

Hinsdale 86

Board Briefs

eNewsletter

October 16, 2017
Regular Action Meeting

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Good News

The Board of Education welcomed the 2017-18 Board Liaisons Charlie Johns from Hinsdale Central and Aimee Puz from Hinsdale South and both liaisons gave their first reports of the year from their respective schools.

Consent Agenda

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

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Action Items

Approve New Courses Guitar I and Guitar II HMO Plans

The Board voted to approve two proposed courses for the 2018-19 academic year “Guitar I: Beginning Guitar” and “Guitar II: Advanced Guitar” as recommended by the Hinsdale Central Music Department Chair. The curriculum rationale, course information and associated costs including FTE were included in the proposal.

Accept Donation for Special Olympics

The Board voted to accept a \$1,000 donation for Hinsdale South Special Olympics in memory of South student and former Special Olympic athlete Reina DeLeon, who passed away in March 2016. The donation will be used to buy Special Olympics track uniforms and sweatshirts. In addition, the Sportsmanship Award will be renamed in her honor.

Create Family/Community Engagement Committee (Policy 2:150)

The Board votes to create Board committees, and the Board discussed the creation of a Family/Community Engagement Committee. Board members agreed to table the item until the November 6 meeting when the item will be brought back.

Board – President’s Report

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No report.

Board – Committee Reports

Facilities Committee Reports from October 2 and October 10 meetings

The Board voted to approve the minutes from the October 2 meeting and the principals’ lists of accessibility and infrastructure needs from the October 10 as presented by Facilities Committee Chair Jennifer Planson.

Administration

Superintendent

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Dr. Bruce Law proposed a strategic plan for learning, a narrower focus than the strategic planning process originally discussed by the Board earlier this summer. The Board agreed and appointed Keith Chval and Robin Gonzales to serve as Board liaisons to interview the three firms that responded to the comprehensive request for quotation (RFQ) put out for bid earlier this summer. The Board gave Administration direction to research the proposed timeline, budget and deliverables from these three firms. Dr. Law will reach out to the Board liaisons and the firms, and based on availability for interviews, will bring something back for the Board to consider at the November 6 meeting.

Defining D86 High School Readiness

In the context of a larger movement in the U.S. to redefine college and career readiness standards for high schools, last spring Dr. Bruce Law began an initiative to identify the academic, task, and life readiness targets that students should aim for before entering high school. The goal of the initiative is to work in partnership with the seven elementary districts that send students to District 86 to make the transition from the eighth grade to ninth grade as successful as possible. Director of Student Services Brad Verthein presented these targets as well as the data points for reading and math from the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) assessments, a test that all seven elementary districts give their students.

Board Meeting Audio and Video Equipment Setup

Per the Board’s request at the October 2 meeting, Administration has begun researching options for improving the quality of sound and visibility of projection screens/monitors for both the Board and the audience at Board meetings. Dr. Law asked the Board what its preferred meeting space(s) are noting that there are trade-offs to each possible location. After discussing the topic, the Board asked Administration to look at pricing for different options, and those options will be brought back to the November 6 meeting.

Usability of Pools

Per the Board’s request at the October 2 meeting, Administration presented reports on

the usability of the pools at both schools.

Management Report

Per regular cadence during the school year, Dr. Law provided the monthly management report for September.

Business

Forecast Assumptions

Chief Financial Officer Josh Stephenson presented at the September 29 Finance Committee and the October 2 Committee of the Whole meeting the financial forecast and a set of possible assumptions that will be used to build the levy in December to fund operations for the 2019 fiscal year. As requested, Administration presented detailed options to the Board for permanent cuts that could be made beginning with the 2019 fiscal year budget to pay for implementing of the 1:1 instructional initiative. Faced with the choice of reducing programs that include professional development, curriculum development, school counseling in the summer, and supports for academic course teams, or paying out of operations the principal and interest on 2015 Series A and B Bonds, the Board gave Administration direction to eliminate the \$500,000 abatement from the forecast assumptions and the 2017 levy.

Financial and Treasury Reporting September 2017

Per regular cadence, Mr. Stephenson presented the September 2017 financial and treasury reports.

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Future Board Meetings

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

Hinsdale Central High School
Committee of the Whole Meeting

November 13, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Hinsdale Central High School
Facilities Committee Meeting

November 20, 2017 at 7 p.m.

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