

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 September 08, 2009 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

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

AUDIENCE SPEAKING TO BOARD: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: None at this meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVED that the Board of Education find that the Executive Session minutes for the period March 2009 until September 2009 not to be released for public view.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the Internet Safety instructional component to be taught to grades 3 and above at least once each school year.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the 2009-10 Application for Recognition of Schools for the following District 129 Schools: Fearn Elementary, Freeman Elementary, Goodwin Elementary, Greenman Elementary, Hall Elementary, Hill Elementary, McCleery Elementary, Nicholson Elementary, Schneider Elementary, Smith Elementary, Todd Elementary, Hope Wall School, Herget middle School, Jefferson Middle School, Jewel Middle School, Washington middle School and West Aurora High School.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the disposal of 1993 Chevrolet custom van with wheelchair lift as surplus.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the transfer of \$4,200,000.00 from the Working Cash Fund as a loan to the Education Fund.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the contract with Northern Illinois University through the 2012 school year for use of their convocational center.

APPROVED THE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 08, 2009 including the resignations of: Kristin Peterson – 5th Grade @ Goodwin, Alison Winter – Bilingual @ Smith, Jeanette Alcantar – Office Professional

APPROVED THE RETIREMENT OF: none

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: Kerry Anderson – Early Childhood @ Todd, Geoff Bradley – Exploratory @ Jewel, Christina Brzykcy - English @ West High, Stephanie Campise – 1st Grade @ Hall, Jennifer Carew – Kipp – 3rd Grade @ Goodwin, Kathy Davila – Soc Sci/LA/Science @ Jewel, Jamie Glass – Early Childhood @ Todd, Jessica Korzeliak – Early Childhood @ Todd, Dolly Mandrelle – Early Childhood @ Todd, Shawn McDowell – Early Childhood @ Todd, Kristen Meyer – Early Childhood @ Todd, Michelle Navarro – Early Childhood @ Todd, Jennifer Phillips – Language Arts @ Jefferson, William Pittluck – Science @ West High, Steven Popp – 5th Grade – Goodwin, Lindsay Pultz – Early Childhood @ Todd, Kerry Ryan – 4th Grade – Hall, Amanda Sipes – Kdg @ Freeman, Brendan Wischweh – Science @ West High, Miriam Wandt – Bilingual @ Hall, Amanda Sipes – Paraprofessional @ Hall, Lisa Tufano – Security @ West High, Luz Palacios – Paraprofessional @ Todd – Rehire, Quinn O'Malley – Paraprofessional @ Goodwin, Roger Dee – Paraprofessional @ Washington – Rehire, Danette White – Paraprofessional @ Jewel, Jennifer Sosnowski – Paraprofessional @ Fearn, Andrea Svejda – Paraprofessional @ Hill

APPROVED REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE: That the Board of Education approve the request for leave of absence for Jennifer Duker for the period of November 04, 2009 through the remainder of the 2009/10 school year, consistent with the terms and agreement between the Board of Education and the Aurora Education Association-West.

ACTION AS A RESULT OF SPECIAL EXECUTIVE SESSION: Appointment of Amy Velasquez as Dean at West High School

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

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Northwestern Illinois Association: In June NIA held two elections; a regular election and a special election. Because the special election resulted in a tie, the NIA has chosen to repeat the election process. A special ballot for the election of a Director of Special Education from Subregion I and this will be a one (1) year term. The candidates are Dr. Carolyn Beard and Dr. Crysta Morrissey. The Board of Education will consider the candidates and authorize the Board Secretary to cast its ballot at the September 21, 2009 Board of Education meeting.

SAFE AND SECURE FACILITIES

Disposal of Surplus Items: Request to dispose of the following items: one electric kiln Scutt model 1027-208 Serial number A001747-10 that does not work properly and cannot be repaired, one band saw that is broken and not repairable, one document viewer that no longer works. Per Board policy, 4:80, recommendation is made to request Board of Education approval Recommendation to be requested at the 9/21/09 Board of Education meeting.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Auditor's Presentation: John Weber from Crow Horwath was present to review the preliminary District audit findings. He covered the Education Fund, Operations and Maintenance fund, Debt Services fund, Transportation fund, IMRF/Soc. Security fund, Working Cash fund, Site and Construction fund, and the Fire Prevention and Safety fund. Their firm also discussed other results from the audit which included Fraud Risk Assessment, tracking property tax distribution, controls on the SAS 70 Report, errors in compensated absences, cash receipt segregation, Capital Assets in final amounts, National School Lunch Program (NSLP) verification report and several students not receiving the proper benefits, NSLP cash management missing supporting documentation, payroll controls for TRS, control of wire transfers, student activity funds issues with the exception of West High Student Activity funds, Title 1 Group Eligibility monitoring to make sure schools expend all their grant allotment for Title 1, and Claims for General State Aid and Transportation. John Weber did state that he has overseen the last three audits and each time worked with a different Chief Financial Officer and this has been difficult for the District. Audit findings will be available online once the final form is completed.

Financial Update: Chief Officer of Finance, Christi Tyler, gave a financial update. She presented information on FY10 Expenditures. The District has received all FY09 outstanding grant payments on 8/31/09 and we were informed that we will receive the Arts and Foreign Language Grant for \$49,210, the SB2051 has not yet been recalculated and the Average Daily Attendance for 2008-09 payable in 2009-10 is \$11,198.78. She also discussed the Education Fund for FY10 Budget and will save \$920,000 with reallocation of Lincoln students, streamlining copier leases with minimum of \$50,000 savings, writing textbooks \$310,000, math textbooks K-5 \$485,000, West High servers \$112,500, E-School student information software \$175,000, decrease of approx. 60 staff members \$3.9 million savings, unemployment compensation \$200,000 and service credit for certified staff \$850,000 and increase in employee benefits rates \$568,600. Operations and Maintenance Fund FY10 Budget – Capital projects \$350,000, Asbestos abatement for Washington and West (a grant was awarded to help with this but grant delayed) \$300,000, summer projects \$96,000 and increase in salaries per negotiated contractual agreements. Transportation Fund – no capital purchases planned, Special Ed Transportation \$2.7 million, Homeless Transportation \$40,000 and Quad County Urban League Transportation \$60,000.

CORRESPONDENCE: newsletter articles

PRIOR TRIP APPROVAL: none

SPECIAL EVENTS

September 21, 2009
September 28, 2009
October 18, 2009
October 26, 2009
November 20-22, 2009
April 10-12, 2010

Board of Education Meeting – 6:00 pm
SCAC Meeting in B140 – 7:00 pm
Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk
SIP Presentation to Board of Education 4:00
Triple I Convention in Chicago
National School Board Association (NSBA) Conference in Chicago

