



## District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of May 18, 2015

*The information below summarizes highlights from the District 38 Board of Education meeting held on Monday, May 18, 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. Kelley Kalinich reported new signs will be installed throughout the campus in June as part of the District's long-term building and facilities plan. The new signs will direct visitors within the building to points of interest around campus. Dr. Kalinich also noted the new signs, which will include **brail**, will be placed outside of classrooms with space allotted for teacher names and grade levels.
- **Principal's Report** - Mrs. Kendra Wallace reported the school was below 95 percent participation threshold set by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for the state required testing, PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers), with the May 2015 administration. The March student participation with the PARCC assessment was above 95 percent. ISBE has indicated that an audit of a district's communications regarding PARCC may occur if the average of participation is below 95% in total. However, there is no indication of a penalty to a district.

Mrs. Wallace discussed the Master Schedule as it relates to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students transitioning to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The new Master Schedule will provide the opportunity for 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to have a blended experience of elementary homeroom instruction with departmentalized instruction, allowing students to have more than one academic teacher. Further details will be shared with students and parents as the Master Schedule is finalized.

- **Director of Student Services** - Ms. Julia Jones reported the Discipline and Ethics Committee recently conducted their annual review of the District's discipline related policies with minor suggested edits reflected in the policy revisions included in the evening's agenda. She added that the suggestion was also made by the faculty/parent Committee to schedule a review of the technology based Acceptable Use Policy. Ms. Jones also noted that work is being done to incorporate the requirements of "Erin's Law" into the curriculum, as required.

### Board Action



- The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda which included the special meeting minutes from [May 4, 2015](#); investment reports for April 2015; accounts payable from April 21, 2015 to May 18, 2015; authorization to destroy closed session recordings for November 2013; request for family medical leave; Board Policy revisions for [2:150 Committees](#), [7:185 Teen Dating Violence Prohibited](#), and [7:190 Student Discipline](#).
- The Board unanimously approved the firm of Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C. to complete the 2014-2015 Fiscal Year Audit.
- The Board unanimously approved the recommendation to rehire Teachers Mrs. Cathleen Sheridan (awarding of tenure, as well), Mrs. Shea Almendarez and Mrs. Natalie Kohn McLemore.
- The Board unanimously approved the salary recommendations for 12-month and Non-classified Personnel to include office and technology support staff. The staff impacted will receive a 2-3 percent salary increase based on the CPI and merit.
- The Board unanimously approved [the Joseph Sears School Parents' Volunteer Association \(JSSPVA\) Annual Allocation Requests](#). The requests include new microscopes for fifth grade; new musical instruments for the music program; and fiction and non-fiction literature for second grade enrichment, among other items. The requests will be presented to the JSSPVA at their June 2, 2015, Allocation Meeting for consideration.

### **Board Discussion**

- The Board discussed the new [Committee assignments and Liaison positions](#). The Board also discussed plans for a summer planning retreat and strategic plan development. The specific plans, as well as date identification for this offsite, public meeting will be determined at a later date.

**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](mailto: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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