



Lombard Elementary School District 44

Board Highlights

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.... from the May 10, 2016 Board of Education Meeting

Reports from Superintendent and Leadership Team

The board adopted the 2016-2017 Board of Education meeting schedule.

Finance and Facilities

Mr. Bill Johnston, Trustee and chairman of ECDC, Mr. Tim Sexton, Director of Community Development and Mr. Scott Niehaus, Village Manager spoke on the proposed development of a Mariano's Supermarket at the intersection of Roosevelt and Finley Roads in Lombard. They shared that an IDOT appeal for a new stop light east of Finley, closest to the Cadillac dealer has been filed. If all proceeds well, the project is anticipated opening in 2018. Mr. Niehaus also shared that there would be a Site Planning Committee Meeting on May 16th if anyone were interested in attending.

Assistant Superintendent Ted Stec shared a power point presentation on the financial outlook of the district. He showed a summary of historical analysis referencing the highs and the lows and the impact on District 44.

Teaching and Learning

Assistant Superintendent Annetta Spychalski shared about federal grants. Asst. Supt. Spychalski wrote a waiver last year to rollover about \$100K; most of the money from grants pays for staff and benefits. We also service non-publics by supplying them with professional development materials and workshops.

The Differentiation Program will be reviewed next year. Students in grades 2-5 that are eligible to receive this additional enrichment in the areas of Math and Reading currently receive an additional 50 minutes per week in Math and 75 minutes per week in Language Arts.

Asst. Supt. Spychalski explained the early entrance to first grade process for the District; this year we had two (2) requests. There are three (3) levels of criteria for the early admittance that need to be met: Screening, Evaluation and Diagnostic. The student starts out in kindergarten while the assessment is being done which takes about 6-8 weeks.

Special Services

Director of Special Services Kari Smith shared that over 33 children participated in the last

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preschool screening. Next year the screenings will no longer be referred to as “Preschool Screenings” but “Developmental Screenings”, of which the first will take place on August 24th.

The SEL Committee will meet this summer to plan for the 2016-2017 school year and August Institute Day. The Early Childhood team completed the application for the Award of Excellence in Inclusion and we should hear something in July. Director Smith shared that we are writing our ‘Preschool for All Grant’ which is due June 30th. Director Smith will be participating in a focus group session with consultants hired by CASE to provide input on the future direction of the cooperative on May 18th.

Information Services

Director of Information Services Alicia Duell shared that all certified and non-certified staff will be receiving a new MacBook Air laptop this summer. The laptops have been received and will be distributed to all by August 1st.

Director Duell also stated that the new district website (Edlio) is under construction. A first draft is in the works and is being revised and should be online mid-summer.

Human Resources and Public Relations

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Public Relations Aldo Calderin shared the list of current vacancies. He also stated that the new districtwide hiring process is going very well. The SB7 letters were distributed to the teachers; all letters were returned and agreed upon.

Policy 7:305 has been revised based on a legal update; a concussion management team has been formed to develop an initial plan. Policy 7:190 was revised based on Senate Bill 100. The Board will need to be trained as well as all staff.

The District 44 Recognition Reception took place last month. It was very well attended by staff and a few board members. Dr. Robey and Mr. Nick Martin (GWMS Band Director) were recently interviewed for June School Scape. The final dates for the district logo contest is May 20th.