



District 38 "Board Briefs" for the Regular Meeting of April 15, 2019

The information below summarizes highlights from the Kenilworth Board of Education meeting held on April 15, 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

- Dr. Lisa Leali gave a [presentation](#) summarizing the Administration's review of student lunch time minutes afforded by the Master Schedule. In attempt to address the underlying issues behind community request for additional lunch minutes, a committee composed of teachers and administrators studied student movement and scheduling in addition to various factors that impact student anxiety. The committee endorsed the Administrative recommendation to retain the current 40-minute lunch period and find ways to embed additional breaks and movement into the school day.
- Dr. Leali discussed the issue of student homework minutes in the context of better understanding and reducing student anxiety. Based on best practices and in keeping with research on student retention capacity, the Administration recommended a reduction of homework minutes at the junior high level. The recommendation was supported by a teacher committee selected to review the issue from multiple grade levels.

Administrative Reports

- **Superintendent's Report** - Dr. LeRoy noted that the new board member training will take place on April 17 and the board reorganization meeting will take place on April 30. The terms of Mrs. Mindy Kelly, Mrs. Danielle Boros, Mrs. Donna Keller and Mr. Scott Wallace will expire. New board members elect include: Mr. Evan Lukasik, Mrs. Lisa Metzger Mugg, Mrs. Mia Sachs and Mr. Andrew Stone.
- **Chief School Business Official's Report** - Dr. LeRoy reviewed the monthly financial and investment reports. Dr. LeRoy noted that the Master Facilities Plan will be developed in collaboration with the District's architecture firm, DLA

Architects.

- **Principal's Report** - Dr. LeViis Haney reviewed the enrollment report. There are currently 480 students enrolled at The Joseph Sears School.
- **Director of Student Services Report** - Ms. Zuica Donev and Dr. Leali discussed the provision of extended school year programming for students. Dr. Leali noted that the District's Summer School program, "Summer Scholars," will provide pre-teaching and support to students over the summer. Additional information will be shared with families in the coming weeks.

Board Action

- The Board unanimously endorsed the administrative recommendation to retain the 40-minute lunch period and adopt reduced junior high homework guidelines.
- The Board unanimously approved the consent agenda as amended to include the approval of: [minutes from the March 18, 2019 regular meeting](#) and closed session, [minutes from the April 1, 2019 Personnel Subcommittee meeting](#) and closed session, monthly financial report for March 2019, investment reports for March 2019, accounts payable for March 19, 2019 to April 15, 2019, resolution of non-renewal of non-tenured certified personnel, release of select closed session minutes.
- The Board unanimously approved new board policies ([6:135 Students - Accelerated Placement](#) and [5:52: Personnel - Leaves for Military Service](#)). The Board also unanimously approved revisions to board policy [7:60 Students - Student Residency](#).
- The Board unanimously approved revisions to the District's strategic plan.
- The Board unanimously approved 2019-2020 salary recommendations for 12-month, non-classified personnel.
- The Board unanimously approved the recommendation to hire Ms. Geory Lieske as 1.0 FTE Long-term Instructional Assistant. Ms. Lieske will provide instructional support at the Kindergarten level.
- The Board unanimously accepted a resignation request for Mrs. Karen Burriesci, 1.0 FTE Instructional Assistant.
- The Board unanimously accepted a resignation request from Mr. Tyler Heidtke, 1.0 FTE Physical Education Teacher.
- The Board unanimously accepted a resignation request from Mrs. Marcy Seiler, 1.0 FTE Data Manager.
- The Board unanimously approved an amendment to the employment contract for

Dr. Crystal LeRoy. Dr. LeRoy's contract has been updated to include compensation amounts for the next two years.

Board Discussion

- Mrs. Kelly gave a [presentation](#) summarizing the findings from the 2018-2019 faculty/staff school climate survey. The survey data will be shared with faculty and staff in the coming days.
- Mrs. Keller, Mrs. Nelson and the Administrative Cabinet gave a [presentation](#) on the District's strategic plan. Additional information on the strategic plan will be shared with families later this spring.
- Mr. Scott Wallace gave an update on the Village House renovation project. Village House Foundation Campaign members continue to solicit private donations leading up to the Village-wide fundraiser on Saturday, May 4, 2019.

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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