



Lombard Elementary School District 44

Board Highlights

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.... from the February 14, 2017 Board of Education Meeting

Reports from Superintendent and Leadership Team

Finance and Facilities

Assistant Superintendent Ted Stec stated that we would be going out to bid in April for food service. A recommendation to the board will be made to the board by May.

The Fairwood land is now ready for transferring. The demolition contractor has concluded all of the building demolition, including the removal of the existing foundations and replacement with CA-6 compacted stone. The sidewalk and the asphalt pavement areas have been prepared as well.

The Board approved the 2017-2018 Student Fee Schedule. There were no increases.

The Board approved the Land Swap Resolution with Lombard Park District.

EBC (Arthur Gallagher pool) had their annual pre-renewal meeting on January 25th. The preliminary renewal rate for PPO is expected to increase 9.1%. The preliminary increase for HMO is expected to increase by 1.2%.

The final phase of the Glenn Westlake roof replacement will go out to bid this month. There will be replacement pavement work done throughout the district.

Preliminary bid meeting for special education transportation will be this Friday, February 17th at 10:30 am.

Teaching and Learning

Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, Annetta Spsychalski shared that we received a little more this year in Tile I grant funds. The grant will be amended to add the additional funds for supplemental materials, professional development, parent training materials, and a summer book exchange.

The mentor committee has met again and revised the job description reflecting monthly checklists should the new teacher have a mentor outside of their building. Asst. Supt. Spsychalski sought out consultants and found it to be too expensive. She has pulled from other district handbooks. The committee has found that there is a need for consistency with peer observation.

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The Differentiation Committee attended the Illinois Gifted Conference. The Differentiation Specialists will meet with Teaching and Learning to craft a draft outline for a redesigned program. They hope to conclude their research in March and be able to recommend a name change and program design change to the Board of Education in April.

The March 3rd DuPage County Institute Day will focus on a variety of curriculum based trainings. Kindergarten teachers will be staying back for kindergarten assessment training (KIDS) as this will be required starting next year. Teachers of grades 1-5 will do rotation of Socials Studies Standards, NGSS Engineering, PARCC Assessment, Curriculum Based Student Growth Assessments and Brain Breaks with Glenbard East Student Key Club Members. Teachers in grades 6-8 will attend county offerings, which are specific to their content area.

320 students are participating in the science fair this year that takes place on Saturday, March 4th.

Special Services

Director of Special Services, Kari Smith shared that the next EC Family science night is this Thursday. The EC team will be presented with the Award of Inclusion on February 27th in Bloomington.

Although many Special Services staff will participate in the CASE workshops on Countywide Institute Day, some will remain in District to participate in professional development on StarMath, adaptive behavior scales, and KIDS training among other topics.

The SEL committee met on January 24th and discussed work of the committee to date. They are looking at strategies we can accomplish this year and next.

Overall, the majority of the teachers who responded to the Summer School survey were not interested in teaching a summer school program. We have collaboration with Glenbard 87 regarding their summer school program and Tom Surdam is the District 44 liaison for it.

Information Services

The Parent Survey results were included in the board packet. They are pretty comparable to last year. Dr. Robey felt there may have been confusion about receiving two surveys - 5 Essentials and ours. We will administer ours every other year. One of the topics that was brought to light with our survey was the condition of our overall bathrooms. We are currently working on a schedule to repair those that are in ill repair.

Human Resources and Public Relations

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Public Relations, Aldo Calderin shared the 2017-2018 staffing projections for homerooms at the buildings. Based on previous conversations with the board, we will ensure the primary classrooms of 5 sections of 1st and 5 sections of 2nd for Madison School. We will be losing a section of 5th grade at Pleasant Lane. Currently we have 4 internal transfers to LA at Glenn Westlake and more screenings and interviews will take place next week

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The FMLA committee met again to discuss its application that was agreed upon during LEA negotiations. An FAQ is being designed.

The Evaluations committee is looking at options; currently looking at creating a more efficient use of our evaluations. We are down to 3 companies; Evaluwise, EdEdge and Talent Ed. Would like it operational for the fall. Their next meeting will be in March.

The Insurance Committee has been meeting to determine the best course of action in regards to reducing the overall cost for everyone. Currently considering some minor restructuring.

The LEA benefit and salary statements were sent out later than usual because it was felt that it would be best to wait until the contract was approved and distributed to its members.

In reference to Public Relations, Asst. Supt Calderin shared that SchoolScape is a low budget project that relies on the people doing it. The gentleman who was taping it has taken another position. We have no one at this time that knows how to use the equipment. We feel we couldn't guarantee a quality product. SchoolScape has now been ceased maybe temporarily?

Recent news articles: Lombardian - One school one book - nearly 400 participants at BF; Preregistration for kindergarten; GWMS - 7th grade won their tournament title and were recognized at the village on Thursday.

The last Superintendent coffee held was attended by approximately a dozen people

Community Forum

The Community Forum is Tuesday, February 21, 2017 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm at the Madison School Gymnasium. School board members, administrators, staff, parents, village and community members and students will be participants.

Committee of the Whole

Dr. Robey shared that he has been having ongoing conversations with parents about playgrounds and PTA fundraising. As a board how do we want to harness that in as a district? We will form a special "Committee of the Whole". It was decided we would hold it on Tuesday, March 21st at 6 pm.