

# BULLETIN From The BOARD

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The *BULLETIN From The BOARD* is a summary of the issues discussed and actions taken by the Board of Education at its regular business meeting each month. Official Minutes of the Board meeting held on August 18, 2009 will be posted on the District 96 website for public review following approval by the Board of Education at its next regular business meeting taking place on September 15, 2009.

August 21, 2009

The Board of Education held its regular meeting for the month of August on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Junior High School at 7:30 p.m.

The Board approved the items listed under the *Consent Agenda* as follows:

- Minutes of the IASB Policy Governance Workshop of June 15, 2009; Minutes of the Amended Budget Hearing and Regular Business Meeting of June 16, 2009; Minutes of the Closed Session of June 16, 2009; Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting of July 22, 2009.
- Financial Statements as of June 30, 2009 and July 31, 2009.
- Payment of General Invoices, Schedule A-689.
- Accepted the resignations of Central School Kindergarten teacher Barbara Lesko; Hollywood School Kindergarten teacher Linda Schirmer; Ames School Special Ed. Paraprofessional Patricia Caravetta and Central School Special Ed. Paraprofessional Tina Bobe.
- Approved the appointment of instructional staff for the 2009-10 school year as presented:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Mirko Dimitrijevic	PE, Health, Encore	Hauser
Nicole Kinkin	AM KITE	Ames
Laura Mendralla	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade LA and Reading	Hauser
Leslie Redmond	Reading Specialist	Central
Cindy Strom	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Blythe
Paula Tousignant	Technology Specialist	Hauser
Meredith Wydra	Special Education Teacher	Hauser

- Approved the appointment of support staff for the 2009-10 school year as presented:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Location</u>
Susan Battersby	Special Ed. Paraprofessional	Ames
Michelle Cappel	Special Ed. Paraprofessional	Hauser
Elizabeth Maskill	Special Ed. Paraprofessional	Hauser
Kristen Taber	ECE Paraprofessional	Blythe
Nicole Kinkin	PM Special Ed. Paraprofessional	Ames
Monica O'Callaghan	Special Ed. Paraprofessional	Blythe
Linda Roberto	Extended Year Special Ed. Secretary	Central
Barbara Vicenik	Special Ed. Paraprofessional	Central

- Approved requests for maternity leave from Ames School 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher Jennifer Ohlman and Hauser Jr. High Communication teacher Karina Koncius.
- Approved request for maternity leave and parental leave of absence from Ames School Special Education teacher Wendy Howell for the 2009-10 school year.

- Approved request for sabbatical leave of absence from Hollywood School Principal Vicki DeVylder for the 2009-10 school year.
- Approved instructional staff assignment changes for the 2009-10 school year as presented:

<u>Staff Member</u>	<u>Transfer To</u>	<u>From</u>
Renee LeBegue	Reading Specialist/Blythe	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade/Blythe
Sarah Pollock	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade/Blythe	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade/Blythe
Alexandra Whitelaw	Kindergarten/Central	AM K.I.T.E./PM Paraprofessional/Ames

Following approval of the items listed under the *Consent Agenda*, District Administrators highlighted for the Board many of the exceptional qualifications of the new teachers being hired in 2009-10.

Dr. Lamberson presented to the Board a preliminary list of District Goals for the 2009-10 school year. The proposed goals are as follows:

1. Initiate a comprehensive strategic planning process
2. Implement new writing program (Regie Routman In Residence)
3. Implement “laptop initiative” in 5<sup>th</sup> Grade and prepare for 2010-11
4. Complete review of science curriculum for Grades 6-8
5. Complete negotiations with the REC by June 30, 2010
6. Evaluate progress of the following District 96 initiatives:
  - District 96 Cadre – Curriculum Mapping
  - District 96 Cadre – Inquiry (PD on demand)
  - District 96 Cadre – Technology
  - District 96 Cadre – Measures of Academic Progress (MAP)
  - Phase 1 and 2 or RtI (Response to Intervention)
  - PowerSchool with parental portal, extending to some elementary grades
  - Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences in Grades 3-8
  - Establishing “best practice” standards of civility and courtesy

The Board approved an increase in the maximum class size limit from 20 to 23 students in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade for the 2009-10 school year due to high enrollment in 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. At present, all elementary classes have the same limit of 23 students. Dr. Lamberson noted that the administration intends to return to a 20 student limit when overall enrollment declines.

The Board discussed a draft copy of the Board Agenda Calendar for the 2009-10 school year.

By consensus, the Board agreed to participate in a strategic planning workshop that will be conducted by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

The Board adopted a resolution authorizing the law firm of Scariano, Himes and Petrarca, Chtd. to represent the District’s interests in any PTAB matters.

By consensus, the Board established the list of policies to be reviewed during the 2009-10 school year.

**From Superintendent and Staff:**

- As of August 18, 2009, 1497 students are registered for the 2009-10 school year.
- Dr. Lamberson provided an update regarding residency validation. Electronic residency validation was conducted by National Investigations Inc. on all new Kindergarten students and all returning students from the 2008-09 school year. As a result, thirty (30) home visits were conducted; twelve (12) students were denied enrollment and were directed to present all original documentation as per existing policy in order to validate residency.

**From School Board Committees:**

- Mr. McCarthy commented on some of the items discussed at the Building Committee meeting held on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009. He noted that the Hauser Hardscape/Landscape project will be divided into a Landscape (school property) phase and a Hardscape (Village property) phase with a goal of beginning the landscape work in June of 2010.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- September 15, 2009 – Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m. Ames Elementary School.