

Board



Briefs

October 17, 2016

Regular Action Meeting

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Good News

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law began with Hinsdale Central Principal William Walsh to introduce Central liaison Alison Heil to provide the latest news. Hinsdale South Principal Stephanie Palmer then introduced South Board liaison Dinah Chemmachel to provide a report on the latest happenings at South.

- Hinsdale Central Boys Golf Team won its fifth consecutive IHSA championship
- Hinsdale Central Girls Golf Team placed third at the IHSA state championship
- Hinsdale South Art Magazine Illusions won two prestigious national awards American Scholastic Press Association First Place with Special Merit and Most Outstanding High School Art Magazine for 2016
- Hinsdale South Yearbook Vespa “Artifacts” edition won two prestigious national awards for the third consecutive year, the All-American Rating from the National Scholastic Press Association and the Gold Medalist Certificate Columbia Scholastic Press Association

Monthly Curriculum and Instruction Report: Library Instruction in the 21st Century

D86 Library Department Chairs Ellen Lawrence and Kerrin Riley presented to the Board “Library Instruction in the 21st Century.” In this report, the Department Chairs highlighted the many ways school libraries have adapted in today’s digital world to teach students skills critical for 21st century learning in high school and beyond.

View the entire presentation [here](#).

[Aligns with Board Goals #1.1, 1.2, 4 and 7.](#)

Consent Agenda

The Board approved the consent agenda as amended. The consent agenda includes personnel, stipends, board bills, and meeting minutes.

Click [here](#) to access the meeting agenda and then scroll down to see Consent Agenda items beginning under number 2.

Aye: Kay Gallo, Jennifer Planson, Kathleen Hirsman, Ralph Beardsley, Bill Carpenter, Ed Corcoran

Not present at vote: Claudia Manley

Consent Agenda Items Pulled

6.2 Personnel Items – Stipends

The Board approved item 6.2 Stipends.

Aye: Kay Gallo, Jennifer Planson, Kathleen Hirsman, Ralph Beardsley, Bill Carpenter, Ed Corcoran

Not present at vote: Claudia Manley

6.3 Administrator and Support Staff Raises – Moved to Action, Renumbered as Item 10.2

Administrator and Support Staff Raises

The Board voted on salary increases for administrators and non-bargaining unit support staff and on an amendment to the Superintendent's contract.

9.1 September 6, 2016 Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes

The Board decided to table the vote on the minutes until the November 7 meeting.

Member Corcoran wanted to add comments to the minutes.

Action Items

10.1 Approve Easement Agreement with Indian Prairie Public Library

Administration presented the Board with a rewritten easement agreement to reflect the new use of the facility at 7402 Clarendon Hills Road as the permanent site of the Adult Opportunities Program. The library has already approved the agreement.

Aye: Kay Gallo, Jennifer Planson, Kathleen Hirsman, Ralph Beardsley, Bill Carpenter, Ed Corcoran

Not Present at Vote: Claudia Manley

10.2 Administrator and Support Staff Raises

Moved from Consent Agenda Item 6.3. The Board voted to approve administrator and support staff raises via three distinct motions.

1. Approve 10- and 12-month Non Bargaining-Unit Support Staff Salary Recommendations as presented

Aye: Kay Gallo, Jennifer Planson, Kathleen Hirsman, Ralph Beardsley, Ed Corcoran

Abstain: Bill Carpenter

Not present at vote: Claudia Manley

2. Approve Administrator Salary Recommendations for 2016-17 as presented

Aye: Kay Gallo, Jennifer Planson, Kathleen Hirsman, Ralph Beardsley, Bill Carpenter

Nay: Ed Corcoran

Not present at vote: Claudia Manley

3. Approve Amendment Number 1 of the Superintendent's 2015-19 Employment Contract as presented

Aye: Kay Gallo, Jennifer Planson, Kathleen Hirsman, Ralph Beardsley, Bill Carpenter,

Nay: Ed Corcoran

Not present at vote: Claudia Manley

Board

President's Report

Board President Kay Gallo asked the full Board to discuss whether agenda items previously requested by Board members should appear on a future agenda. This topic was originally scheduled for the October 3, 2016, Committee of the Whole Meeting. The Board decided that it would add the following agenda items as indicated: Finance Committee to discuss "unfunded pension liabilities," Finance Committee to discuss a bus audit to analyze "routes, utilization, cost containment," Facilities Committee to discuss "feasibility study for collaboration or merger with Westmont District 201" and the "sun-setting of the Buffer Zone" would be addressed as part of a strategic plan.

Administration

Superintendent

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law made a point of thanking Principal Stephanie Palmer and the South faculty and staff for their efforts as well as Director of Communications Karen Warner following the incident involving a Hinsdale South student. Dr. Law also expressed the District's gratitude to the students who came forward to report their concerns. He took the opportunity to encourage people that if "they see something, say something." Then Dr. Law reminded people about the District's Tip Line, located on the top right of each webpage and through the District 86 app. All tips are investigated and responded to appropriately.

Start of School Report

The Start of School Report was deferred to the next meeting.

District 86 Goals

Administration presented the metrics that will report progress toward achieving the Board's goals and the initiatives that Administration has undertaken to work on the

goals. This item was tabled at the October 3 meeting and was brought back for discussion on October 17.

The Board discussed creating a District foundation. Members Carpenter and Manley will meet with existing foundation members from each school and with Administration to assess how the school foundations might work together to handle larger donations and naming rights and whether the District needs a District-level foundation.

The Board also emphasized the need for increased community engagement and discussed pursuing community engagement through means other than hiring a community engagement firm.

[Aligns with Board Goals #1 through 7](#)

Monthly Management Report

Administration presented the Management Report for September and for two weeks in August. The report covers the beginning of the school year data for transfers, free and reduced lunch, homeless, and percentage of students enrolled in at least one AP or Honors level course compared to last year at this time. The report will appear on a monthly basis through June.

Academics

International Baccalaureate

Assistant Superintendent for Academics Pam Bylsma presented a preliminary report on the International Baccalaureate (IB) program as requested by the Board. In her report, Ms. Bylsma pointed out the similarities and differences of the IB program vs. Advanced Placement courses. The goal of the report was to provide the Board and Administration with a foundational understanding of the IB program, its application process, and the required costs for students and districts, as well as potential benefits for participants. The Board asked Ms. Bylsma to investigate the full cost of such a program and talk with other high school districts that currently offer the IB program for more detailed information on practical matters such as logistics and optimum size of the program. Ms. Bylsma will provide more information on IB at a future meeting.

Human Resources

2016-17 Fall Athletic and Activity Stipends/Student Participation Tally As is standard practice at this time in the school year, Chief Human Resources Officer Domenico Maniscalco presented the Board with a full list of the athletic and activity stipends for fall 2016. In addition, Mr. Maniscalco presented the participation tallies for the fall season broken out by school. As requested, Mr. Maniscalco will bring back a detailed report on per student cost for each sport and activity at a future meeting.

Business

August 2016 Financial Reporting, G Fund Reporting and Treasury Reporting

As is standard practice, Chief Financial Officer Bill Eagan presented the Board the September 2016 financial report, G Fund report and treasury report.

Fiscal Year End (FYE) 2016 Annual Financial Report and Communication Letters

Mr. Eagan presented to the Board the fiscal year end 2016 Annual Financial Report (AFR) as well as the communication letters from the auditor, Klein Hall. The AFR is the first step toward completing the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) which requires more disclosures. Klein Hall will come to a future Board of Education meeting to present the CAFR.

[Aligns with Board Goal #6.1 and 6.2.](#)

The meeting adjourned at 11:23 p.m.

Future Board Meetings

October 24, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

Hinsdale South High School
Facilities and Finance Committee Meetings

November 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Hinsdale Central High School
Committee of the Whole Meeting

November 21, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Hinsdale Central High School
Regular Action Meeting

December 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Hinsdale South High School
Regular Action Meeting