

# 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 April 19, 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.

April 26, 2011

The Board of Education held the Regular Business Meeting for the month of April on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Jr. High School at 7:30 p.m.

Following the Call to Order, Board President Nancy Jensen opened the meeting by honoring retiring Board members Giles McCarthy, Jim Schraidt, and Hareena Meghani-Wakely for their many years of dedicated service to the students and families of District 96. Dr. Lamberson highlighted several of the positive developments that took place in the District during their tenure and noted that, collectively, they served as members of the Board of Education for 20 years. Following these remarks Mrs. Jensen thanked Mr. McCarthy, Mr. Schraidt, and Mrs. Meghani-Wakely for their exceptional leadership and commented what a privilege it had been to serve with them over the past several years.

District 96 was one (1) of only four (4) school districts in Illinois, and forty (40) throughout the United States, to receive an *Apple Exemplary Program Award*. The District's *Laptops for Learning Program* was awarded this distinction as an educational program that "provides a learning environment that prepares students for success in life and work in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century."

District 96 was awarded \$1,109.20 through the *FY2011 School District Library Program Grant* from the Office of the Secretary of State. The funds will be used to subsidize the cost of on-line research databases available to District 96 students year-round.

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

- Minutes of the Regular Business Meeting of March 15, 2011.
- Minutes of the Policy Committee Meeting of March 15, 2011.
- Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of March 15, 2011.
- Financial Statement as of March 31, 2011.
- Payment of General Invoices, Schedule A-708.
- Requests for maternity leave from Blythe 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher Sarah Pollock and Central 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher Erin Feldman.
- Resignation, Support Staff, Schedule B-395.
- Resolution, 2011 Staff Appreciation Week.
- Personnel Report.

The Board adopted the 2<sup>nd</sup>/Final Reading of the following policies 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.

The Board adopted a Resolution that “opposes any legislative proposal for mandatory school district reorganization which does not allow the affected communities to have a voice in the decision and which does not clearly identify and assess the financial and educational benefits of the proposed reorganization.”

The Board discussed 2011-12 Student/Lunch Fees. By consensus, the Board indicated interest in keeping student fees unchanged for 2011-12. A final decision regarding student fees will be made in May.

The Board discussed a preliminary Resolution regarding the proposed Riverside Brookfield Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge at 1<sup>st</sup> and Forest/Ridgewood Avenues. No action was taken on the Resolution at this time.

The Board approved the elimination of 4 emergency days from the 2010-11 Official School Calendar. The last day of school for the 2010-11 School Year will be Friday, June 3, 2011.

Due to delayed payment of transportation reimbursement claims by the state of Illinois, the Board adopted a Resolution to Loan Monies from the Education Fund to the Transportation Fund to cover transportation costs for Special Education students.

**Informational Items:**

The District’s enrollment as of March 25, 2011 was 1578 students.

**Future Meeting Dates:**

- May 3, 2011 Biennial Organizational Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.
- May 17, 2011 Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hauser Jr. High School.