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District 157-C February 17, 2016 Board of Education Meeting Recap

The regular Frankfort School District 157-C Board of Education meeting of February 17 was called to order by Board President Gina Briese at 7:01 p.m. The roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board approved the Open and Closed Session minutes of the regular meeting of January 20, 2016.

No one signed up to address the Board during the Public Forum portion of the meeting.

Grand Prairie Elementary School Principal Eileen Nelson, Chelsea Intermediate School Principal Dr.

Sharon Paver-Nepote and Hickory Creek Middle School Principal Will Seidelmann reported on the February 12 Institute Day. Teachers from all buildings worked with administrators, teacher leaders and a consultant for a full day of professional development programs and curriculum planning. Science teachers worked together to align the district's K-8 science curriculum to the Next Generation Science Standards. ENCORE teachers reviewed their curriculum expectations in each of their content areas and all CORE teachers reviewed data and expanded their knowledge in the appropriate content areas. Dr. Paver-Nepote stated, "Teachers were saying we should have more days like this where we can take ideas from the Institute Day right into the classroom."

Director of Special Services Jen Bajda reported that a study of the District's Response to Intervention (RTI) model is being studied, with administrators meeting to discuss what is taking place at each building. The meetings will be ongoing with the goal of rolling out an RTI manual based on best practices.

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Janet McClarence reported that the Advanced and Honors English Language Arts programs that were implemented this year are being studied and a plan is being formulated to extend the math skills in the same way. Mrs. McClarence stated, "Teachers feel that the students find the higher English Language Arts classes to be more rigorous and the parent input has been positive."

Director of Technology Jake Nelson reported that the technology team has been busy getting ready for the administration of the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing. He reported that a practice test will be run by the team and all schools will be tested before moving on to setting up sessions to use for proctor training.

The Board heard reports from liaisons of the Family School Partnership (FSP) and the Education Foundation.

The Board heard a report from Board Secretary Edie Adamski on the Lincoln-Way Area Special Education District 843 Advisory Committee meeting of January 12, 2016 and the Governing Board meeting of January 26, 2016.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Maura J. Zinni reported that the "State of the District" video presentation will be aired on the Frankfort Public Access Channel. Regarding the 2016-2017 School Calendar, Dr. Zinni reported that after discussion with the Board the Calendar Committee is recommending the use of three school improvement days (SIP) next year rather than four, with the fourth being removed from October 31, 2016. This day will be a full day of school, rather than an early release day. She also provided an update on the Regional Office of Education's Compliance Review. She reported that they found nothing out of compliance and commended the district on its overall commitment to organization focused primarily on student success, fiscal responsibility, accuracy and organization of personnel records, and genuine professionalism of the staff. Dr. Zinni stated, "Everything was in perfect order and it is always good to know we are in great shape." A full report will be provided to the district in the next few weeks.

Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon provided the Board with the Treasurer's Report. The total fund balance reserves decreased in January by about \$1.92M (from \$34,766,402 at the end of December to \$32,848,397 at the end of January.) Mr. Saindon said that this decrease in reserves is normal for this time of year as the District typically collects minimal receipts (less than \$200K this month), but spends at normal levels (around \$2M in January.) He reported that the District paid out about \$2.1M in expenses which is right at the expected levels for this month. Board Bills for the February meeting were \$2,018,477.58.

In discussion, Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon reported that the District is planning for Year 20 of E-Rate, the Federal technology subsidy program that provides connectivity and technology funding for schools and libraries, as administered by the Schools and Libraries Corporation (SLC) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC.) The District needs to re-certify compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) as part of this process. E-Rate rules requires that the District periodically certifies its ongoing compliance with CIPA. This action item is submitted to the Board annually in February to ensure ongoing compliance with Federal and State requirements.

In further discussion regarding Year 20 of E-Rate, after using the E-Rate Decision Matrix to determine selected vendors, it was recommended by the Administration that the Board approve Sentinel Technologies as the District's wireless Internet installing contractor, based on the results of the E-Rate review process, and to stay with the Illinois Century Network for internet services, Comcast for intranet services, AT&T for land line phone services and Verizon for cell phone services.

In discussion, Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon provided the Board with an update on tentative 2016-2017 budget revenues.

In discussion, Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon reported on the current milk contract through Krystal Dairy of Homewood, Illinois. He stated that they have provided excellent service over the years and offered the best pricing at renewal. The Administration recommended that the District enter into a one year contract for the 2016-2017 school year, with the option of exercising ~~four~~ one-year contract extensions thereafter based on the annual renewal terms and pricing offered by Krystal Dairy.

In discussion, Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon updated the Board of Education on the engagement of independent auditors for the FY 2015-2016 audit.

In discussion, Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon updated the Board on the recommendation for hiring of summer help. For the summer of 2016 he is proposing 4 (FTE) custodial/maintenance/grounds and no full time equivalent technology summer workers (however, the two technology technicians, one at Hickory Creek Middle School and one at Chelsea Intermediate School, would return 10 days prior to their normal start date at their regular hourly rate.) Additionally, no summer clerical help is needed this year. Dr. Zinni stated, "We are seeing some gains from technology software that enabled us to go from using clerical personnel to online registration and electronic Board of Education packets."

Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon and Buildings and Grounds Director Dan Spacek reported on the Building Maintenance Capital Improvement Plan for ongoing facility improvements, building renovations, major preventative maintenance projects, and major equipment and vehicle replacements. Mr. Saindon also reported that he and Mr. Spacek will be consulting the architects and engineers who built Hickory Creek Middle School to prepare the District's 10 year Health/Life Safety survey. Following their report, the Board took action to approve the Building Maintenance Capital Improvement Plan. Mr. Saindon and Dr. Zinni thanked Mr. Spacek for his work for the District. Dr. Zinni stated, "Dan and his company, Aramark, provide us with immediate response. They are always thinking ahead to open the doors and welcome kids. It does not go unnoticed. Thank you."

The Board took action to approve the recommendation to seek bids for a pickup truck to replace a Dodge Ram 2002 pickup truck with over 80,000 miles.

The Board took action to approve the employment of Sharon Lovingfoss as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Grand Prairie Elementary School commencing on February 12, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year, contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by District 157-C and the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Board took action to approve the employment of Shannon Shanahan as a Part-Time Orchestra Teacher (BA+0/Step 5) for the 2016-2017 school year, contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by District 157-C and the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Board took action to approve the employment of Jennifer Chillon as a Long-Term Substitute Teacher at Grand Prairie Elementary School commencing on February 22, 2016 and will continue until assignment ends, contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by District 157-C and the Illinois State Board of Education.

The Board took action to approve the payment of bills as presented.

The Board took action to approve the following Consent Agenda items:

The Board approved the School Fees for 2016-2017 as presented.

The Board approved the Vendor and Purchasing E-Rate as presented.

The Board certified ongoing compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) as required by Federal E-Rate regulations. Furthermore, it is stated that the school district actively maintains current internet filtering software licenses, updates lists of restricted sites and does actively engage in review and management of computer activity in its schools to help ensure that inappropriate web sites, images or content are not accessible by its students from school district computers. These actions are required by CIPA and are being undertaken to not only comply with Federal and State requirements and regulations, as applicable, but also to protect our students from the damaging effects related to accessing inappropriate web sites, images or content.

The Board approved the 2016 Summer Help support as presented.

The Board approved the Audit firm of Klein Hall CPA's for the annual 2015-2016 Audit as presented.

The Board approved the extension of the milk contract with Krystal Dairy of Homewood, IL for FY 2016-2017 at the same terms and conditions as are currently in place, with the lowest calculated cost per pint of milk to include a 1.23 cent per pint markup from monthly CMPC Dairy Reports. Per the bid specifications, the Board reserves the right to extend this contract for an additional 1-year period (with mutual consent), in 2016-2017, on a year-to-year basis, at the discretion of the Board.

The Board approved the School Calendar for 2016-2017 as presented.

The Board went into Closed Session at 8:14 p.m. to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific employees; student discipline; student residency; student issue; reclassification of employees; and pending litigation.

The Board adjourned the Closed Session meeting at 10:05 p.m. and adjourned the regular meeting at 10:06 p.m.

The next regular District 157-C Board of Education meeting will be held on March 16, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Prairie Elementary School, 10480 West Nebraska Street, in Frankfort, Illinois.