

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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March 22, 2010

The Board of Education held the Regular Business Meeting for the month of March on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in the gymnasium at Hollywood Elementary School at 7:30 p.m.

2010-11 Kindergarten Registration took place Monday, March 8th through Friday, March 12th. Central School Principal, Dr. Janice Limperis, noted that as of March 12th, 153 students have been registered for Kindergarten in the fall.

Mary Fehrman from the PAV YMCA presented a summary of the feedback received from a parent survey conducted recently regarding the quality of the PAV Before/After School Program being run in District 96 schools for the first time this year. Ms. Fehrman was pleased to note that parent comments about the program were very positive and that all categories surveyed received a score of 4 or higher on a scale of 1 (low) to 5 (high).

District 96 once again received the SchoolSearch *Bright Red Apple Award* for educational excellence. Eighty-one (81) school districts in Illinois (out of 868 school districts) earned this award based on achievement in the following areas:

- Academic performance.
- Pupil/teacher ratio.
- Expenditure per pupil.
- Educational level of teachers.
- Average teacher salary.

Blythe Park, Central and, for the first time, Hauser received the *Illinois State Board of Education Academic Excellence Award* based on outstanding student achievement. At least 90% of students at these three schools met or exceeded state standards in both reading and math for at least three (3) consecutive years. This achievement is especially significant at Hauser where over the past three (3) years enrollment increased by more than 30%; the number of low-income students increased by more than 280%; and diversity changed by more than 400%.

Beginning in 2010-11, the U.S. Department of Education is requiring all school districts to re-identify race and ethnicity for all students. The Race and Ethnicity Data Collection Form will be included in the 2010-11 registration materials.

District 96, in partnership with local government, is trying to “pass the word” about the importance of each household completing the 2010 United States Census survey. Federal funding for local communities

is distributed based on Census results. Information about the 2010 Census has been posted on the District 96 website.

The Board added the following items to the *Consent Agenda* at the meeting:

- Minutes of the Flexible Boundary Committee Meeting of February 11, 2010; February 18, 2010; and March 4, 2010.
- Resolution to Loan Monies From The Education Fund To The Transportation Fund.

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

- Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting of February 16, 2010.
- Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 16, 2010.
- Minutes of the Flexible Boundary Committee Meeting of January 27, 2010; February 11, 2010; February 18, 2010; March 4, 2010.
- Approval of the Financial Statement as of February 28, 2010.
- General Invoices, Schedule A-696.
- ISBE Application for Building Permits - Ames, Hauser, and Hollywood Schools.
- Dismissal Resolutions (Approved after Closed Session).
- Designation of 52-Week Employee Holidays, 2010-11.
- Accepted the resignation of Central School 5th Grade teacher Anastasia Nakis, effective, 6/2/2010.
- Accepted the resignation of Hauser Special Education Paraprofessional Victoria Potempa, effective, 6/2/2010.
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The Board discussed the *Intergovernmental Agreement between the Village of Riverside and Riverside School District #96 Relative to the Provision of School Crossing Guard Services* as presented by the Village of Riverside. No action was taken on the agreement at this time.

To allow as many Kindergarten students as possible to enroll in their neighborhood school, the Board approved a district-wide increase in the Kindergarten class size limit from 20 to 23 students for the 2010-11 school year.

The Board approved a Two-Year Agreement for Audit Services with the public accounting firm of Evans, Marshall & Pease, P.C. as presented.

The Board discussed student fees for the 2010-11 school year. By consensus, the Board indicated interest in keeping student fees unchanged for the fifth straight year. A final decision regarding student fees will be made in April.

The Board approved the 1st Reading of Board policies under review as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards in *PressPLUS Issues 68, 69, 70, and 71* and as amended by the Committee of the Whole on March 16, 2010. These policies will be posted on the District 96 website for public comment until April 20, 2010.

DuPage County Community Consolidated School District 181 has expressed interest in withdrawing from the Lagrange Area Department of Special Education Cooperative (LADSE) effective July 1st, 2011. With an enrollment of over 4,000 students, the impact of District 181's withdrawal could be significant. Amended LADSE Articles of Agreement for the remaining member districts were provided to the Board for their consideration. Action regarding the Articles of Agreement will take place in April.

Informational Items:

The District's enrollment as of February 26, 2010 was 1534 students.

Future Meeting Dates:

Note: Change in Committee Meeting Schedule

The next Education Committee and Building Committee meeting dates have changed. The Building Committee will now meet on April 20th and the Education Committee will meet on May 18th as noted below.

- March 25, 2010 Flexible Boundary Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hauser LRC.
- April 20, 2010 Building Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Blythe Park Elementary School.
- April 20, 2010 Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Blythe Park Elementary School.
- May 18, 2010 Education Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.
- May 18, 2010 Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.