



District 38 “Board Briefs” for the Regular Meeting of September 22, 2014

The information below summarizes highlights from the District 38 Board of Education meeting held on Monday, September 22, 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.

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 2015 Budget](#) after examination, discussion and meeting the requirements for approval.

Administrative Reports

- **Superintendent’s Report** – Dr. Kalinich presented an overview of [Illinois Senate Bill 16](#), regarding a restructuring of school funding being considered for the state. She noted that the initial impact on Kenilworth School District No. 38 would be a loss of approximately \$100,000 annually or less than 1% of the total District budget. Additional information shared included the receipt of three awards for District communications during the 2013-2014 school year (Annual Report, Parent/Student Handbook/Directory and the redesigned Website), as well as examination of the date for 8th Grade Graduation due to potential conflicts with the New Trier Township High School final examination schedule.
- **Principal’s Report** – [Presentation of Recent Freshman and ISAT Data](#) –Mrs. Wallace presented the Spring 2014 ISAT Data and the Spring 2014 New Trier Freshman Perception Data as compared to the Spring 2012, 2011 and 2010 data, as well as Township data. The analysis included recommendations on how to continue to train teachers on the expectations of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and related assessments, examine the recent mathematics curriculum for any gaps with the CCSS and renewal of the plan offering support to students as they transition to high school including the development of independent, self-advocating and organized student skills.

Board Action



- The Board unanimously moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included regular meeting minutes from the August 18th Regular Board meeting, financial reports, the annual Application for Recognition of Schools application, the authorization to publish [Fiscal Year 2014 Employee Salary and Benefits](#) report, authorization for payment of October Accounts Payable, hiring of Kindergarten Teacher, Ms. Jessica Lewis, the hiring of five Instructional Assistants, authorization to begin the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget process and approval of Board Policy revisions for [2:20 Powers and Duties of the School Board](#) and [2:110 Qualifications, Term and Duties of Board Officers](#).
- The Board unanimously approved the [Strategic Plan](#) for year 2 of the implementation.
- The Board unanimously approved the [tuition for the 2015-2016 School Year Junior Kindergarten program](#).
- The Board unanimously approved the release of specific Closed Session Minutes.

Highlights from Board Discussion

- **District Organizational Structure** – The Board discussed the potential changes in the Administrative Structure to include the Superintendent/Business Manager, Principal/Curriculum Coordinator and Director of Student Services. Ideas to offer support to the reduced administrative positions could include the addition of a Communication Coordinator and/or other support staff personnel. The Board and Administrators will continue to discuss the structure options with a goal of finalizing the plan by the end of December 2014.
- **“Must Read” Book Recommendation** – Mrs. Betsy Moerschel recommended that everyone in our school community would benefit from reading the new book, *Excellent Sheep* by William Deresiewicz. It was noted that the author will be presenting for the Family Action Network (FAN) on November 14, 2014.
- **Kenilworth Citizens Advisory Committee (KCAC)** - Dr. Christine Stoll noted that the KCAC had their initial meeting of the bi-annual committee, with Mrs. Paget Bahr, serving as the chairperson of the School Board Subcommittee. She encouraged anyone who was interested in running for the School Board and/or any community members that could be recommended to the KCAC to check out their website for more information. Dr. Kalinich noted that she will reach out to the KCAC to ensure that they are aware of the new filing requirements to be held at the Cook County Clerk’s Office vs. the each respective public body.
- **Retirement Recognition for Dr. Kelley Kalinich** – Mr. Tim Kollar noted that he will be working with Dr. Kalinich to identify a retirement recognition gathering for the spring.



Public Comment

- Mrs. Kimberly Hedley, noted that she is interested in finding out more about how the Gifted services work outlined by Ms. Julia Jones at the August meeting will be communicated to District parents.
- Mrs. Mindy Douthit asked that examination of the 8th Grade Graduation date be communicated to parents in that grade level, along with the basis for the decision

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!