



District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2013

The information below summarizes highlights from the District 38 Board of Education meeting held on Monday, September 23, 2013. 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, Board packets prior to each meeting and Board Minutes once approved.

Budget Hearing and Approval

- Dr. Crystal LeRoy, Business Services and Human Resources Manager, presented the [Budget Hearing](#) and addressed questions from the Board. There was no public comment.
- The Board approved the [Fiscal Year 2014 Budget](#) after meeting the requirements for approval.

Recognition of Excellence

- The Board of Education, as presented by Dr. Kelley Kalinich, recognized the JSSPVA and JS Booster Club for their service and financial support to the District.

Administrative Reports

- **Superintendent's Report - [Presentation of Recent Freshman and ISAT Data](#)** - Dr. Kalinich presented the Spring 2013 ISAT Data as compared to the Spring 2012 and 2011 data with like cut scores, the Spring 2013 New Trier Freshman Perception Data as compared to the Spring 2012, 2011 and 2010 data, as well as Township data, and the 1st Semester New Trier Freshman Grade Report as compared to like 2011 and 2012, as well as Township data. The analysis included recommendations on how to gather additional information on areas of weakness, specifically in relation to Science performance at New Trier.
- **Principal's Report - Curriculum and Gifted Services Update** - Dr. Matthews provided updates on the Science, Math and Response to Intervention work.

Board Action

- The Board unanimously moved to approve the Consent Agenda that included regular meeting minutes from the August 19th Regular Board meeting, financial reports, acceptance of resignations from Ms. Kristina Govostis and Ms. Susan Stamm, the [contract amendment](#) including [goals](#) for the 2013-2014 school year for Principal Dr. Janice Matthews, the annual Recognition of Schools application, the publishing of executive summaries for the [Annual Parent](#), as well as [Faculty and](#)



[Staff](#) surveys, distribution of information regarding French exchange program and authorization to begin the Fiscal Year 2015 Budget process.

- The Board unanimously approved the [Strategic Plan](#) for implementation over the next three years. The Communication Committee will hold community forum to roll out the Strategic Plan. The specific date of the forum will be forthcoming.
- The Board unanimously approved the hiring of Physical Education Teacher, Ms. Natalie Kohn, Business Office Bookkeeper, Mrs. Trish Culhane, and Instructional Assistants, Mrs. Kim Goff and Ms. Linda Mai for the 2013-2014 school year.
- The Board unanimously approved the settlement agreement with former employee Kathleen Lowe; and the release of specific Closed Session Minutes.

Highlights from Board Discussion

- **Master Facilities Plan** – The Board noted their pending work to plan for capital improvements with the Building and Finance Committee taking the lead. It was agreed that all identified projects would be planned for implementation without a referendum to the community.
- **Board of Education Vacancy Update** – Board President, Tim Kollar, thanked Mr. Brian Karaba for his service to the District. [Applications](#) for interested candidates to fill the vacancy must be submitted by October 1, 2013. Interviews of selected applicants would take place the week of October 7th and the new Board member would begin by the October 21, 2013, Board meeting.

Public Comment

- JSSPVA Liaison, Mindy Douthit suggested that Sears benchmark its technology with Avoca School District and offered ideas regarding the ISAT and NT data.

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 Superintendent and the Board of Education Members. 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!