



Lombard Elementary School District 44

# Board Highlights

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.... from the February 9, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

## Reports from Superintendent and Leadership Team

### Finance and Facilities

Assistant Superintendent Stec shared that he attended the annual pre-renewal meeting on January 26<sup>th</sup> and the preliminary projections on insurance rates is that the PPO will be going up 7% and HMO up 4%. The renewal meeting will be held in March 2016.

The Board approved two bids, one from Valor Technologies Inc., for the removal of asbestos from the gym floors in Park View and Manor Hill Schools and the other from Vortex Commercial Flooring Inc., for the replacement of the gym floors at Park View and Manor Hill Schools. The work is to be done this summer.

### Teaching and Learning

Assistant Superintendent Spychalski shared that the new ESSA (Every Student Succeeds Act) was signed by President Obama and will be replacing NCLB (No Child Left Behind) in September. They have removed AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) and each State will develop their own accountability measures that focus on closing the achievement gap within the subgroup population.

District 44 Science Fair will take place on Saturday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at Glenn Westlake Middle School. We have about 380 students in grades K-5 participating in the event.

County Institute Day is March 4<sup>th</sup>. Teachers in grades 6-8 will be attending various professional development sessions that focus on their content areas. Some K-5 specialists will be attending these sessions either offered through the ROE or CASE. The teachers who teach Math in K-5 will be provided an in-house professional development training provided by Eureka Math.

Assistant Superintendent Spychalski wanted to share with the board that Tim Misavage, 1<sup>st</sup> year PE teacher at Park View School presented at the Illinois Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance on standards based grading in PE.

### Special Services

Director of Special Services Smith shared that Special Services goal is to provide a continuum

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of high quality special education services within Lombard School District 44 such that students with individualized education plans participate in the general education environment as much as possible. This should stand as a guiding principle for department decisions.

A special recognition lunch and CPR training are planned for the IA's on the February 12<sup>th</sup> School Improvement Day.

A parent evening was held on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> and approximately 15 parents attended; the topic was "Transitions".

The transportation bid is now open for CASE and in addition the Executive Director vacancy at CASE has been posted.

### *Information Services*

Director of Information Services Duell shared that the firewall project should be complete by the end of this week. The Data Center project is now complete as well.

Director Duell shared an overview of the responses to the Parent Survey. We are very pleased with such a high level of participation and will use these results to improve services across the District.

### *Human Resources and Public Relations*

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Public Relations Calderin shared staff projections for the 2016-2017 school year.

The required IWAS reports were completed and submitted to ISBE. (non-certified salary study and teacher salary study)

The new SB100 law will go into effect on September 15, 2016, which will change the way exclusionary discipline is handled. Professional development will be provided for board members, administration and staff prior to September.

Assistant Superintendent Calderin will be assuming the reigns of School Scape as he transitions with Jay Wojcik over the course of the remainder of this year.

The third and final "superintendent coffee" for this school year was held on January 30<sup>th</sup> and was attended by approximately 20 stakeholders.

The Illinois Landscape Contractors Association awarded the Hammerschmidt Learn + Play Gardens the highest honor with the "Gold Award with Sustainable Honors" in the Specialty Element Category. The awards presentation was held on February 4<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Landscape Show at the Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center. We received a plaque in recognition of leadership.