



District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2014

The information below summarizes highlights from the District 38 Board of Education meeting held on Monday, August 18, 2014. 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.

Administrative Reports

- **Superintendent's Report** - Dr. Kalinich presented the revised student drop off and pick up plans, as well as the implementation of a new crosswalk and crossing guard at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and Sterling Road. She noted that both plans were developed in coordination with the Kenilworth Police Department and the traffic consultant. Specific details regarding the drop off and pick up plans, as well as the new designated crossing will be sent to all families via email from the District prior to the start of the school year. Additionally, signage will be posted at the "Meet and Greet" on August 26, 2014, for families to review. For more information and to view the maps of the traffic flow, as well as designated drop off and pick up locations, please visit the front page of the District website at www.kenilworth38.org.
- **Principal's Report** – Mrs. Wallace highlighted various plans which have been developed in preparation for the 2014-2015 school year. Among the plans is a change in student assessment with the implementation the technology based Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessment in place of the Iowa Assessment. More detailed information about this assessment will be reviewed with parents during Curriculum nights in September. Mrs. Wallace also reviewed the current confirmed student enrollment, noting that the Kindergarten enrollment had reached 43 students and as such, she recommended the addition of a third section. She will work quickly to identify a qualified teacher and to notify parents of any changes in class assignments.
- **Director of Student Services Report** – Ms. Jones provided an update on the summer work completed with the renewal of the Gifted services model. She noted that an education component for parents will be emphasized, while the committee continued to clarify the previously implemented identification and implementation procedures, as well as to propose any changes for future implementation. She will provide additional updates on the committee work throughout the school year.

Board Action

- **Consent Agenda** - The Board unanimously acted to approve the Consent Agenda which included Special Board Meeting minutes from July 21, 2014; financial reports, authorization to destroy closed session recordings from March 2013; acceptance of a family medical leave, increase in part time teacher employment and acceptance of employee resignation.
- **Approve Recommendations to Hire Teachers and Support Staff** – The Board unanimously acted to hire the part time Social Worker, Nancy Economou, Band Instructor,



Lisa Lehman, Math Coach, Cathy Quigley, as well as a Data Manager and an Instructional Assistant.

- **Approve Annual Survey Executive Summaries for Distribution** – The Board unanimously acted to approve the distribution of the Executive Summaries of the [Annual Parent](#) and [Annual Faculty/Staff Surveys](#). The summaries are posted on the District website and can be accessed by activating the above hyperlink.

Board Discussion

- **Proposed Strategic Plan Objectives and Action Items for 2014-2015 School Year** – The Board discussed the current Strategic Plan draft, noting the process of including feedback from the Annual Surveys and faculty curricular input, in addition to a review of progress made during the 2013-2014 school year. The Board plans to develop final edits for adoption of the Strategic Plan at the September 22, 2014, Regular Board meeting.
- **Presentation of Tentative Fiscal Year 2015 Budget** – Dr. LeRoy presented the tentative budget for public posting. Board members asked questions regarding the long term impact of the budget, concluding that some modifications need to be made before the final budget is adopted at the September 22, 2014, Regular Board Meeting.
- **District Organizational Structure** – The Board continued discussion initiated in July regarding the Administrative positions and related roles/responsibilities after the June 2015 retirement of Dr. Kelley Kalinich. The Board decided not to engage a search firm to seek a new Superintendent at this time. Discussions will continue throughout the fall to develop an Administrative structure to best meet the needs of the District and School with consideration of obligations to taxpayers.

Questions --Please direct your questions or comments to the Kenilworth School District No. 38 **Sounding Board**. 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!