



District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2016

The information below summarizes highlights from the District 38 Board of Education meeting held on Monday, April 18, 2016. 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. LeRoy led a board discussion on the spring community forum (see below). Dr. LeRoy also reviewed potential dates and options for the annual Board of Education retreat and strategic plan development process.

- * [Chief School Business Official's Report](#) - Dr. LeRoy discussed the monthly financials and the timeline for the District's potential facility projects. With the postponement of the spring community forum, the [timeline for projects and the list of potential facility projects](#) will be reviewed in-depth at a later date. Potential projects include renovation of existing classroom and office space, the creation of new spaces, the creation of a lunchroom solution and the installation of air conditioning throughout the building.

* [Principal's Report](#) - Mrs. Wallace reviewed the enrollment report. Enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year projects to remain consistent with 2015-2016 figures.

Mrs. Wallace also discussed the revised Master Schedule for the 2016-2017 school year. Board members discussed ways to ensure that information related to changes in the Master Schedule is communicated to all stakeholders.

* [Director of Student Services' Report](#) - Ms. Jones discussed ways the District is responding to the trend for increased student social and emotional support reported throughout districts in NSSED. Ms. Jones said the District has recently made shifts in staffing and curriculum. Teachers in the district have also begun working to systemize school-wide behavioral expectations.

Board Action

* The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda to include the approval of: [minutes for the March 14, 2016 regular meeting](#) and closed session, the March 2016 monthly financial report, the March 2016 investment report, accounts payable from March 15, 2016 to April 18, 2016, the destruction of closed session recordings for October 2014 and the revised [job description of the Practical Arts/Outdoor Classroom Coordinator](#).

Board Discussion

* The Board discussed the spring community forum. Board members determined they need more time to review information on curriculum and facilities projects before making a presentation to the community. It was determined that the spring community forum will now take place in the fall.

* The Board discussed the administrative review of the January Faculty School Climate Survey. Administrators presented and reviewed [plans to address concerns raised through the survey](#).

* The Board discussed the administrative structure as it relates to the addition of the Assistant Director of Education. Administrators noted that the Assistant Director of Education would be a teacher-level position that would assist the Principal in managing the day-to-day operational affairs of the school.

* The Board discussed the end-of-the-year parent and faculty surveys. Board members reviewed [a draft of questions](#) to be used in the parent survey. Although the Board conducted a faculty survey in January, it was determined the Board would consider administering a shortened survey to faculty this year with the plan of surveying less frequently going forward.

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/CSBO, 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