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District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2017

The information below summarizes highlights from the Kenilworth Board of Education meeting held on November 13, 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 Hearing

- The Board held a public hearing on the intent to sell \$3,200,000 in working cash bonds. Dr. LeRoy noted that the working cash bonds would be used to finance facilities projects that specifically improve The Joseph Sears School campus. Facilities projects will be determined by the Master Facility Plan which will be created and presented during the 2018-2019 school year. The issuance of these working cash bonds are in line with the District's current debt service extension and will not increase taxes.

Administrative Reports

- Superintendent's Report - Dr. Crystal LeRoy reported that the Illinois State Board of Education released the District's [2017 School Report Card](#). Dr. LeRoy noted that the academic data contained within the report card is one year behind and the reported financial data is two years behind. Dr. LeRoy also reviewed the District's [comprehensive communication plan for the 2017-2018 school year](#).
- Chief School Business Official's Report - Dr. LeRoy reviewed the monthly financial reports then introduced the District's auditor, Mr. Joe Troyer, who gave a presentation on the [FY17 Audit](#). Mr. Troyer noted that the District received a clean opinion on the audit without any findings or suggestions for improvement of financial practices or procedures. Dr. LeRoy also gave a [presentation](#) on the estimate of levy for 2017. The District will levy 2.44% for FY18.
- Principal's Report - Mrs. Wallace gave a curriculum renewal update. Mrs. Wallace noted that the District would continue to research and review

English/Language Arts writing and reading curriculum materials with a possible recommendation for the adoption of materials to come in June. Mrs. Wallace also noted that arts, music and world language have all begun curriculum renewal cycle work this year.

- Director of Student Services' Report - Mr. Besset Sabourin gave a report on the District's extended school year program. Mr. Sabourin noted that a survey issued to families of students who participated in the District's extended school year program over the summer indicated the revised program structure has been helpful in assisting children as they transition to school from summer. The feedback collected through the survey will guide improvements to the program in 2018.

Board Action

- The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda to include the approval of: [minutes from the October 18, 2017 Committee of the Whole Meeting](#) and closed session; approval of [minutes from the September 20, 2017 Regular Meeting](#) and closed session; approval of investment reports for September 2017 and October 2017; ratification of accounts payable for October 24, 2017 to November 13, 2017; ratification of accounts payable for September 21, 2017 to October 23, 2017; destruction of closed session recordings for April 2016 and May 2016; authorization for the Administration to prepare the FY19 Budget.
- The Board unanimously approved revisions to the [2017-2018 Board Meeting Calendar](#). The committee of the whole meeting scheduled for November 30 has been cancelled and a special meeting scheduled at 8 a.m. on December 7 has been added. Dr. LeRoy noted that the Board would use the special meeting to tour facilities of local school districts in preparation for potential internal facilities renovations.
- The Board unanimously approved the administrative recommendation to hire Ms. Laura Wise as Front Office Greeter.
- The Board unanimously approved the 2017 Estimate of Levy.

Board Discussion

- Mr. Scott Wallace gave an update on the Village House renovation on behalf of the Board's Building and Finance Subcommittee. Mr. Wallace said that a memorandum of understanding between the District, the Village of Kenilworth and the Kenilworth Park District is nearly completed. The memorandum will provide the framework that will be used to draft the legal agreement for joint use and construction of the renovated Village House. The District is also working in tandem with the Kenilworth Park District to finalize the external appearance of the building and the internal features. The Board will review the memorandum of understanding as well as early architectural drawings of the Village House at the start of the Board's

special meeting at 8 a.m. on December 7.

- Board members discussed the SY 18-19 fee schedule and junior kindergarten tuition. School fees and junior kindergarten tuition will remain the same as they are in SY 17-18.
- Board members discussed a preliminary draft of the SY 18-19 school calendar. The first public draft of the calendar will be presented for discussion at the December 11 Regular 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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