

BOARD BRIEFS

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS: SONNI HERGET, LAURIE HOFFMAN, NEAL ORMOND III, ALLAN RHEA, ANGIE SMITH, JIM TOYNTON, JONATHAN WOOD AND DANIEL FLAHERTY, STUDENT MEMBER OF THE BOARD.

At the March 17, 2008 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: *The Board recognized visitors from AEAW, West High, Partnership School, SCAC, Transportation, Nicholson, Herget.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: *The Board of Education recognized Eugene Brown, bus driver, Tom Greiner, Aurora Fireman and Lt. Ryan Lambert, North Aurora Paramedic for their quick response to a situation where a student was suffering from a severe asthma attack while on the bus going home..*

ACTION ITEMS:

APPROVED NOT RELEASING EXECUTIVE MINUTES OVER THE PAST SIX MONTHS ACCEPTED FOR A 30-DAY REVIEW THE new Advanced Placement Course offerings and corresponding textbooks.

APPROVED THE SUBMISSION OF THE 2007 West High School Improvement E-Plan. ACCEPTED FOR A 30 DAY REVIEW THE changes to the District's Discipline Policies.

APPROVED CARPETING BID FOR WEST HIGH Band and Orchestra Rooms.

APPROVED VENTILATION AND DRAINAGE BIDS FOR FREEMAN SCHOOL.

APPROVED THE SCHEDULE FOR DISPLAY AND ACTION ON SCHOOL DISTRICT 129 BUDGETS: Hope Wall Budget – Display beginning May 14, 2008 with action on June 16, 2008. District 129 Budgets – Display beginning May 14, 2008 and action on June 16, 2008.

APPROVED THE RESIGNATIONS OF: Laura Parkerson, West High; Jessica Lionhood, Hall; Kelly Haymond, Hall; Jean Spaeth, Freeman; Barbara Tuckman, Todd; Michael Koppenhoefer, Hall.

APPROVED RETIREMENT OF John Hellwig at the end of the 2008-09 school year.

APPROVED RETIREMENTS OF Diane Jangelis, McCleery, Nick Sawka, Hill and Kathy Wagner, Herget at the end of the 2009-10 school year.

APPROVED RETIREMENT OF Deborah Meyers, Washington, at the end of the 2010-2011 school year.

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF Stacy Decoster, Para Professional @ Hope Wall and Ann Tovar, Paraprofessional @ McCleery.

APPROVED LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR Nicole Fraser, West High; Evelyn Cassano, McCleery, Jennifer Beetham, Greenman and Gina Zager, Todd.

APPROVED PART-TIME STATUS for Amy Riddle, Jewel

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

The Board of Education will begin the review process for Board Policy 5 – Personnel.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

Peter Wilson, District 129 Attorney, and Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent, discussed the procedures for verifying residency, establishing guardianship and homeless status. Mr. Wilson emphasized the district's responsibility to insure that all students attending schools within the district are legal residents and the process used to determine legal residency. Dr. Rydland and members of the Board stressed importance of making sure that all students are residents of the district.

Cynthia Latimer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services, provided information to the Board on the changes in State Assessment as it relates to English Language Learners. Background was provided on the state Assessment, the timeline for changes and the impact of the decision. Members of the Board felt strongly that the legislators need to know how this affects our students and the district at-large and asked that this message be sent to all those involved.

The Board was updated on the second status report on the Dunham Academy. Rosemary Pinnick highlighted some of the report, showcasing how well our students scored, with 95% scoring an A, B or C.

SAFE SECURE FACILITIES

The Board discussed the use of fields in the district, the cost savings that turf could provide, the long-term use of the fields for physical education classes as well as athletics, the opportunity to allow use of our fields to the community. It was felt that this could be cost effective and allow for more educational space. This will be discussed again at the April 7 Board meeting.

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Jack Meyer, District Treasurer, provided an updated Treasurer's Report He indicated that due to the lack of State funds being received in a timely manner, over \$143,000 was lost in interest due to the need to cash in a certificate of deposit to meet financial obligations of the district. The District was complimented on the timing of refunding done earlier in the year.

The Board was provided background information on:

*FY 09 Budget
Copier Lease for Nicholson Elementary School
A Request for Proposal for Appraisals
E-Rate Audit
Disposal of Surplus Equipment*

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence was sent to Mayor Tom Weisner, thanking the City of Aurora, Aurora Police Department and the Aurora Fire Department for their participation in a crisis lockdown drill at West High School.

Dr. Rydland also sent letters and copies of the Fine Arts Festival DVD to community leaders.

SPECIAL EVENTS

March 21-28, 2008		Spring Break
April 7, 2008	6:00	Board of Education Meeting
May 9, 2008		Kane County Educator of the Year Banquet

ENJOY SPRING BREAK