

Summary of Board Actions

October 14, 2009, Board of Education Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Kimball Hill Elementary School Principal Rene Valenciano and students led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Recognition—Golden Apple Awards

The Golden Apple Foundation, which is dedicated to recognizing and developing excellence in teaching, honored its 2009 Golden Apple Award recipients. Superintendent Dr. Daniel Lukich introduced David Sobel, physical education teacher at Hunting Ridge Elementary School, as one of ten teachers from a total of 972 teachers receiving this prestigious award. Jamie Shanahan Gasunas, a teacher at Gray M. Sanborn Elementary School, was honored for receiving the Teachers of Distinction Award.

Recognition—PTA/PTSA

Dr. Lukich introduced the presidents of the district's PTA/PTSA units. The board acknowledged the dedication of all PTA/PTSA presidents on behalf of the students and staff of the district.

Recognition—

Communications INSPRA Awards

James Garwood, assistant superintendent for administrative services, reported that the Illinois Chapter of the National School Public Relations Association recently presented the district with two Awards of Excellence for its community newsletter, *Connections*, and for its internal newsletter, *Check This Out*. The District's new D15 E-News won an Award of Merit. Also, Sandy Cramer, the District's webmaster, earned the Communication Department two additional Awards of Merit – one for its Web site and one for its Intranet site for faculty and staff.

Recognition—Those Who Excel

The Illinois State Board of Education annually sponsors the Those Who Excel awards to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the state's schools. John Fenton, director of personnel and human services, introduced Central Road School Head Custodian Matt Adamczyk for receiving the Award of Excellence in the service employee category. Mary Zarr, assistant superintendent for curriculum, special services, and school improvement, nominated Karen Baker, the community health programs manager at Northwest Community Hospital for receiving the Award of Merit in the program's community volunteer category.

Recognition—Models of Excellence in the Education Profession

Dr. Lukich announced that Patricia Vande Hey, a special education teacher at Gray M. Sanborn Elementary School, had received the 2009 Models of Excellence in the Education Profession from *Exceptional Parent Magazine*. She will be recognized at the November 11, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

Palatine Opportunity Center (POC)

Cheryl Wolfel, director of second language programs, introduced Kathy Millin, executive director of the Palatine Opportunity Center. Ms. Millin reported on the work of the POC in collaboration with District 15, District 211, the Palatine Park District, and the Buehler YMCA, among others. She outlined the *I Compete!* after-school mentoring program that pairs high school seniors with elementary-age children.

2009 Annual Student Achievement Report

Mrs. Zarr provided a presentation on "Understanding AYP" and reviewed the results of the 2009 Illinois Standards Achievement Tests (ISAT). Also reviewed were the Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) results.

Transportation Update

Mr. Garwood provided a transportation update, outlining the process taken to address concerns regarding transportation matters and resolutions.

AT&T—Increasing Bandwidth

As part of the district's five-year technology plan, an upgrade in bandwidth to support increased network usage by staff and students was planned for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Garwood provided an overview of the rationale and the costs associated with the increase. This item will be further reviewed at the November 11, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

H1N1 Update

Mr. Garwood provided information regarding the H1N1 vaccinations. The Cook County Department of Public Health has selected District 15 schools located in Palatine (zip codes 60067 and 60074) to be the first in the area to offer the free vaccine. District 15 schools in Rolling Meadows and Hoffman Estates will be offered the opportunity during the month of November. Information packets will be sent home via backpacks and available on the district Web site.

Citizens Address the Board

Citizens addressed the board regarding a transportation request and the electronic distribution of community information flyers.

ED-RED Legislation Report

Board member Richard Bokor stated the General Assembly has returned to begin the Veto Session.

District Fifteen Educational Foundation

Board member Peggy Babcock announced that the District Fifteen Educational Foundation is continuing to host family-oriented events to raise funds for programs and projects to enhance the educational experience of all District 15 students. Upcoming events are the 2nd Annual Battle of the Bands to be held at Dirty Nellies on Saturday, November 7, and the District 15 Family Day at CoCo Key Water Resort scheduled for Sunday, November 22, 2009.

Proposed 2009 Tax Levy

Merilee McCracken, interim assistant superintendent for business and auxiliary services, outlined the tax levy process and the Proposed 2009 Tax Levy. At the November 11, 2009, Board of Education meeting the proposed levy will be reviewed and the notice for the publication of the public hearing in December will be provided.

2010–11 Tentative School Calendar

Mr. Fenton reviewed the 2010–11 Tentative School calendar scheduled to be adopted at the November 11, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

Drinking Water in our Schools

Board member Sue Quinn requested that the testing of drinking water in our schools be placed under consideration. It was noted that local municipalities are required by the Illinois EPA to perform testing of various facilities, including educational facilities and have been testing the water in our schools on a scheduled basis. Test results showed no bacterial contamination. Dr. Quinn inquired if lead testing could be scheduled due to the age of some of the District's older building's plumbing systems, consensus of the board was to proceed.

Board's Prioritizing of District Goals

Board president Gerald Chapman reported the results of the board member survey regarding district goals. Goals were prioritized and then presented for adoption later in the meeting.

First Reading—Board of Education Policy

The following policies were up for first review at the meeting:

- 4:130 Operational Services—Free and Reduced-Price Food Services
- 4:170 Operational Services—Safety
- 7:170 Students—Vandalism
- 7:190 Students—Student Discipline
- 8:30 Community Relations—Visitors to And Conduct on School Property

These policies will go for second reading at the November 11, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

New Business/Other

Dr. Quinn asked that the board's recommendations regarding the Illinois Association of School Boards' new resolutions and existing positions be reviewed at the November 11, 2009, Board of Education meeting.

Also under discussion was the recycling component of the District's agreement with Veolia Environmental Services.

Personnel Report

The board approved the October 14, 2009, Personnel Report as presented.

Contract—Precise Staffing Services, Inc.

The board approved the contract with Precise Staffing Services Inc. for occupational therapy services throughout the district for the 2009–10 school year, as recommended.

Contract—Sunbelt Staffing

The board approved the contract with Sunbelt Staffing for physical therapy services throughout the district for the 2009–10 school year, as recommended.

Contract—Melissa Souden

The board approved the contract with Melissa Souden for occupational therapy services throughout the district for the 2009–10 school year, as recommended.

Adoption of District Goals

The board approved the adoption of the four uppermost ranked district goals, as presented.

Joint Boards of Education Workshop—Called by Township High School District 214

Dr. Chapman and Mr. Bokor will be in attendance at the joint workshop scheduled for Tuesday, October 27, 2009, 7 p.m., at the Forest View Educational Center, Arlington Heights, based on the agenda presented by District 214.

Bid Award—System 44 Servers

The board awarded the contract for seven (7) Dell PowerEdge T300 Servers (equal to or better) to Netrix LLC, Bannockburn, IL, the lowest responsible, responsive bidder meeting bid and warranty specifications, for a total contract amount of \$11,963, as recommended.

Consent Calendar

The board approved the following ten (10) consent calendar items:

- A. Investment Report
- B. Treasurer's Report
- C. Report of Payroll Vouchers and Invoices
- D. Activities Fund Report
- E. September Budget Report
- F. Disposal of Equipment
- G. Building Use Fee Waiver
- H. Fundraiser—Lake Louise School (2)
- I. FY 2010 School District Library Grant Program
- J. Destruction of Executive Session Audiotapes—April 2008

Correspondence

Dr. Chapman reported on an Illinois Association of School Boards' correspondence and the receipt and disposition of eight (8) FOIA requests.

June Becker, Board of Education Secretary

Board of Education Special Meeting

7 p.m.

Monday, November 2, 2009
Joseph M. Kiszka Educational Service Center
580 N. 1st Bank Drive, Palatine

Board of Education Regular Meeting

7 p.m.

Wednesday, November 11, 2009
Walter R. Sundling Junior High School
1100 North Smith Street, Palatine