

BOARD BRIEFS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 1, 2017

HUNTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 BOARD OF EDUCATION

WORLD LANGUAGES REVIEW POINTS TO DUAL LANGUAGE SPANISH PROGRAM, GERMAN AND ASL AT HIGH SCHOOL

Chief Academic Officer Erika Schlichter presented the results of the recently completed World Languages Review. Among the recommendations are the implementation, beginning in 2018-19 and expanding yearly afterward, of a kindergarten dual language program in Spanish at each campus, and adding German and American Sign Language as new course sequences at HHS. The full review, which will be voted on by the Board at its Regular Meeting June 15, is available online at <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=40646444>.

District Achieves 89.7% of Strategic Plan Annual Targets

The administration presented its year-end progress toward goals set forth in the strategic plan. For the annual measures outlined at the beginning of the year, the District met 89.7%, covering achievements in student growth and achievement, learning environment, quality staff, partnerships with home and community, and finance and facilities resources. The report outlining specific targets met and missed is available online at <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=40654870>.

2018-19 School Calendar Proposed

The administration proposed a 2018-19 school year calendar to be voted on at the Board's next regular meeting. Key dates include:

- First Day of School: August 15, 2018
- Winter Break: December 24, 2018-January 4, 2018
- Non-attendance days Feb. 14 and 15, abutted to President's Day Feb. 18
- Spring Break: Last week of March (March 25-29)
- Day of Non-attendance, abutted to Easter, April 19
- Last day of school (if no emergency days used) May 23

Dr. Burkey commented that the District had received much positive feedback from the public on ending the school year prior to Memorial Day and also looked forward to the two-day Institute Days scheduled for January 3-4. The draft calendar is online at

<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=40627279>.

BOARD APPROVES NEW THREE-YEAR CONTRACT WITH HEA

At the Special Meeting, the Board of Education approved a new three-year contract with the Huntley Education Association.

The Board and the HEA shared a goal of bringing teacher compensation up to be more competitive with other districts.

"I think we did end up with a good result. We do want to be as competitive as possible, and I think we took a step in the right direction," said Superintendent John Burkey. "I think it's a win-win."

Members of the negotiating teams for both parties were complimentary of each other, citing positive relationships and working toward a common goal as drivers of the agreement.

Burkey said the process "set a new bar" in being able to get an agreement completed by the end of the school year.

The contract is available on the District website.

Informational Reports

The Board heard reports on the following:

- A review of the Early Childhood Center, which included a number of recommendations
- An update on the progress of the development of Fine Arts and Global Studies Academies at HHS, with concrete proposals expected in the future
- Monthly fiscal, Revenue and Expenditure, HR, Operations and Maintenance, Legislative, and HHS construction updates.

Pending Actions

At its next Regular Meeting May 18, the Board will vote whether to approve:

- Payables: Purchase orders at \$994,316,64; Imprest checks at \$122,299.15; accounts payable at \$975.25; and disbursements issued at \$2,412,341.78
- A fundraising contract with Great American (\$30,000) in support of the annual Marlowe Atwood trip
- The annual Prevailing Wage Resolution and direction for publication of notice as required by the State law and the Illinois Department of Labor regulations.
- A listing of official depositories for funds (banks) of the School District
- Continuance of the Hazardous Busing Program for Huntley Community SD158, as identified by school code 105ILCS 5/29-5.2
- A graduated increase in the costs for Park District rentals of District facilities, and rates for rentals of the HHS Field House
- A raise of 3.5% for non-union support staff, professional staff, and administration, mirroring the increase given to union (HESPA) support staff under their current contract.
- A change order to Schroder Asphalt Services' contract for the asphalt tennis court surface as part of the HHS Additions and Renovations Project, in the total amount of \$24,964.00
- Awarding Bid #2017-13 Refuse and Recycled Materials Hauling and Disposal to MDC Environmental in the amount of \$81,000
- A change order to the contract with Plote Construction to install thermoplastic traffic paint on all new drive surfaces being installed at Academic Drive and loop drive at Marlowe, in the amount of \$4,600
- Annual membership renewals for IASB (Illinois Association of School Boards) at \$13,765.00 and LUDA (Large Unit District Association) at \$3,000.00.
- Minutes of the Board's May 4 Special Meeting and closed session minutes of the April 20 Regular Meeting
- A schedule of BOE meetings for next year, available online at <https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=40627616>
- Designation of the *Daily Herald* as the official newspaper of Huntley Community School District 158.

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