



District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2015

The information below summarizes highlights from the District 38 Board of Education meeting held on Monday, November 16, 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. Crystal LeRoy discussed the release of the [2015 Illinois State Board of Education Report Card Data](#). Dr. LeRoy noted that academic data is one year behind and financial data is two years behind. The report card does not yet include results from the PARCC test.
- **Business Services/Human Resources Report** - Dr. LeRoy presented the Board with a proposal estimating the 2015 Tax Levy Estimate. Dr. LeRoy explained that the District would request a 1.45% increase from the 2014 Tax Levy Extension. The District's levy request is based on the Consumer Price Index of .8%, plus New Growth.

Dr. LeRoy also outlined the process for soliciting proposals for the District's banking services. The District received proposals from First Bank and Trust and NorthShore Community Bank. Based on providing comparable services, a very aggressive fee structure and favorable references, Dr. LeRoy recommend the RFP for Banking Services be awarded to First Bank and Trust. Eliminating banking fees should save the District \$6,000 to \$8,000 annually going forward.

Dr. LeRoy reviewed the District's [2016-2017 fee schedule](#). School fees and junior kindergarten tuition will remain the same next year.

In concluding her report, Dr. LeRoy informed the Board that requests for proposals for architectural services would be sent out this week. The District

is currently soliciting architects to facilitate future facility projects in accordance with the Finance and Facilities Goal of the 2015-2016 Strategic Plan.

- **Principal's Report** - Mrs. Kendra Wallace presented the Board with recommendations for District class sizes. Mrs. Wallace recommended the District adopt the following guidelines for class sizes into District policy:
 - 16 students per class in junior kindergarten
 - 20 students per class in kindergarten
 - 20 students per class in 1st through 5th grades
 - 24 students per class in 6th through 8th grades
 - 30 students per class in physical education
 - Specials, health and world language class sizes to follow grade level guidelines

Mrs. Wallace provided the Board with an update on the Master Schedule. Changes will be made to the 6th grade class to accommodate the adjusted section size in courses. Mrs. Wallace will also meet with faculty team coordinators to discuss how to best gather feedback on the Master Schedule.

- **Director of Student Services Report** - Ms. Julia Jones gave the Board an update on the progress made so far on the gifted identification matrix. The Student Services Team has improved pre-assessment practices and identified strategies to meet the needs of learners on the high end of the learning spectrum. Ms. Jones added that teachers at all grade levels are implementing social emotional learning into curriculum and a communication would go out to parents on this topic after the New Year.

Board Action

- The Board unanimously moved to approve the Consent Agenda which included the meeting minutes from [September 21, 2015](#); investment reports for September and October 2015; accounts payable from September 22, 2015 to November 16, 2015; approval to hire Mrs. Nicole Long as a practical arts teacher; and approval to hire Mrs. Kim Goff as the long-term substitute for Mrs. Chadian Leshinski.
- The Board unanimously approved the recommended tax levy estimate.
- The Board unanimously approved an FTE increase for Mrs. Nancy Economou from .6 to 1.0 FTE. The District will now employ two full-time social workers.
- The Board unanimously approved the recommendation to transfer banking services to First Bank and Trust.

- The Board unanimously approved to accept the settlement for roofing litigation with OWP&P Architects, Inc. and A-1 Roofing Company. It was noted during discussion that the District recouped approximately 90% of costs through the settlement.
- The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2016-2017 school fee schedule and junior kindergarten tuition.

Board Discussion

- School administrators led a board discussion about the [2015-2016 School Progress Plan](#). The school progress plan is a plan created by school administrators that evaluated major changes implemented throughout the school year and presented actionable items on what the administration can do moving forward.
- Mr. Chike Erokwu led the Board in a discussion on website provider options. Through discussion, the Board narrowed down the website providers to two. Mr. Erokwu will provide additional information on the website providers next month.
- The Board discussed the school climate survey. Board members will review and possibly revise the survey questions with the hopes of having a survey ready for distribution in January.

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. Thank you!

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Kenilworth Board of Education