

District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of November 14, 2016

The information below summarizes highlights from the Kenilworth Board of Education meeting held on November 14, 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. Crystal LeRoy reviewed the recently released [2015-2016 Illinois School Report Card](#) data. Dr. LeRoy also discussed issues related to our school calendar that will arise during SY 17-18. Due to their construction project, New Trier, for this one year only, will adopt a different schedule over the winter holidays than is normal. Dr. LeRoy showed a mock-up of what would be the normal Sears winter break calendar for the 2017/18 and highlighted differences with the currency adopted New Trier calendar. The Board discussed a few of the complex problems this calendar difference presents. The Board directed Dr. LeRoy to study the issue further and coordinate with other New Trier feeder districts. The community is invited to send comments on this topic to listen@kenilworth38.org. The issue will be discussed further at the next board meeting in December.
- Chief School Business Official's Report - Dr. LeRoy gave a [presentation on the 2016 levy estimate](#). Dr. LeRoy noted that the District will levy \$11.2 million to cover operating expenses. After reviewing the annual [contracts in excess of \\$25,000](#), Dr. LeRoy invited the District's auditing firm to discuss the 2016 audit. The auditing firm found the District's financial operations to be in compliance with all regulations and best practices.
- Principal's Report - Mrs. Kendra Wallace updated the Board on the ongoing [curriculum work](#) that is taking place in the District. Mrs. Wallace also highlighted recent efforts to establish a school culture of high expectations, including national bullying awareness month initiatives and an ongoing review of discipline policies and procedures.
- Director of Student Services' Report - Mr. Besset Sabourin informed the Board of ongoing efforts to internally audit the provision of student support services through a faculty workload analysis. A review of IEP/504 Plan procedures is also underway and a 504 Plan Committee has been formed. Mr. Sabourin also discussed the District's [extended school year \(summer school\) program](#). The program will be reviewed with the help of MAP data and ESY parent representatives.

Board Action

- The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda to include the approval of: [minutes for the October 27, 2016 Committee of the Whole meeting](#) and closed session; approval of investment reports for September and October 2016;

ratification of accounts payable for September 20, 2016 to October 20, 2016; approval of accounts payable for October 21, 2016 to November 14, 2016; approval of certified employee request for retirement; destruction of closed session recordings for April and May 2015; approval of family medical leave request for certified employees; and authorization for the administration to prepare fiscal year 2018 budget.

- The Board unanimously approved the [2017-2018 school fee schedule](#) as amended to include all interscholastic sports. It was noted that there would be no increase in fees from those assessed during the 2016-2017 school year.
- The Board unanimously approved the 2017-2018 junior kindergarten tuition rates. Junior kindergarten tuition will remain at \$6,000.
- The Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Ms. Ann Harvey as 1.0 FTE Instructional Assistant.
- The Board unanimously accepted the 2016 Estimate of Levy.
- The Board unanimously accepted the [FY16 Audit](#).

Board Discussion

- The Board discussed the facilitation of a strategic plan. Board members will work to further develop board goals which will be used as the basis of a strategic plan. All stakeholder groups including parents, faculty, staff and community members will be involved in the strategic plan development process.
- Dr. LeRoy led the Board in a discussion on the 2016 levy estimates. Board members considered the practice of "balloon levying," or asking the county for higher percentage of revenues than needed in the event that revenue receipts exceed revenue estimates. The Board will review additional county property tax information at a later date to determine whether to adopt the practice of balloon levying.
- The Board discussed representation in the Kenilworth Caucus -- the nominating body responsible for appointing and vetting board members for various community organizations. After discussing the benefits and challenges, the Board determined that they would apply for representation on the caucus.

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