

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 April 7, 2008 Board of Education Meeting held at West High School, the Board:

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS: *The Board recognized visitors from AEAW, West High, AEAW Bargaining, Wall, Washington, Nicholson, Fearn, Greenman, Smith, McCleery, West Aurora Office Professionals, West Aurora Paraprofessionals, SCAC, Transportation, Regional Office of Education.*

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: *The Board welcomed Dr. Ed Howerton who was being recommended for the position of Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources. Dr. Howerton is currently principal in Oswego. Dr. Howerton introduced his family and was presented with gifts from several of the schools in the district.*

Special Recognition was given to student from West High who competed in the Regional Illinois Drafting Contest at Waubensee Community College. Honored were Chad Becker, 1st place in Mechanical Computer Aided Design Drafting Division; Vinny Sotto, third place in Introduction to CAD Drafting Division and Kat Davids, 3rd Place in Architectural CAD Drafting Division. Also honored were Sean Gregg, Liz Chollet, Chad Jimenez and Mike Roggerman.

ACTION ITEMS:

ACCEPTED FOR A 30-DAY REVIEW Policy Section 5 – Personnel.

APPROVED COPIER LEASE FOR NICHOLSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

APPROVED AN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN APPRAISAL COMPANY FOR appraisal services.

APPROVED DISPOSAL OF PIZZA WARMER AT Washington Middle School.

APPROVED THE RESIGNATIONS OF: *Rosemary Pinnick, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning; Rachel Barrows, Bilingual Teacher @ Smith; Michelle McManus, Math Teacher @ West; Andrew Fitzsimons, Technology Director; David Hall, Custodian @ Todd and Deborah Toberman, Office Professional at West High.*

APPROVED ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENT OF Dr. Edward Howerton as Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources.

APPROVED APPOINTMENTS OF Mark Rettore, Custodian at Washington

APPROVED LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR Vanessa Garcia, Bilingual Teacher @ Smith and William McLaughlin, Custodian.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION

The Board of Education will begin the review process for Board Policy 6 – Curriculum.

TEACHING AND LEARNING

LIBRARY PER CAPITA GRANT

The District 129 Library Media Centers were awarded the Library Per Capita Grant through the Illinois State Library and the Illinois Secretary of State's office in the amount of \$8,819.20. One of the requirements of this grant is a presentation to the School Board assessing the progress toward three of the goals spelled out in Linking for Learning: The Illinois School Library Media Program Guidelines. The presentation will be done by Bridget Fitzsimons, Technology Director at West High; Pam McGreer, LMC Director at Washington Middle School and Kathie Bieritz, LMC Director at McCleery Elementary School.

Information about the proposed 6-8 Science text and related materials

Science tri-chairs Mike Runge, Debbie McKenna and Ann Butcher were present to present information about the proposed new middle school science text and related support materials, Glencoe Science: Levels Red, Green and Blue. Debbie McKenna highlighted the process for selecting the Glencoe Science series. This recommendation comes forward with a unanimous endorsement from the K-12 Science Committee. With life,

Earth and physical science in each level of this three-book series, Glencoe Science leads students through an inquiry approach to science using real-world content, technology resources, and a variety of lab options that encourage active involvement and deeper understanding. This adoption will support instruction in the science curriculum via its alignment to the Illinois Learning Standards and the District's Priority Learning Targets.

Illinois' AYP Accountability Plan -- NCLB Restructuring Plan for West Aurora High School

Rosemary Pinnick presented information relative to the District 129 Restructuring Plan for West Aurora High School. The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and the Illinois School Code contain restructuring requirements that commence when a school does not make adequate yearly progress (AYP) for a fifth consecutive year. (NCLB Section 1116(b) (8); 105 ILCS 2-3.25d) The restructuring plan fulfills the Other Major Restructuring option under the law with a focus on the demonstrated support for implementation of the Revitalization Plan for the Eight Period Day of instruction. Rosemary indicated that she has been in contact with the State as to when this plan is actually due. It is possible that the plan will not be due until the 09-10 school year and therefore, West High is ahead of schedule in preparing and presenting the plan.

The Board was provided background information on:

Field Care for West High

Serious Safety Hazard Finding for Route 31 and Route 56 in North Aurora

Asbestos bids for Hall, Smith, Washington and West High

Security System for the Administration Office

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

Vickie Nissen updated the Board on the preparation for the FY 09 budget, highlighting staffing at the elementary and middle school levels. She also presented the Board with an update on the Tax Levy amounts.

Vickie Nissen also reported that the Board will be asked to approve the 5th year of a 5-year contract with Chartwells and that the district will prepare to go out for bid for food service next year.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Chrissy Poppen, Chair for the Superintendent's Community Advisory Council, reviewed the new procedures for Registration 2008-09. She highlighted the changes in the process, showcasing the efficiencies that will be realized, as well as cost savings and time. She indicated that she has received positive feedback from community members in terms of registering earlier, not having to return to school in August and being able to pay for registration earlier. She also recognized the efforts of the committee that worked on the changes and the Office Professionals as a whole, for their work in helping to make these changes a reality.

SPECIAL EVENTS

April 21, 2008

May 1, 2, 3

May 5

May 9, 2008

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Kane County Educator of the Year Banquet