

Hinsdale 86

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December 19, 2016

Regular Action Meeting

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Good News

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law began with by congratulating the 331 Class of 2017 Illinois State Scholars in District 86.

Consent Agenda

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

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

Consent Agenda Items Pulled

4.2 Board Bills

The Board approved item 4.2

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

Nay: Ed Corcoran

6.8 December 7, 2016, Special Meeting Closed Session Minutes

The Board tabled this item until the January 9, 2017, Committee of the Whole meeting.

Action Items

Approve PushCoin Contract

The Board voted to approve a contract with PushCoin for a cost of \$.68 per student on a monthly basis at an annual projected cost of \$36,000. PushCoin is a single payment platform for all student fees, as well as other items such as field trips and cafeteria accounts. The system replaces MealTime in the cafeteria for both student and staff. Use of the PushCoin system will begin on January 10, 2017.

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

Approve Xerox Lease Buyout

The Board voted to approve the completion of the Xerox lease buyout in the amount of \$147,086. The buyout will enable a quicker rollout of a more financially advantageous Canon copier contract.

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

Approve Councilman-Hunsacker Engagement

The Board approved the engagement of Councilman-Hunsacker to complete Task 2 of the pool assessment at a cost of \$5,000 for a total expenditure of \$12,500.

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

Amend Calendar

To correct an error in a previous calendar change, the Board voted to approve the following amendments to the calendar.

Monday, April 3 is a regular attendance day [8:00 - 3:00]

Wednesday, April 5 (SAT Testing Day) is an early dismissal day [8:00 - 2:00]

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

Accept School Counts Corp Donation

The Board voted to accept a donation from Schools Count Corp in the amount of \$7,000 to help homeless students in District 86. The money will provide funds that used to be available through grant funding to purchase school items and warm clothing.

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

Adoption of the 2016 Levy

The Board held a voluntary tax levy hearing. Based on the amount of the estimated levy, no notice or hearing was required under the Truth in Taxation Law.

After considering options of a 0 percent increase and a 0.8 percent increase for the 2016 levy, the Board ultimately voted to adopt the 2016 levy that Administration recommended of 1.7 percent, or \$77,939,167, (this does not include debt service levies on existing District bonds, which is \$1,921,625). The 2016 levy determines the amount of money the District can collect to fund the 2017-18 school year. A recommendation for abatement will be brought to the Board in the spring to reduce the 2016 Debt Service Levy as has been directed by the Board.

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

Board

Committee Reports

Several committee meetings were held over the past month and the committee meeting reports were presented to the entire Board. Highlights are below.

Report from the November 21, 2016, Closed Session Minutes Review Committee Meeting

The Closed Session Minutes Review Committee Members Kathleen Hirsman and Bill Carpenter were tasked with review of Closed Session Minutes dating from November 2013 through September 2016. Members Hirsman and Carpenter recommended that the Board adopt Resolution #17.14.

Adoption of Resolution #17.14

The Board voted to adopt Resolution #17.14 to keep confidential Closed Session Meeting Minutes from November 2013 through September 2016.

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

Report from the November 28, 2016, RIF Joint Committee Meeting

As required by a Public Access Counselor ruling, the RIF Joint Committee held their meeting in compliance with Open Meeting Act requirements for their evaluation/reduction in force (RIF) meeting. The RIF Joint Committee discussed the required tasks and reached agreement to follow the process used in years past.

Report from the December 12, 2016 Investment Committee Meeting

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law reported on the Investment Committee's first official meeting. This committee has representation from all the District's bargaining groups and Administration. The Committee discussed the rollover for staff to the Mass Mutual platform for retirement accounts and the fees assessed by Mass Mutual compared to the previous platform. The Committee also discussed the role of the investment consultant, Morgan Stanley. The Committee decided to re-bid the consulting services to determine whether District 86 can find a lower fee than 40 basis points. Rebidding the

investment consultant does not require re-bidding the investment platform provider.

Report from the December 12, 2016, Facilities Committee Meeting

The Facilities Meeting met to discuss the Councilman-Hunsacker pool assessment and referendum financing options.

[Pool Consultant Report](#)

Scott Hester of Councilman-Hunsacker attended the December 19 meeting and answered Board questions about the assessment of both schools' pools. In the assessment, Councilman-Hunsacker made several recommendations overall, the most pressing of which was the recommendation to remove the diving boards at both schools. The removal recommendation was made on the basis that the current depth of the diving wells is 10 feet instead of 12 feet as required by the National Federation of State High School Associations. Dr. Law issued a moratorium on diving in both schools in the afternoon of December 19 and the Board supported his decision. Both schools are exploring alternatives for diving teams to continue practice and competition.

[Referendum Financing Options](#)

As requested at the December 12 Facilities meeting, Eric Anderson of Piper Jaffray attended the December 19 meeting to present a report showing the options for financing a bond referendum in the amounts of \$60 and \$65 million.

The Board decided to discuss facilities topics, including the diving wells and a possible bond referendum at the next facilities meeting that will be held on January 4.

Report from the December 12, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting

The report from the Finance Committee indicated a discussion of the Xerox lease buyout as well as a discussion of negotiations in closed session.

Report from the December 14, 2016, HR Committee Meeting

The report from the HR Committee indicated that the meeting went into Closed Session under the "Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal of Employees" exception.

Administration

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Law also announced that the District had earned a Sunshine Award for Transparency from the Illinois Policy Institute. The District earned a score of 99 out of 100 possible total points, making it the highest scoring school district in the state and just one of 16 school districts to hold a Sunshine Award. Dr. Law thanked Marge Ida from the Business Office, his assistant Debbie Kedrowski and Director of Communications Karen Warner for their efforts in this endeavor.

Monthly Management Report

Per regular cadence, Administration presented the Management Report for November.

Academics

Marching Band PE Exemption Report

Assistant Superintendent of Academics Pam Bylsma presented the report requested by the Board to align both schools' PE exemptions for Marching Band students to achieve curriculum equity in this area. The report included data and projections regarding how various courses of action may impact student schedules, the allocation of FTE, and course offerings. The Board requested to bring this item back in January.

2016 State Report Card Results

The Board decided to table discussion of the 2016 State Report Card results until January.

Human Resources

Open Enrollment Tallies

Chief Human Resources Officer Domenico Maniscalco presented the tallies from open enrollment for calendar year 2017.

Amended and Restated Cafeteria 125 Plan

The Board voted to approve the an amended and restated cafeteria 125 plan effective January 1, 2017, as required under the contract with the Hinsdale High School Teachers Association (HHSTA).

Aye: Kay Gallo, Jennifer Planson, Ralph Beardsley, Bill Carpenter, Ed Corcoran, Claudia Manley

Abstain: Kathleen Hirsman

IMRF Resolution Update

The Board voted to rescind Resolution #15.16 IMRF Form 6.73 and voted to approve Resolution #17.15 IMRF Form 6.72 to allow Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) employees who participate in either a flexible spending account and the District's cafeteria 125 plan to count as creditable earnings all of their money that they contribute to health insurance and to flexible spending accounts. Without the resolution, the amount of their salary reported as creditable earnings to IMRF would be reduced by the amount of pre-tax earnings the employee contributed to insurance or a flexible spending account. Upon the advice of legal counsel, it was determined that the District needed to use Form 6.72 to cover both flexible spending accounts and cafeteria 125 plans instead of Form 6.73, the form the Board previously approved, which only covers cafeteria 125 plans.

Rescission of #15.16:

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

Nay: Claudia Manley

Approve Resolution #17.15

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

Nay: Ed Corcoran, Claudia Manley

Business

November 2016 Treasury and Monthly Financial Reporting

As is standard practice, the November 2016 financial report, G Fund report and treasury report was submitted to the Board for review.

The meeting adjourned at 12:44 a.m.

Future Board Meetings

January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Hinsdale Central High School
Facilities Committee

January 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

Hinsdale Central High School
Committee of the Whole Meeting

January 23, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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