

District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of March 20, 2017

The information below summarizes highlights from the Kenilworth Board of Education meeting held on March 20, 2017. 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.

Public Comment

More than a dozen parents in attendance each addressed the board to express their support for Mrs. Kendra Wallace as principal.

Administrative Reports

- **Superintendent's Report** - Dr. Crystal LeRoy provided board members with information on revised board member training procedures. Dr. LeRoy indicated that the board reorganization meeting will be scheduled at 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 27.
- **Chief School Business Official's Report** - Dr. LeRoy provided opportunity for discussion on the district's monthly financial statements and investment reports.
- **Principal's Report** - Mrs. Wallace discussed the background and implementation of a district-wide positive behavior management system. The behavior management system will establish shared expectations for behavior in common school areas, in the classrooms and define vocabulary for communicating expectations among students and faculty. The system will also include internal and external reporting forms to address behavior incidents. The updated system will be rolled out in phases with formal implementation beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

Mrs. Wallace also noted that the district will begin to research student absenteeism and the impact that it has on The Joseph Sears School.

- **Director of Student Services' Report** - Mr. Besset Sabourin discussed the recent Second Cup of Coffee held on raising resilient kids in a high pressure world. Mr. Sabourin noted that the event was well-received by parents. The event speaker, Dr. Doug Bolton, will return to The Joseph Sears School to present to parents at a later date.

Board Action

- The board unanimously approved the consent agenda to include the approval of: [Minutes for the March 2, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting](#) and Closed Session; approval of monthly financial reports for February 2017; approval of monthly investment reports for February 2017; approval of accounts payable from February 14, 2017 to March 20, 2017; authorization to destroy closed session recordings for September 2015; approval to release reviewed closed session minutes; approval of re-employment of non-tenured certified personnel
- The board unanimously approved [updates to the district policy related to travel expense reimbursement](#). The policy, which was derived from the Illinois Local Government Travel Expense Control Act, sets the maximum reimbursement for travel, meal and lodging expense reimbursement for board members and district employees to \$3,500.
- The board unanimously granted Dr. LeRoy approval to solicit bids for short-term air conditioning solutions. (See below)
- The board unanimously approved updates to the [2016-2017 Board of Education Meeting Calendar](#).
- The board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Ms. Tory Fairclough as a 1.0 FTE Long Term Physical Education Substitute.
- The board unanimously approved an increase in an art teacher position from 0.4 FTE to 0.6 FTE.
- The board unanimously approved the addition of a 1.0 FTE student services teacher position. Mr. Sabourin noted during discussion that the position will be used to support junior high learners next year to match the projected increased need for student support services at that level.
- The board unanimously approved a 3 percent contractual merit bonus for the Principal.
- The board unanimously approved a 4 percent contractual merit bonus for the Superintendent/CSBO.

Board Discussion

- Dr. LeRoy led the board in a discussion on temporary air conditioning solutions. Dr. LeRoy noted that the district will purchase and install duct-free split air conditioning units in approximately 10 of the hottest classrooms in the building -- primarily in kindergarten, in third grade and in the Multipurpose Room -- at an estimated cost of \$250,000. The installation of these air conditioning units is a temporary solution until a multi-million dollar district-

wide HVAC solution can be formulated and implemented. The short-term air conditioning solutions are scheduled to be installed before the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year.

- Dr. LeRoy, Mrs. Keller and Mrs. Nelson gave a [presentation on the strategic plan development process](#) and presented drafts of the revised district mission statement, vision statement, core values and strategic goals. The updated strategic elements have been presented to faculty for discussion and they will be presented to the parent community during two Second Cup of Coffee sessions scheduled for April 5.
- Mr. Wallace gave a presentation on the 2017 Faculty/Staff School Climate Survey. Mr. Wallace noted that the survey data showed significant growth compared to last year, particularly in the areas of administration and overall school environment. The survey results will be shared with faculty and parents on Friday.
- Mr. Wallace led a discussion on potential updates to the Village House. Mr. Wallace said multiple village entities are involved in the project and they continue to make progress. The district will look to enter into a memorandum of understanding with the Kenilworth Park District on this project in April.

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 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!

Scott Wallace, President
Kenilworth Board of Education