

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

PLEASE POST

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS, prepared by Dr. Lamberson, is a summary of the actions taken by the Board of Education. Official Minutes of the Board meeting held on February 15, 2011 will be posted on the District 96 website for public review following approval by the Board of Education, normally at its next regular business meeting.

February 18, 2011

The Board of Education held the Regular Business Meeting for the month of February on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School at 7:30 p.m.

Architect Mark Miller from CONCEPT 3 Architects presented a *Preliminary Schedule for Capital Improvements* in District 96 schools. Facility utilization studies were conducted in all District 96 schools in the fall of 2010 in an effort to understand how facilities are currently being used, and to propose design changes that will maximize the efficient use of existing space.

Mr. Miller presented preliminary designs to District 96 principals in January and presented an overview of the proposed plans to the Finance Committee in February. Mr. Miller will present design proposals and gather staff input regarding the plans for each school on Institute Day, May 6, 2011.

Hauser Principal Leslie Berman and Assistant Principal Stacy Westin presented a summary of the successful January “*All Around RB*” event providing students with a “quick view” of the many exciting opportunities that will be available to them in high school.

Mrs. Whaley provided an overview and demonstration of some of the new educational iPod /iPad “apps” students are using in the classroom.

Supt. Lamberson noted the following certified staff openings for the 2011-12 school year:

- Physical Education teacher at Hauser Jr. High School - due to retirement.
- 2nd Grade teacher at Central Elementary School - due to increased enrollment.
- 3rd Grade teacher at Central Elementary School - due to increased enrollment.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of January 18, 2011.
- Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting of January 18, 2011.
- Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of January 18, 2011.
- Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of January 11, 2011.
- Financial Statement as of January 31, 2011.
- Payment of General Invoices, Schedule A-706.
- Personnel Report.

The Board adopted the 2011-12 Official School Calendar. The first day of school for students will be a half-day on Tuesday August 30th, 2011.

The Board approved the 2nd/Final Reading of the following policies currently under review:

- Policy 2:100 Board Member Conflict of Interest.
- Policy 2:110 Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers.
- Policy 4:50 Payment Procedures.
- Policy 5:290 Employment Termination and Suspensions.
- Policy 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited.
- Policy 7:180 Preventing Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment.
- Policy 7:190 Student Discipline.
- Policy 7:200 Suspension Procedures.
- Policy 7:285 Food Allergy Management Program.
- Policy 8:30 Visitors to and Conduct on School Property.

The Board discussed a Petition of Community Consolidated School District 181 to Withdraw from the La Grange Area Department of Special Education (LADSE), effective June 2011. Action regarding the petition will take place in March.

Informational Items:

The District's enrollment as of January 31, 2011 was 1,573 students.

Future Meeting Dates:

- February 22, 2011 Policy Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.
- March 15, 2011 Policy Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.
- March 15, 2011 Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.