

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents the action taken at the January 22, 2018 meeting of the Board of Education:

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

SUCCESS STORY-Dirksen School in National Spotlight for Literacy

The national Partnership in Comprehensive Literacy (PCL) and Comprehensive Intervention Model (CIM) network is comprised of university and public school partnerships across 13 states. Comprehensive Literacy districts within these states commit to joining together electronically using ZOOM technology for monthly continuing professional development, supporting the belief that teacher expertise is the strongest variable impacting student progress. During each monthly continuing professional development session, over 200 participants across the nation observe intervention lessons and reflect on student learning and response to instruction. It is critical that videotaped lessons are used during each professional development session as these lessons present participants the opportunity to observe authentic instruction and to problem solve teaching and learning issues.

In November and January of FY18 Dirksen Comprehensive Intervention Specialists, Jennifer Linehan and Jennifer Tucker provided literacy intervention lessons for over 200 individuals participating in Comprehensive Literacy Learning. These specialists have generously shared their expertise by representing the superlative teaching and collaboration we have within the Pekin Comprehensive Literacy Model. This expertise was shared through numerous videotaped lessons used as model teaching for the national Comprehensive Literacy Learning Network. Jennifer Harris and the Dirksen literacy team have also provided several hours of videotaped sessions modeling how coaches, interventionists, and classroom teachers collaborate to achieve instructional unity for Dirksen students. Principal Melissa Lard continues to support the work of coaches, interventionists, and classroom teachers, allowing Dirksen to be spotlighted across the nation.

Congratulations to the Dirksen team for positively representing the Pekin Comprehensive Literacy Model and setting high standards for educational systems across the Comprehensive Literacy Learning Network.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS & WARRANTS FOR DECEMBER 2017

Approved the Treasurer's Report and Warrants for December in the amount of \$3,260,915.50 of which \$1,759,128.02 was payroll.

REPORTS

- Quarterly Budget Monitoring Report and State Payments Update-Mr. Glayn Worrell, Business Manager

APPROVE MINUTES

Approved the Minutes from the December 18, 2017 Board of Education meeting.

APPOINT GORENZ AND ASSOCIATES, LTD. AS AUDITORS

Appointed Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. as auditors for the 2017-2018 school year.

GIFTS

The following gifts were accepted:

- Wilson Intermediate School is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of \$1,022 worth of resources donated through DonorsChoose.org. This gift was presented to Wilson 4th Grade teacher, Abbey Mattson who used DonorsChoose.org to help fund a project called "Flexible Seating". Flexible Seating will include items allowing students to choose the type of seating they would like in the classroom, assisting with the diverse needs of that setting.

PERSONNEL:

EMPLOY

- Employ Meredith Hendel for the position of TEMPORARY Special Education Teacher effective January 23, 2018 at an annual salary of \$53,438+TRS to be pro-rated for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.

APPROVE

- Approve a REVISED Family Medical Leave of Absence for Laura Balaban, Strings and Orchestra Teacher, effective December 11, 2017 through January 31, 2018 for a total of 27 days, using 27 paid sick leave days.
- Approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Megan Thomas, Early Childhood Teacher, effective January 3, 2018 for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Approve a REVISED Family Medical Leave of Absence, for maternity purposes, for Tammy Block, Special Education Teacher, effective October 24, 2017 through December 19, 2017 for a total of 39 days using 28 paid sick leave days and 11 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve Cole Metzler and Thomas Poole as Substitute Teachers for the 2017-2018 school year.

Board of Education Updates

January 22, 2018

February Board Meeting

The regular February Board of Education meeting will be conducted at PFEC on **Tuesday, February 20.**

School Calendar Development

The development of the school calendar for the 2018-2019 school year is underway. A draft of the proposed calendar will be reviewed at the February Board of Education meeting and considered for approval at the March Board of Education meeting. The local area districts continue to be committed to aligning school holidays and breaks whenever possible.

Young Authors Conference

The 2018 District 108 Young Authors Conference will take place on Tuesday, March 6 at Wilson Intermediate School. Activities will begin at 7:00 p.m. Student books will be on display in the commons prior to the event.

Tentative February Reports

- Projected Staffing Needs for 2018-2019
- Changes to the Preschool Grant Process
- Forecast for Summer Professional Development and Curriculum Work

Tentative February Action Items

- Technology Purchase

Board of Education Announcements

February 7 (Tuesday)	Insurance Committee Meeting-3:30 p.m.
February 16 (Friday)	SIP Early Release Day (No Morning PFEC)
February 19 (Monday)	Presidents' Day-No School
February 20 (Tuesday)	Board of Education Meeting at PFEC-6:45 p.m.
March 6 (Tuesday)	Young Authors Conference-7:00 p.m.
March 8 (Thursday)	SIP Early Release Day (No Morning or Afternoon PFEC)
March 9 (Friday)	No Student Attendance-Parent Conferences/Institute
March 29 (Friday)	Dismiss for Spring Break at End of Day (Full Day of Classes)
April 9 (Monday)	Classes Resume