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February 6, 2017

Committee of the Whole Meeting

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Special Note

The Board of Education has requested that all final votes for action items be included in Board Briefs. View votes for any meeting recorded in [BoardDocs](#) at any time.

Good News

Hinsdale South Principal Stephanie Palmer introduced South Art Teacher Janet Roller-Schmidt. Ms. Roller-Schmidt spoke about Scholastic Art regional awards and introduced Best of Show American Vision Nominee Grace Baek. Grace explained the story behind her photo, “Distraction.” Her photo, as well as all other Gold Key winning work, will automatically be forwarded to the national competition.

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 4.

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

Not present at meeting: Jennifer Planson

Consent Agenda Items Pulled

4.3 Personnel Items – Support

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

Nay: Ed Corcoran

Not present at meeting: Jennifer Planson

4.6 Declare Items Surplus

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

Nay: Ed Corcoran

Not present at meeting: Jennifer Planson

Surplus items will be placed on the govdeals.com website to be sold.

Board

Future Agenda Items

President Gallo asked the full Board to discuss whether agenda items requested by Board members should appear on a future agenda. The Board discussed the following items.

- Public discussion of Superintendent's and Chief Financial Officer's performance reviews. Legal counsel will be consulted to determine the legality of such public discussion. Any legal advice will be brought back to the Board in closed session under attorney-client privilege.
- Advisory referendum on the ballot to redistrict attendance boundaries and possibly sunset the Buffer Zone. The deadline to put referenda questions on the April 2017 ballot has passed, therefore, at this time, the item is not planned for a future agenda.

Meeting Location for March

To accommodate potential increase in attendees, the Board discussed the possibility and options of moving the regular March meetings to other rooms at Hinsdale Central. With the spring play and other events scheduled, the only option other than the currently scheduled location of the Community Room is the cafeteria. For now, it appears that the meetings will remain in the locations as planned.

Board – Committee Reports Highlights

January 18, 2017 Deferred Compensation/Investment Committee

The draft minutes from the January 18 Deferred Compensation Investment Committee were presented to the Board. Highlights of topics discussed are selection of a committee chair; employee contribution data and process; and the bid status for an investment consultant.

January 17, 2017 Finance Committee

The draft minutes from the January 17, 2017 Finance Committee Meeting were presented to the Board. Highlights of topics presented to the Board include the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for Fiscal Year 2015-16; a transportation audit and recommendations; financing considerations for the \$76 million bond referendum; and construction manager consultants.

Administration Superintendent

1:1 Initiative Update and Recommendation

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law presented on behalf of Academics, IT, and the Business Office an updated, comprehensive recommendation and business case for the 1:1 technology initiative. The report highlighted the importance of an optimal rollout experience for students and teachers while also taking into account the District's technological readiness, teacher readiness and financial impact. Taking all of those factors into account, Administration recommended that the District revert to the original, four-year rollout schedule with full 1:1 implementation in the 2018-19 school year.

Also included in the report is the recommendation to continue for all students in the 2017-18 school year the \$50 technology fee charged to seniors this year. The recommended technology fee for 2018-19 school year and beyond would include the lease payment for the device, insurance, software management and other associated costs and would be set by the Board at a later date.

The topic will come back at the February 21 meeting for a vote.

Policy Revisions to Reflect PE Exemption for Marching Band Students

Dr. Law presented changes to the Programs of Studies and recommended policy revisions to reflect the changes the Board directed Administration to make at the January 23 meeting for the PE exemption for current Marching Band students and the 2017-18 incoming freshman class who will become Marching Band students.

Current Marching Band students and the incoming freshman class of August 2017 who become Marching Band students will be allowed to submit a request on an annual basis for a one-year PE exemption and the student may fill that empty slot with a class or study hall.

Revised wording for Policies 6:300 Graduation Requirements and 6:310 Credit for Alternative Courses and Programs, and Course Substitutions will come back for approval at the February 21 meeting.

Construction Management Report

Dr. Law presented the averaged cost estimates of the projects the Board approved to appear on the April 4 ballot. The Board approved at the January 23 meeting the solicitation of cost estimates from three construction management firms independent of the estimates already provided by the District's architect, ARCON. [The construction management estimates](#) of total project cost for the projects identified for the April 4 ballot ranged from \$92 million to \$108.6 million.

ARCON provided the same conceptual drawings and scoping documents to the three firms Administration engaged: Gilbane, International Contractors Incorporated (ICI) and Pepper Construction. The second part of the engagement asked the construction management firms to recommend ways to reduce cost. Rick Cozzi from ARCON attended the meeting to answer Board member questions. The Board decided to hold a

Facilities Committee meeting to reduce scope to reach the \$76 million number that will appear on the April 4 ballot. The date for the Facilities Meeting will be announced when it is confirmed.

Travel Expense Control Act

The Board discussed the policies that need to be revised to be in compliance with recent changes in state statute governing reimbursement of travel expenses. The changes for District staff go into effect July 1 while the changes for Board members go into effect March 1.

The item will come back at the February 21 meeting.

Academics

2017-18 Program of Studies Revisions

Assistant Superintendent for Academics Pam Bylsma presented revisions to the 2017-18 Program of Studies. These revisions reflect the direction on the PE exemption for Marching Band students the Board gave Administration at the January 23 meeting.

The final language will be brought back at the February 21 meeting.

2017-18 Calendar and 3-Year Calendar Proposals

Ms. Bylsma presented the proposed calendars for the 2017-18 school year as well as the proposed three-year calendar.

The calendars will be brought back at the February 21 meeting.

2017-18 Textbook Adoption Proposal

Ms. Bylsma presented a recommendation for new textbooks for the 2017-18 school year. All new proposed textbooks will be available for inspection during regular business hours at the District office from February 7 until March 20. [Click here to view the list of proposed new textbooks.](#)

Since the textbooks need to be on display for one month, the item will be brought back at the March 20 meeting.

Business

Partial Abatement of the 2016 Tax Levy

The Business Office presented a report to the Board on an abatement for the 2016 tax levy to prepare a resolution that was consistent with financial forecast projections given to the Board with levy projections in October 2016 and received direction from the Board on the amount. The Board decided to abate \$500,000—the same amount as last year—to the Debt Service Fund for the 2016 levy that will fund the 2017-18 school year. The Board directed the Business Office to adjust the forecast to account for the abatement.

The item will come back to the February 21 meeting.

Resolution Authorizing Accounting Transfer(s) to Capital Projects and Debt Service Funds for FY2017 to Implement State Regulations

The Board discussed the adoption of a resolution that will allow Administration to make the necessary transfers from operational funds to Debt Services in order to offset the amount that was abated from the 2015 Tax Levy.

The item will come back to the February 21 meeting.

Resolution Authorizing Transfer (Loan) of Monies from the Working Cash Fund to the Transportation Fund

The Board discussed the adoption of a resolution that will allow Administration to maintain a positive fund balance in the Transportation Fund until the 2016 tax levy collections can be expended in July 2017. With the transition to a full accrual accounting system and the deferral of early taxes, the \$500,000 loan from the Working Cash Fund cannot be repaid until July 2017 when early taxes already collected can be recognized on the District's books. As a part of this process, tax levy allocations will be reviewed to see if a permanent solution is needed.

The item will come back to the February 21 meeting.

Bid 17-025 Summer 2017 Construction Projects

The Board reviewed a recommendation letter from the District's architect ARCON regarding 2017 summer construction bids. Projects identified for summer construction include the conversion of rooms at Central into classrooms as well as the replacement of the Dectron (dehumidification) unit at Central. Pending the results from the April 4 bond referendum, the Board decided that it will not be accepting the bid to replace the Dectron unit over the existing Hinsdale Central pool.

The item will come back to the February 21 meeting.

RFP 17-024 Auditing Services

Administration provided a recommendation to the Board for auditing services so that the Board could select a financial auditor for fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Administration recommended the approval of a three-year contract with Klein Hall CPAs.

The item will come back to the February 21 meeting.

ESIC By-law Revision

The Board discussed the by-law revisions being made by The Educational School Insurance Cooperative (ESIC), an organization that provides the District liability, property, and student accident insurance.

The item will come back for approval at the February 21 meeting following legal review of the proposed changes.

Financial Planning Calendar FY2018

The Business Office presented the financial planning calendar for Fiscal Year 2018.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m.

Future Board Meetings

February 9, 2017 at 9:00 am (Thursday)

HR Committee Meeting
District Administrative Center

February 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday)

Hinsdale South High School
Regular Action Meeting

March 6, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Hinsdale Central High School
Committee of the Whole Meeting

March 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Hinsdale Central High School
Regular Action Meeting