



Lombard Elementary School District 44

Board Highlights

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.... from the April 12, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Presentations

Reflections, Science Fair, Poetry Contest and Geography Bee student winners were recognized by receiving certificates by members of the board. A small reception with refreshments was served to all participants and guests.

Reports from Superintendent and Leadership Team

Finance and Facilities

Assistant Superintendent Ted Stec gave an update on the Superintendent's Facilities Advisory Committee. The committee has been divided into three sub-groups to better work on three facets of the facilities: exterior, common areas and classrooms. They are currently meeting separately and making great progress.

The board approved the insurance premiums for the 2016-2017 school term.

Asst. Supt Stec also shared that the DuPage County 2015 tentative tax went down. Last year the limiting rate was 4.2614 and the 2015 rate is 4.1396.

Stec also shared the list of summer work scheduled for this summer including bid projects that were previously board approved; in addition seal coating, asphalt patching and landscaping around the buildings.

Asst. Supt Stec shared that he had a conference call regarding the JCS Fund Music Grant and that we are eligible for two - \$50K grants; one for the middle school and one for elementary. We are currently meeting with the music staff to determine how to use the grant dollars. The grant forms are due by May 13 and we will know by mid June if we have been awarded.

Teaching and Learning

Assistant Superintendent Annetta Spsychalski introduced Ms. Tania Parciany, the Math and Science Coordinator who presented the math and science adoptions.

The board approved and adopted Eureka Math Curriculum Resources for K-5 beginning with the 2016-2017 school year. They also approved and adopted the 6-8 Science Resource for next year.

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Special Services

Director of Special Services Kari Smith shared that planning for the May SIP Day is continuing with collaboration with Teaching and Learning. Instructional Aides will be receiving a CPI refresher course and Special Services licensed staff will be receiving training on the new IEP system and math training for classroom and resource teachers.

Director Smith also stated that District 44 continues to collaborate with CASE and the Glenbard Parent Series; currently 14.4% of our Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant funds support the Glenbard Parent Series.

The board approved the contract for Hopewell for out of district special education transportation for the 2016-2017 school year. In addition, the board also approved the contract from SEPTRAN for in district special education transportation for the 2016-2017 school year.

Information Services

Director of Information Services Alicia Duell shared that Edlio will be our vendor for the district website with a projected live date of July 1.

Director Duell also stated that the Superintendent's Technology Advisory Committee is nearing completion on recommendations and will be bringing them forward within the next few months.

Duell also wanted to make sure that the board understood the need to revise the ITC Coaches Job description to more accurately reflect the coaching nature of the role, making them more districtwide.

Human Resources and Public Relations

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Public Relations Aldo Calderin shared his new "hiring process" and "7 Strategies" with the board with the anticipation of unifying the district. The revised process will be much more rigorous including a candidate observation. Three of the principals were part of the restructuring of this process with Asst. Supt. Calderin.

The Glenn Westlake Middle School band will be receiving an ice cream treat from the board and Dairy Queen on Friday, April 15th in recognition of their making it to Super State. Dairy Queen very kindly gave us a 50% discount off the cost of the dilly bars.