



District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Strategic Retreat Meeting of July 6, 2017

The information below summarizes highlights from the Kenilworth Board of Education meeting held on July 6, 2017. 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.

Board Discussion

- Dr. Michael Jacoby, Executive Director from the Illinois Association of School Business Officials, led a Board a discussion of best practices in board governance. Board members discussed the board subcommittee structure as well as ways in which the board can operate more effectively.
- Board members discussed the next steps in developing the District's strategic plan. The Board and the Administration generated a list of attributes that describe a successful graduate from The Joseph Sears School. The Board Communications Subcommittee will use that list of attributes and other feedback received over the past year from parents, teachers and staff to help refine the school's current mission, vision and values. The Board and the Administration then had a lengthy discussion about the Board's goals for the coming years centered on the following areas: Communication, Education, Building and Finance and Personnel. Elements from the discussion of these goals will inform and help shape the next version of the strategic plan. The Administration will present an updated draft of the strategic plan in the fall.

Board Action

- The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda to include the approval of: [minutes from the June 19, 2017 regular meeting](#) and closed session; and authorization to destroy closed session recordings for February 2016
- The Board unanimously approved the addition of a 1.0 FTE First Grade Teacher. During discussion, it was noted that the position would be added as a

result of a projected enrollment increase in first grade. The additional teacher will allow the District to maintain smaller class sizes at the elementary level.

- The Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Ms. Alison Hecimovich as 1.0 FTE Student Services Teacher. Ms. Hecimovich will provide additional support to students at the junior high grade levels.

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 members, Superintendent/CSBO, Principal and Director of Student Services. We are listening and you can communicate with us by sending an email to listen@kenilworth38.org. Thank you!

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