



District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of August 17, 2015

The information below summarizes highlights from the District 38 Board of Education meeting held on Monday, August 17, 2015. As always, the community is welcome and encouraged to attend board meetings or, for your convenience, watch them streaming live. In addition, the meetings are taped and posted to the website within 24 hours for viewing at a later date. Finally, the Board posts to the website its agendas 48 hours in advance of meetings, and [board packets](#) prior to each meeting and Board Minutes once approved.

Administrative Reports

- **[Superintendent's Report](#)** - Dr. Crystal LeRoy gave an update on the status of the school crossing guard stationed in the 500 block of Kenilworth Ave west of Green Bay. After monitoring the area for the year, the Kenilworth Police Department has determined the intersection to be safe and the administration will no longer staff a crossing guard in this area. The District will continue to work with Kenilworth police to monitor the intersection.

Dr. LeRoy also reported the Village of Kenilworth has made changes to village traffic patterns as a result of a large daily influx of New Trier High School traffic in the morning. Before the start of the current New Trier school year, No Thru Traffic to Winnetka Ave. signs will be added for northbound traffic on Essex Rd. at Kenilworth Ave. and Warwick Rd. at Kenilworth Ave. Do Not Enter School Days 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. signs will be added for northbound traffic on Essex Rd. at Cumberland Ave., Warwick Rd. at Cumberland Ave. and Abbotsford Rd. at Ivy Ct. These new efforts will be geared toward improving safety by reducing the volume of traffic on our residential streets near the Joseph Sears School.

- **[Chief School Business Officer's Report](#)** - Dr. Crystal LeRoy presented a tentative version of the 2016 fiscal year budget to the board for review and made a [presentation](#) explaining revenue and expenses in greater detail. The [tentative budget](#) will be on display for 30 days on the school website before the

Board reviews and votes on it in September. The Building and Finance Committee will be meeting in the coming weeks to discuss the budget more thoroughly before the September vote.

- [Principal's Report](#) - Mrs. Kendra Wallace reviewed enrollment and staffing numbers for the 2015-2016 school year. Mrs. Wallace said enrollment figures are higher than earlier projections, however the number of students has decreased when compared to last year. Projected enrollment for the 2015-2016 school year stands at 491, down from last year's enrollment of 500. Mrs. Wallace said the district has reduced the number of FTEs by 5.6 in line with the expected decline in enrollment and changes in the master schedule.

Mrs. Wallace also gave an update on changes to the school year based on the new Master Schedule. Mrs. Wallace presented the board with a sample junior high schedule and reviewed the additional minutes allotted for instruction in core content areas, advisory and a new period at the end of the day for enrichment. Families will be receiving information about the updates to the schedule in their welcome packets and it will also be discussed during the upcoming Curriculum Nights.

- [Director of Student Services' Report](#) - Ms. Julia Jones summarized the work she and the student services team have accomplished with respect to relating data from test scores to gifted identification and academic differentiation. Ms. Jones said she and her team created a matrix from standardized test data that will be used in gifted identification assessment.

Board Action

- The Board unanimously moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included open and closed session meeting [minutes from the July 14 special meeting](#); investment reports for June and July 2015; accounts payable from June 16, 2015 to August 17, 2015; authorization to destroy closed session recordings for March 2014; request for family medical leave; and the acceptance of employee resignation from instructional assistant.
- The Board unanimously approved 2015-2016 administrator goals.
- The Board unanimously approved the hiring of Vicki Saxton as a 1.0 FTE Eighth Grade Social Studies Teacher. Ms. Saxton will also teach 6th grade social studies.
- The Board unanimously approved a recommendation to hire instructional assistants.

- The Board unanimously approved the Kenilworth Education Association Teacher Evaluation Instrument.

Board Discussion

- The Board will review the proposed Strategic Plan objectives and action items for the 2015-2016 school year during the September board meeting after faculty and staff have the opportunity to provide input.
- The Board discussed forums for the 2015-2016 school year. Board members indicated they intend on hosting at least two community forums during the school year - one in late fall and another in the spring. The forums would provide the Sears community and the greater Kenilworth community updates on the state of the school district while offering a chance for board members to interact with the community. The Board also discussed adding a forum specifically for faculty and staff.

Questions -- Please direct your questions or comments to the Kenilworth School District No. 38 **Sounding Board** that was created to provide community members the chance to share comments, questions, compliments and concerns. All messages are sent to the Board of Education Members, Superintendent, Business Services and Human Resources Manager, Principal and Director of Student Services. We are listening and you can communicate with us by sending an email to listen@kenilworth38.org. We ask that you do not reply directly to this email because such replies cannot be answered. Thank you!

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Kenilworth Board of Education