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District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2019

The information below summarizes highlights from the Kenilworth Board of Education meeting held on February 4, 2019. As always, the community is welcome and encouraged to attend board meetings. Meetings are taped and posted to the website within 24 hours for viewing. The Board posts to the website its agendas 48 hours in advance of meetings, board packets prior to each meeting and board minutes once approved.

Educational

- Mrs. Mindy Kelly informed the community that [Part II of the Educational Delivery Audit](#), which represents an administrative assessment on board governance, policies and procedures, facilities and scheduling, will be reviewed and discussed at the March 7, 2019 Committee of the Whole Meeting.
- Dr. LeViis Haney presented his [principal transition plan](#) to the Kenilworth community. Dr. Haney noted improving school culture, ensuring cohesion of instruction, improving school systems and furthering community relations are key goals for the principal position moving forward.

Administrative Reports

- Superintendent's Report - Dr. Crystal LeRoy presented the [second draft of the 2019-2020 school year calendar](#). The draft calendar, which attempts to mirror the New Trier Township High School calendar, will be presented for a third and final time at the March regular board meeting.

Dr. LeRoy and Dr. Leali discussed preliminary feedback on the District's first remote learning day. The District collected a wide range of feedback on the remote learning day, which was consistent with feedback collected from neighboring districts around the township.

Dr. LeRoy and Mr. Erokwu discussed the [2019 Communications Plan](#). The communications plan contains a list of new and future communications initiatives for the District as well as a summary of frameworks that guide district communications.

- **Chief School Business Official's Report** - Dr. LeRoy reviewed the monthly

financial and investment reports.

- **Principal's Report** - Dr. Haney noted that enrollment at The Joseph Sears School has decreased by one student over the past month and now stands at 479.

Board Action

- The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda as amended to include the approval of: [minutes from the December 10, 2018 Regular Meeting](#) and Closed Session; [minutes from the December 17, 2018 Personnel Subcommittee Meeting](#) and Closed Session; [minutes from the December 17, 2018 Special Meeting](#) and Closed Session; [minutes from the January 15, 2019 Personnel Subcommittee Meeting](#) and Closed Session; [minutes from the January 22, 2019 Personnel Subcommittee Meeting](#) and Closed Session; monthly financial report for December 2018; investment report for December 2018; ratification of accounts payable from December 11, 2018 to January 14, 2019; accounts payable for January 15, 2019 to February 4, 2019.
- The Board unanimously approved the hire of 1.0 FTE longterm substitute Ms. Christa Callies. Ms. Callies will fulfill the duties of Fifth Grade Student Services Teacher in the absence of Mrs. Katie McGowan.
- The Board unanimously approved the hire of 1.0 FTE longterm substitute Mrs. Jennifer Bruns. Mrs. Bruns will fulfill the duties of kindergarten teacher in the absence of Mrs. Jessica Singer.

Board Discussion

- Dr. LeRoy led a discussion on the 2019-2020 school calendar. The District's calendar committee has discussed a number of considerations related to the calendar, specifically the timing of parent/teacher conferences and the end day for the last day of school. Dr. LeRoy and the Calendar Committee will update the latest calendar draft with these considerations before presented the calendar for approval in March.
- Mr. Erokwu led a discussion on the annual faculty/staff school climate survey. The Board will issue the annual school climate survey to faculty this week. A summary of survey results will be discussed at the regular March board meeting.
- Mr. Scott Wallace gave an update on behalf of the Building and Finance Subcommittee. Fundraising efforts will continue for the Kenilworth Village House throughout the year; a village-wide benefit fundraiser for the project organized by the JSSPVA will take place on May 4.

Notice -- In keeping with established practices of neighboring New Trier Township feeder districts and in maintaining our commitment to fiscal responsibility, the Kenilworth Board of Education discontinued the practice of live-streaming meetings on

March 19, 2018, effective at the end of the 2017-2018 school year. We welcome all Kenilworth families, residents, guests and community members to attend board meetings live or view the posted meeting recordings on the website no more than 24 hours after the conclusion of each board 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, Chief Education Officer, Interim 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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