

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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March 21, 2011

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

Pamela Kazee, Community Consolidated School District 181 Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Personnel, presented the rationale for District 181's petition to withdraw from the LaGrange Area Department of Special Education.

District 96 received the SchoolSearch *Bright Red Apple Award* for educational excellence. Fifty-nine (59) elementary/unit districts in Illinois out of a total 868 districts state-wide were honored with this award based on the following five categories:

- Academic Performance.
- Pupil/Teacher Ratio.
- Expenditure Per Pupil.
- Educational Level of Teachers.
- Average Teacher Salary.

Over the past two years, 4 of the District's 5 schools have received the *Illinois State Board of Education Academic Excellence Award* based on outstanding student achievement.

- Blythe, Central and Hauser in 2009.
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The *Academic Excellence Award for 2010* is based on the following criteria:

- In schools serving Grads 8 and below, 90 percent of students must have met or exceeded state standards in both Reading and Mathematics for the three (3) most recent school years.
- Schools must have made Adequate Yearly Progress in 2009 and 2010 as required by No Child Left Behind.

Blythe Principal, Bob Chleboun, summarized the 2011 ISAT administration process.

Supt. Lamberson presented an overview of several state legislative proposals, including school district consolidation, that could affect District 96.

2011-12 Kindergarten Registration took place Monday, March 7 through Friday, March 11th. Central School Principal, Dr. Limperis, noted that as of Friday, March 11th, 107 students registered for Kindergarten in the fall. This number represents a significant decrease from the 153 students that registered for Kindergarten this time last year.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of February 15, 2011.
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of February 15, 2011.
- Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of February 22, 2011. (Separate action taken.)
- Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of February 15, 2011.
- Financial Statement as of February 28, 2011.
- Payment of General Invoices, Schedule A-707.
- Dismissal Resolutions.
- Designation of 52-Week Employee Holidays, 2011-12.
- Accepted resignations from Certified and Support Staff.
- Requests for Parental Leave of Absence. (Action taken after Closed Session.)

The Board adopted a Resolution Denying the Withdrawal of Community Consolidated School District No. 181 From the LaGrange Area Department of Special Education.

The Board approved Revised LADSE Articles of Agreement.

No action was taken by the Board to approve a district-wide increase in the Kindergarten class size limit in view of current 2011-12 Kindergarten registration numbers.

The Board approved the 1st Reading of the following policies currently under review:

- Policy 2:220 Board of Education Meeting Procedure.
- Policy 2:230 Public Comments at Board of Education Meetings.
- Policy 2:260 Uniform Grievance Procedure.
- Policy 4:10 Fiscal and Business Management.
- Policy 4:170 Safety.
- Policy 5:10 Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority Recruitment.
- Policy 5:30 Hiring Process and Criteria.
- Policy 5:120 Ethics and Conduct.
- Policy 5:220 Substitute Teachers.
- Policy 5:260 Student Teachers.
- Policy 7:50 School Admissions and Students Transfers To and From Non-District Schools.
- Policy 7:100 Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations: and Exclusion of Students.
- Policy 7:310 Restrictions on Publications.

Informational Items:

The District's enrollment as of February 28, 2011 was 1,576 students.

Future Meeting Dates:

- April 19, 2011 Education Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.
- April 19, 2011 Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.
- May 4, 2011 (Tentative) Biennial Organizational Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.