

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 September 21, 2009 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

PUBLIC HEARING: Chief Financial Officer, Christi Tyler, presented the Hope D. Wall budget to the Board of Education. The Notice of Public Hearing has been on display since August 21, 2009 and a notice was placed in the Aurora Beacon News. The budget for Hope D. Wall is a cooperative venture between District 129 and District 131. The joint agreement budget mandates that the budget be adopted prior to September 30, 2009. Also presented was the budget for District 129; this budget has been on display since August 21, 2009 and a notice was placed in the Aurora Beacon News.

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

AUDIENCE SPEAKING TO BOARD: None

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: The Board of Education recognized 5 current and retired teachers for being honored as Aurora Hispanic Pioneers in Education. Recognized were Anthony Barajas, Alejandro Benavides, Marilyn Biles, Cristina Delgado and Lorenzo Flores. Congratulations to these teachers!

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVED that the Board of Education authorize the secretary to cast their ballot for Crysta Morrissey for the proposed member of the Northwest Illinois Association Director of Special Education.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the disposal of one electric kiln Scutt Model 1027-208 serial number A001747-10, one band saw, and one document viewer.

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the proposed 2009-10 budget for Hope D. Wall School

APPROVED that the Board of Education approve the proposed District 129 budget for 2009-10

APPROVED THE PERSONNEL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2009 including the resignations of: Sarah Essig- Office Professional @ Jewel, Julie O'Malley – Paraprofessional, Richard Hayden – Bus Driver.

APPROVED THE RETIREMENT OF: none

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF: Susan Cunningham – 2nd Grade @ Greenman, Sandra Medina – Early Childhood @ Todd, Andrea Svejda – 1st Grade @ Hill,, Cristin Yacob – Bilingual Kdg @ Greenman/Schneider, Christina Tallarico – Spanish West, Olivia Smith – Alternative Education Planning, Rebecca Carder – Paraprofessional @ Smith – Rehire, Kristin Golembak – Paraprofessional @ Smith – Rehire, Sheena Sanders – Bus driver, Shanin Miller – Sign Language Interpreter @ Schneider, Jennifer Weeks – Paraprofessional @ Fearn, Robert Jastremski – Custodian @ Washington

APPROVED REQUEST FOR LEAVE OF ABSENCE: That the Board of Education approve the request for leave of absence for Julie Bremer for the period of September 17, 2009 through March 26, 2010 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: None

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

BOARD

Electronic Boardbook

In October, training will be started for the use of Electronic Boardbook for the Board of Education meetings. The second meeting in October will be a trail run with paper documentation to use if necessary. The first Board of Education meeting in November will be totally electronic. The transition should save the district \$7,000 a year.

SAFE AND SECURE FACILITIES

Disposal of Surplus Items: Request to dispose of the following item: one Hobart mixer, model number H-600T serial number 158693, in the West High food service kitchen. The mixer has not been used in several years. 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

Copier Committee Update: Chief Officer of Finance, Christi Tyler, gave an update on the copier committee recommendation for a 5 – year lease and maintenance agreement with Konica Minolta. Request for Board approval will be presented at the October 5, 2009 BOE meeting. Dan Schindler from Konica Minolta was present to answer Board members questions. Minolta will complete a buyout of our present copier leases and house those copiers until the contract is completed. We will have onsite training for staff members when the copiers are installed. The committee would like to see copiers delivered in October.

Early Childhood Learning Update: Michelle Shabaker, Director of Todd Early Childhood, updated the Board members by informing them that all staff had now been hired and they have 3 full time classes being taught in Spanish which includes 120 students. The district did receive the money for the Early Childhood Block grant for students 3-5 and also received the grant for student 0-3 years old.

Financial Update: Chief Officer of Finance, Christi Tyler, gave an update from the Board of Education Study Session that was held on September 14, 2009. Several guest speakers were present to discuss budget, health insurance and staffing. Our auditors were present to answer questions regarding our audit. Findings from that study session include: Average Daily Attendance (ADA) used for state aid calculations- 11, 198.78 students (figures for last year's enrollment), the Federal rate for Teacher Retirement System (TRS) has increased 37% for FY10 bringing it to 23.38%, IMRF rates will increase 10% each year in an effort to recoup losses from investments, Increase in medical benefits is trending at 10% a year, FY09- 32% of revenue was received in June, staffing must reflect needs and controlling staff costs is necessary in order to maintain and/or build a fund balance.

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you card from Penny Ambre's family for donation made by Board of Education to the American Cancer Society in her memory.

PRIOR TRIP APPROVAL: none

SPECIAL EVENTS

September 28, 2009	SCAC Meeting in B140 – 7:00 pm
October 5, 2009	Board of Education Meeting in B140 – 6:00 pm
October 13, 2009	Board of Education Teaching and Learning Study session – 6:00 p.m. at Admin office
October 18, 2009	Making Strides Breast Cancer Walk- Registration 7:30 a.m., walk at 9:00 a.m. at Chicago Premium Outlet Mall in Aurora
October 19, 2009	Board of Education Meeting in Library at West – 6:00 p.m.
October 26, 2009	SIP Presentation to Board of Education and SCAC - 4:00 p.m. at West High School
November 2, 2009	Board of Education Meeting in Library at West – 6:00 p.m.
November 9, 2009	Facilities BOE Study Session at Admin – 6:00 p.m.
November 15-20, 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