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District 157-C May 17, 2017 Board of Education Meeting Recap

The regular Frankfort School District 157-C Board of Education meeting of May 17, 2017 was called to order by Board Vice President Tom Reidy at 7:00 p.m. The roll call was taken and a quorum was present. The Board recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

There was no new correspondence.

The Board approved the Open Session minutes of the Special Board of Education Reorganization Meeting of April 26, 2017.

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

Grand Prairie Elementary School Principal Eileen Nelson and Chelsea Intermediate School Principal Dr. Sharon Paver-Nepote provided a joint report highlighting work with the new Eureka math resource. Mrs. Nelson stated, "SPRINTS, a component of fact fluency in the Eureka math resource had kids and teachers highly engaged." Dr. Paver-Nepote agreed, stating, "The students were so pumped up when it was time to do their facts." Teachers are using this last quarter of school to implement some of the new Eureka math units. They also had good things to say about the ZEARN computer program that goes along with the resource. Mrs. Nelson said that the program is great for extra practice to reteach skills and concepts that have not been mastered. She stated, "This can be used at home for practice over the summer too!"

Hickory Creek Middle School Principal Will Seidelmann reported on the year-end happenings at the school including field trips, the upcoming musical on May 19, 20 and 21, the Cystic Fibrosis Walk at the end of May, and graduation on June 5 at 7:00 p.m. at Lincoln-Way East High School.

Director of Special Services Jen Bajda reported that 11 students were recently screened for Project Begin and three qualified for the program beginning next year. Class lists for preschool have also been developed for next year. She reported that another Project Begin screening will be held in July.

Director of Curriculum & Instruction Janet McClarence provided a report on the Title 1 grant process and the Title 1 plan that is a new requirement. Title 1 grants provide federal funds based upon the number of students in the district who receive free or reduced fee lunches. She reported that last year the district received a Title 1 grant for about \$75,000 in funding which was used for instructional aides, materials and professional development. Mrs. McClarence and Ms. Bajda plan to provide a full report on all district grants for the Board in June.

Director of Technology Jake Nelson reported that his team is excited for June 7 because that is the day after school is out for summer. New computers will be installed and existing machines will be refreshed. He reported that he will also work with the district's computer reseller for the selling of any old leased equipment.

Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon provided a report to the Board about the recent actions in the Business Office. He reported that Director of Building & Grounds Rodney Davis and his crews have been very busy conducting spring projects and preparing for summer construction and renovation work.

Superintendent Dr. Maura Zinni provided the Board with a report on the District Insurance Committee's meeting of May 9, 2017. She reported that more information about the insurance plans and cost saving measures will be presented to various groups of employees over the summer to keep them informed in advance of the October renewal and November enrollment period.

Board secretary Edie Adamski provided the Board with a report on the Lincoln-Way Area Special Education 843 Advisory Committee meeting of April 10 and the Governing Board meeting of April 25, 2017.

The Board heard a report by Tina Kohler, President of the Family School Partnership (FSP) organization regarding the group's year-end programs for the schools. This included their providing of a number of generous treats for teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week. Dr. Zinni stated, "What these volunteers do for our teachers is spectacular. They were pampered, well fed, and much more."

In the Superintendent's report, Dr. Zinni provided a calendar to the Board highlighting dates for summer professional development opportunities and staff work. She also provided information about summer credit courses for certified staff and staffing updates. She reported that the district is keeping a close watch on enrollment increases, particularly at the kindergarten level, and will update the board as enrollment continues. She also provided the Board members with a binder with the reports on the Illinois 5 Essentials Survey results.

Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon provided the Board with the Treasurer's Report and Graphs. The total fund balance reserves decreased in April by about \$1.25M (from \$34,402,607 at the end of March to \$33,145,753 the end of April.) This decrease is expected as the district typically has less than \$1 million in receipts for the month (\$719K this year) and normal operating expenses in April (just under \$2M in total expenses.) These balances will continue to be drawn down over the remainder of the fiscal year until the advanced tax receipts for next year arrive from Will County in late May and early June. The district received most of its first quarter mandated categorical reimbursements from the State for FY 2017 in late April (about \$450K.) The State still owes the district for the second, third and fourth quarter payments for this year. Mr. Saindon reported that he expects the district to come in under budget for the year in all major operating funds. The District collected \$719K in revenues for the month with most coming from State Mandated Categorical Reimbursements for Special Education (\$241K) and Transportation (\$207K), General State Aid (\$90K), CPPRT Reimbursements (\$47K), Registration and Activity Fees (\$46K), Field Trip Reimbursements (\$19K), Federal Title Grant Reimbursements (\$17K), Medicaid Reimbursements (\$10K), Early Childhood Grant Reimbursements (\$9K), Milk Reimbursements (\$6K), Workers Compensation Insurance Reimbursements (\$6K) and Interest Income (\$13K.) This represents almost 99 percent of all revenues collected with remaining revenues related to other miscellaneous items under \$5,000. The district paid out about \$1.975M in expenses during and April and this is just below expected levels for a normal month. Normal expenses are typically about \$2.0M - \$2.5M per month so the district is right at the low end of where it would expect to be. Board bills for May are \$1,973,628.71 and were presented at the May 17 Board meeting.

There were six Freedom of Information requests and they were responded to in a timely manner.

In discussion, Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon provided a brief update on the FY 2017-2018 tentative budget fund operations and results of estimated projections. Mr. Saindon stated, "We are in good shape at the

end of the year with positive variances in all funds.” He reported that the budget will continue to be fine-tuned and the tentative budget will be presented to the Board in August.

The Board took action to approve the employment of Amanda Torres as a Full-Time Special Education Teacher at Chelsea Intermediate School (BA+7) at an annual salary of \$49,874 for the 2017-2018 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 Alexis Brown as a Full-Time Third Grade Teacher at Chelsea Intermediate School (BA+0) at an annual salary of \$47,430 for the 2017-2018 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 Alexander Zacharias as a Full-Time Fourth Grade Teacher at Chelsea Intermediate School (BA+0) at an annual salary of \$47,430 for the 2017-2018 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 Cara Gabriel as a One-Year Full-Time Fourth Grade Teacher at Chelsea Intermediate School (MA+0) at an annual salary of \$53,596 for the 2017-2018 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 Natalie Skobel as a Full-Time Grades 3-5 Spanish Teacher at Chelsea Intermediate School (BA+0) at an annual salary of \$49,466 for the 2017-2018, 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 Kirsten Frankovich as Assistant Principal at Grand Prairie Elementary School at an annual salary of \$67,000 for the 2017-2018 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 Kristen Rogers as a Full-Time Kindergarten Teacher at Grand Prairie Elementary School (BA+0) at an annual salary of \$49,059 for the 2017-2018 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 Peggy Luther as a Stipend Cross Country Coach at Hickory Creek Middle School at an annual salary of \$2,861 with a tentative start date of mid-August and will tentatively end mid-October 2017, 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 seasonal employment of Nathan Briese at an hourly rate of \$8.50 commencing on June 8, 2017 until August 31, 2017 or until the assignment ends whichever is sooner, contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by District 157-C.

The Board took action to approve the seasonal employment of Rina Fianza at an hourly rate of \$12.00 commencing on June 8, 2017 until August 31, 2017 or until the assignment ends whichever is sooner, contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by District 157-C.

The Board took action to approve the seasonal employment of Ryan Meade at an hourly rate of \$8.75 commencing on June 8, 2017 until August 31, 2017 or until the assignment ends whichever is sooner, contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by District 157-C.

The Board took action to approve the seasonal employment of Nicole Schipiour at an hourly rate of \$8.50 commencing on June 8, 2017 until August 31, 2017 or until the assignment ends whichever is sooner, contingent upon the receipt and evaluation of employment documentation required by District 157-C.

The Board took action to approve the following Extended School Year (ESY) staff from July 10 to August 10, 2017: Paraprofessionals Becky Cheney, Elaine Zenere, Bernadette Laponte, Vanessa Stokes, Eileen Keene, Gloria Salgado, Joan Green, Linda Waninski, Cristina Vallejo, and Kristine Beecham, 1:1 Medical Paraprofessional Jessica Arreguin, Teachers Nicole Carella, Alexandra Arcella, Nicole White and Beth Svoboda, Social Worker Diane Heimlich, Speech/Language Lori Stanevicius, Occupational Therapist Erikka Smith and Dr. Elizabeth Rizki, and Physical Therapist Meghan Arnold.

The Board took action to approve the following Extended School Year (ESY) staff from July 10 to August 10, 2017: 1:1 Medical Paraprofessional Rose Dampft.

The Board took action to approve Qu-Bar Mechanical of Oak Forest, IL, to perform the mechanical upgrades at Grand Prairie Elementary School for a total price of \$352,126, as bid. This work will be completed in the summer and fall of 2017 with an anticipated substantial completion date of October 31, 2017 and final load balancing, testing and commissioning of the boiler and hot water heater to occur prior to year-end. The project will be paid for with existing Operations and Maintenance Fund reserves as identified in the FY 2017-18 Budget and the approved Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

The Board took action to approve S&J Doors of Frankfort, IL, to perform the Reading Recovery Observation Room renovations at Grand Prairie Elementary School as described above and explained in the associated specification documents for a total price of \$8,200, as proposed. This work will be completed in the summer of 2017 with an anticipated substantial completion date of August 14, 2017. The project will be paid for with existing Operations and Maintenance Fund reserves as identified in the FY 2017-18 Budget and reimbursed over time through the Reading Recovery Program.

The Board took action to approve Ridgeworth Roofing of Frankfort, IL, to perform the roof replacements and masonry repairs at Chelsea Intermediate School for a total price of \$327,952, as bid. This work will be completed in the summer of 2017 with an anticipated substantial completion date of August 14, 2017. The project will be paid for with existing Operations and Maintenance Fund reserves as identified in the FY 2017-18 Budget.

The Board took action to approve Denler Inc. of Mokena, IL, to perform the asphalt renovations and repairs at Chelsea Intermediate School for a total price of \$23,922, as proposed. This work will be completed in the summer of 2017 with an anticipated substantial completion date of August 14, 2017. This project will be paid for with existing Operations and Maintenance Fund reserves as identified in the FY 2017-18 Budget and the approved Five Year Capital Improvement Plan.

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

In the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Director of Human Resources Job Description as presented.

In the Consent Agenda, the Board held the second reading of the following Board of Education policies: 2:100, School Board: Board Member Conflict of Interest, 3:70, General School Administration: Succession of Authority, 4:15, Operational Services: Identity Protection, 5:120, General Personnel: Employee Ethics; Conduct; and Conflict of Interest, 5:210, Professional Personnel: Resignations, 5:230, Professional Personnel: Maintaining Student Discipline, 5:285, Educational Support Personnel: Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus and Commercial Vehicle Drivers, 6:50, Instruction: School Wellness, 6:70, Instruction: Teaching About Religion, 6:120, Instruction: Education of Children with Disabilities, and 7:100, Students: Health, Eye, Dental, Examinations; Immunizations; and Exclusion of Students.

In the Consent Agenda, the Board approved the Resolution declaring the associated technology equipment, custodial equipment, fitness equipment, copier, curricular materials, storage container, and library furniture as surplus and unneeded for school district purposes. The Board also directed the Assistant Superintendent and District Office to sell these surplus items, as appropriate, for their fair market value in accordance with established State statutes and Illinois School Code provisions, and if necessary to dispose of any unsold and unneeded surplus items as may be appropriate from time to time.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:05 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. Closed Session was called to order at 8:06 p.m.

The Board adjourned the Closed Session meeting at 8:30 p.m. and returned to Open Session. Following Closed Session, the Board took action to approve the Director of Human Resources as presented.

The Board adjourned the Regular meeting at 8:31 p.m.

The next regular District 157-C Board of Education meeting will be held on June 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Grand Prairie Elementary School, 10480 West Nebraska Street, in Frankfort, Illinois.