette Hensley – Special Ed EC @ HDW – Rehire, Ryann Jensen – 4th Grade @ Nicholson – Rehire, Katie Johnson – English @ West – Rehire, Stephanie Leo – 1st Grade @ Fearn – Rehire, Nancy Wolfe – LBS @ McCleery - Rehire

APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF RACHEL HATTENDORF to the position of Assistant Principal at Herget Middle School.

APPROVED REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE: none

ACTION AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION: none

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

BOARD:

Northwestern Illinois Association requested their annual election of members to the N.I.A. Executive board. Action will be taken at the August 3, 2009 meeting. Information on special ballot for Director of Special Education was also presented.

TEACHING AND LEARNING:

Middle School Curriculum Overview: Middle School principals were there to cover the middle school exploratory and curriculum that was approved on February 17, 2009. They answered question from BOE members on how the change will affect next year's schedule. Several audience members were present to speak to the BOE regarding their dissatisfaction with their students having to decide which exploratory they would take for next year and the lack of options they believe will occur from the change to the curriculum. Parents would prefer the 7th and 8th grade band be allowed to alternate each day with an exploratory option. West High band director, Steve Orland spoke of the commitment that is necessary to produce the quality band members that represent the district. **Annual contract for District 129 Transition Program, Pathways.** Contract is up for renewal and the program is housed at the Vaughn Athletic Center and serves special education students from 18-22 as a transition from school to "independence" as an adult. No substantive changes to the contract. **Spring Test Battery Proposal** Dan Bridges, principal of West High presented information on changes proposed for next year's testing schedules.

SAFE AND SECURE FACILITIES

Emergency Preparedness Update- Miriam Wade-Hicks, Lynn Head and Pete Kerl presented the four stages of the Emergency Preparedness program to the BOE members. They included Prevention and Mitigation, Security, Response, and Recovery Phase. Group is looking for federal grants.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Arbor Food service Management- representatives Kathy Carter and Jack Bortko from Arbor Food Management were at the meeting to introduce themselves and answer questions regarding the new contract with them. **Letter of Agreement** with West Aurora School District #129 and Laurus Strategies was included in the BOE packet and representative Rob Dorsey was present to answer any questions regarding their services. **Financial Update-** Chief Financial Officer, Christi Tyler, updated the board on the lack of funding still continuing from the state. We are to receive six payments from the state but will only receive four and this might be the pattern for next year as well. We are currently \$6,522,824.62 behind in payments from the state.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Update on the First Day of School- Mike Chapin, Director of Community Relations; update the Board on what is being done to communicate with the community about the start date of August 19th. We are having yard signs, newsletter, phone blasts, posters for business owners to hang, post cards, school website and as many items in Spanish as possible. The more students we have in school that day, the more money the district will receive.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank You card from Hill Elementary School Principal, Cindy Larry to Kohl's Department Store for \$500 donation.
Thank you letter from Jane Addams Band Boosters Association for \$50 donation in the memory of Dr. Ortho Lang.

PRIOR TRIP APPROVAL: none

SPECIAL EVENTS

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| July 11, 2009 | 4 th Annual Community Gift of Blood Drive at West High 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. |
| August 3, 2009 | Board of Education Meeting |
| August 17, 2009 | Board of Education Meeting |
| August 19, 2009 | First Day of Student Attendance |
| October 26, 2009 | SIP Presentation to Board of Education |
| November 20-22, 2009 | Triple I Convention in Chicago |