

# Community Consolidated School District 15 Board of Education

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Scott B. Thompson, Ed.D.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To produce world-class learners  
by building a connected learning community.



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## BOARD BRIEFS: *February 8, 2017, Regular Meeting*

**Meeting Video (will be available the week of February 13, 2017) and Agenda Attachments**

**Pledge of Allegiance—Marion Jordan School:** Jenny Grosch, Marion Jordan School Principal, introduced the Recess Helpers who led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Superintendent's Report—Community Engagement Planning Committee:** Scott Thompson, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools, reported that the committee met in January, created some momentum, developed a Facebook page and completed a survey. The co-chairs have invested a great deal of time and energy into facilitating the group, as well as planning for the second meeting, February 9.

**Superintendent's Report—Flat Tax Investigation:** Dr. Thompson, per Board request, presented his recommendations regarding the idea of a flat tax for the 2017 levy.

It was determined that the Board could create a flat tax for property owners by abating approximately \$850,000 of our debt service. Dr. Thompson recommended the Board wait until things were settled in Springfield as the legislature had bandied about the idea of a property tax freeze. (A rebating of our debt service, coupled with a legislative tax freeze would mean a loss of \$1.7 million of anticipated revenues at a time when the District is owed over \$4 million by the state of Illinois.)

As the tax freeze continues to be part of the proposed 'grand bargain' basket of bills in the Senate, the superintendent recommends no action to have a flat tax for the 2016 levy (money received in the fall of 2017 and spring of 2018).

**Superintendent's Report—Water Quality Testing Update:** Dr. Thompson reported that United Analytical Services conducted new tests Carl Sandburg Junior High, Thomas Jefferson, and Willow Bend Schools where four water sources were initially above recommended levels. These new lab results indicate three of the four fixtures now meet the EPA standards. Three sources are back in service; one has been removed from service at Willow Bend until the water pressure can be restored and the fixture retested.

The complete report is available on each school's website and in the school office, as well as the District 15 website.

**Superintendent's Report—Communications Committee/Department:** Dr. Thompson reported that the District's writer/editor, Tim Waldorf, had resigned to take a new position. Dr. Thompson will be convening the Communications Committee, which includes Board members Zubair Khan and Jessica Morrison, to discuss the reorganization of the Communications Department, which might include the hiring of a Director. The Committee would then report back to the full Board on its recommendations.

**Citizens Address the Board:** No citizens chose to address the Board.

**Board Policy—Second Readings:** As a result of the federal government's transition from the expired No Child Left Behind Act to the new Every Student Succeeds Act, the District must make minor changes mostly related to wording to 176 pages of policy as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Board's Policy Reference Education Subscription Service (PRESS). In January, the Board conducted first readings of 42 affected policies

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related to Operational Services, Personnel, Instruction, and Students. During this meeting, it approved those policies after it conducted a second reading of them.

**Resolution—Adopting a Disclosure Compliance Policy of CCSD15:** The Board approved a resolution adopting the policy as required. It was noted that the District does already follow the compliance policies; this resolution was required by law.

**Next Regular Board of Education Meeting:** Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 7 p.m. at Walter R. Sundling Junior High, 1100 N. Smith Street, Palatine.