

District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Reorganizational Meeting of April 27, 2017

The information below summarizes highlights from the Kenilworth Board of Education meeting held on April 27, 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.

Board Action

- The board unanimously approved the consent agenda to include the approval of: [minutes from the April 17, 2017 regular meeting](#) and closed session.
- The board unanimously approved the workload plan for special educators.
- The board unanimously approved a \$191,500 air conditioning bid from Premiere Mechanical to install temporary air conditioning units in select classrooms throughout the building. The work is scheduled to be completed over the summer before the start of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Mr. John Gottschall and Mrs. Melissa Ross recited the oath of office and were sworn in as new board members. The two will take the seats of Mr. Tim Kollar and Mrs. Stacey Van Metre whose terms expired at the end of the meeting.
- The board unanimously approved the following board officer positions:
 - Mrs. Mindy Kelly as Board President
 - Mrs. Danielle Boros as Board Vice-President
 - Mr. Chike Erokwu as Board Secretary/Recording Secretary
 - Mr. Besset Sabourin as Board Treasurer
- During the meeting, it was noted that Mr. Eric Jungbluth was unable to accept his seat as a board officer. After discussion, (below) the board agreed to fill the vacancy by appointing a person to the open seat.
- The board unanimously appointed Mr. Scott Wallace to fill the the vacant board seat. Mr. Wallace's four-year term had expired earlier during the meeting. Since he was appointed to the board, Mr. Wallace will now serve a two-year term as a board member.

Board Discussion

- Board members discussed the process that would be used to fill a vacancy on

the board. Per the district and state policy requirements, the board could have either appointed a person to the open seat or solicited candidates from the community to fill the seat. By a majority vote, the board agreed to fill the open seat through appointment. In making this decision, the board cited the importance of having a candidate with prior board experience who represents residents without children at the school and who has recently participated in the Kenilworth Caucus candidate screening process.

- Board members discussed board committee structure and liaison representation. Board members are scheduled to make a determination on their committee structure and liaison representatives during the May board meeting.
- Board members discussed the board meeting calendar. Board members will finalize a date for the summer strategic retreat meeting and vote to approve the calendar during the May meeting.

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!

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Kenilworth Board of Education