

# BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents the action taken at the February 22, 2016 meeting of the Board of Education:

## **REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

President Spanos called the regular Board Meeting to order at 6:45p.m.

## **SUCCESS STORY**

### **Edison Receives Grant from Lowe's**

Edison Jr. High School has received a \$25,000 Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation grant for their "Technology Transformation and Education" project. This is the second time the school has been given the opportunity to partner with Lowe's. In the 2013-2014 school year Edison received a \$5,000 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant for the "Literacy Corners" project.

Edison's grant application was based on the goal of providing students with technological resources with which to research information, create project and presentations, and communicate with teachers about assignments. Edison plans to purchase two Chrome Book labs, each with 30 Chrome Books, a printer, and a charging station. Because current Edison students were born into a technological/computer oriented society, providing them with engaging hands-on learning opportunities will reach all levels of learners at Edison.

The "Technology Transformation and Education" project was designed to create an interactive environment in the classroom. Teachers will be able to create Google Classrooms and use Google Docs on the Chrome Books with their students so that assignments and projects may be accessed from school, home, or the public library. This supports the idea of a "paperless" classroom, and the feedback between teacher and student can be ongoing and done in a timely manner due to the cyber connectivity. This type of classroom interaction will lead to more productivity and improved learning because students will be more engaged and actively participating in their daily work.

The Edison school community will greatly benefit from this grant and we wish to thank our friends at Lowe's for generously supporting this important project.

\*All K-12 public schools in the United States are eligible for the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation program.

## **APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS AND WARRANTS FOR JANUARY 2016**

Approved the Treasurer's Report and Warrants for January in the amount of \$3,426,160.55 of which \$1,692,204.63 was payroll.

## **REPORTS**

- FY17 Staffing Forecast  
(Mr. Joe Franklin, Director of Human Resources)
- Summer Professional Development and Curriculum Work Forecast  
(Mr. Leonard Ealey, Assistant Superintendent)

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

Approved minutes from the January 25, 2016 Board of Education meeting.

## **ACCEPT GIFTS**

Accepted the following gifts:

- Washington Intermediate School is pleased to acknowledge a donation of \$52.00 from Scott Michael to purchase art supplies for students.
- Wilson Intermediate School is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of a grant from the Pekin Rotary Club in the amount of \$425.00. The grant will be used to benefit Wilson's community garden.

## **PERSONNEL:**

### **EMPLOY**

- Employ Rachel Morgan for the position of TEMPORARY Special Education Paraprofessional effective February 8, 2016 for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year at a pro-rated salary of \$4,968.37.

### **SEPARATE**

- Accept the resignation of Lea Ann Juska, Teacher, for retirement purposes effective the end of the 2018-2019 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Sarah Blom, Special Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2015-2016 school year.

### **APPROVE**

- Approve a Revised Family Medical Leave of Absence for Nicole Ratcliff, Teacher, effective January 4, 2016 through February 19, 2016 for a total of 33 days, using 25 paid sick leave days and 8 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for Julie Grimm, Early Childhood Teacher, effective February 17, 2016 through February 26, 2016 for a total of 8 days, using 8 paid sick leave days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Hope Scheffler, Special Education Teacher, effective April 18, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year for a total of 28 days, using 28 paid sick leave days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Darah Shepherdson, Teacher, effective April 29, 2016 through the end of the 2015-2016 school year for a total of 19 days, using 19 paid sick leave days.
- Approve Marjorie Miller as a Substitute Teacher for the 2015-2016 school year.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **REVIEW DRAFT OF THE 2016-2017 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

The development of the school calendar for the 2016-2017 school year is underway. A draft of the proposed calendar was reviewed at the February Board meeting and will be considered for approval at the March Board of Education meeting. The local area districts have made a commitment to assigning the school holidays and breaks.

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION UPDATES**

- Preparations for 2016 PARCC Administration are Underway  
The administration of the 2016 PARCC Assessment will begin as early as April 5 and conclude before April 29. This year all students will take the test on an electronic platform.
- Kindergarten Individual Development Survey (KIDS)  
All district kindergarten teachers will be taking part in the KIDS training this coming May. The training was originally set for last May but was postponed by ISBE. The dates for the training are May 6 and May 13 at the Fondulac Building in East Peoria.
- Tentative March Action Items
  - Approve the 2016-2017 School Calendar
  - Appoint an auditor for FY17
- March Reports
  - State Payments Update

## **BOARD OF EDUCATION ANNOUCEMENTS**

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| February 22 (Monday) | Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.                 |
| March 3 (Thursday)   | SIP Early Release Day                                |
| March 4 (Friday)     | Parent Conferences/Institute (No Student Attendance) |
| March 14 (Monday)    | Young Authors Conference-7:00 p.m.                   |
| March 17 (Thursday)  | Communications Committee Meeting-4:00 p.m.           |
| March 21 (Monday)    | Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.                 |
| March 24 (Thursday)  | Dismiss for Spring Break (End of Day)                |
| April 4 (Monday)     | Classes Resume after Spring Break                    |
| April 5 (Tuesday)    | PARCC Testing May Begin                              |