

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

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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 August 16, 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.

August 29, 2011

The Board of Education held the Regular Business Meeting for the month of August on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 in the Learning Resource Center at Hauser Junior High School at 7:30 p.m.

Anticipated enrollment for the 2011-12 school year remains historically high based on the number of new student registrations processed at the District Office over the summer. Eighty-two (82) new students at various grade levels have submitted registration paperwork as of August 16, 2011. If all students fully-register, 2011-12 enrollment will be the District's highest to-date.

In September the Board will adopt the 2011-12 Tentative Budget. The Tentative Budget is available on the District 96 website for public review under About District 96, Finance.

Revenue has been increased 2.9% across all funds based on:

- Projected property tax revenue.
- Reduced transportation reimbursement from Springfield.
- Decreased investment interest rates.
- Anticipated decreased effect of property tax assessment appeals.

Expenses have been increased 1.6% over last year, with the largest portion of that increase (approximately 7%) allocated to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, due to anticipated Capital Improvement Project costs.

The District is in a balanced position and approximately \$1M will be added to overall Fund Balance in the 2011-12 Tentative Budget as presented.

The Tentative Budget will be reviewed in detail at the Finance Committee Meeting on September 7, 2011.

Arthur Perry was officially appointed as a member of the Finance Committee.

District 96 parent and member of the *Riverside Area Inclusion Network (R.A.I.N.)* distributed a copy of the book, *From Disability to Possibility: The Power of Inclusive Classrooms* by Patrick Schwarz, to Supt. Lamberson and each member of the Board.

Riverside Education Council (REC) Officers and Building Representatives were introduced as follows:

- President - Patricia Gill.
- Vice-President - Helen Bryan, Certified Staff.
- Vice-President - Geri Lynn Pendola, Non-Certified Staff.
- Treasurer - Renee Blondin.

- Secretary - Bev Cooper.
- Ames - Danielle Munson.
- Blythe Park - Judy Sayre.
- Central - Bill Howes.
- Hollywood - Janice Johnson.
- Hauser - Debra Potempa.
- Local 571 Executive Board - Patricia Gill.
- Local 571 Delegates - Penny Loulousis, Donna Considine.

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

- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of May 31, 2011.
- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of June 7, 2011.
- Minutes of Regular Business Meeting of June 14, 2011.
- Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of June 14, 2011.
- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 11, 2011.
- Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of July 11, 2011.
- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 12, 2011.
- Minutes of the Closed Session Meeting of July 12, 2011.
- Financial Statements as of June 30, 2011 and July 31, 2011.
- Payment of General Invoices, Schedule A-711.
- Professional Services: Architect.
- Professional Services: Legal.
- Personnel Report: Appointment of Instructional and Support Staff.
- Resignation, Instructional and Support Staff, Schedules B-397 and B-398.

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.

The Board determined that the Closed Session Minutes of January through June, 2011 should remain closed and confidential.

Future Meeting Dates:

- September 6, 2011 Education Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hauser LRC.
- September 7, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hauser LRC.
- September 20, 2011 Budget Hearing and Regular Business Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Hauser LRC.
- September 22, 2011 Finance Committee Meeting/School Tour, 7:00 p.m., Ames LRC.
- September 24, 2011 Strategic Planning Workshop Facilitated by the Illinois Association of School Boards, 8:30 a.m., Double Tree Hotel, Oak Brook.
- September 28, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting/Central School Tours, 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.