

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

The following represents the action taken at the May 21, 2018 meeting of the Board of Education which took place at Edison Jr. High School.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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

SUCCESS STORY- EDISON

This month's success story pertains to technology deployment at Edison Junior High School. This effort began as part of the Edison Strategic Planning Process. In recent years, the technology available for student use was outdated and in many cases, not functioning. Due to the budget crisis, district funds were simply not available to replace Edison's aging computers. Edison staff saw the need to take action and created a plan to deal with this issue.

This plan started with replacement of the computer lab four years ago, using fundraising dollars to replace lab computers over a two year span of time. The opportunity then arose to participate in a Chromebook pilot program offered by the district Tech Department. Fifteen Chromebooks were purchased by the district, and an additional fifteen were purchased using funds from Edison's budget. These funds were used to create a portable lab that could be checked out for student use. The pilot was a huge success and teachers wanted more labs as quickly as they could be purchased.

The Edison staff continued to view technology as a priority after seeing the benefits of the Chromebook pilot, and decided to continue allocating all fundraising dollars toward the purchase of additional portable labs. Grants were sought to support the procurement of labs as well. Traci Peters and Jack Ratzsch were awarded two Lowe's grants totaling \$30,000 which resulted in the purchase of three additional labs.

The prioritizing of funds has continued and with the addition of the technology loan program offered by the district, Edison now has two portable labs for each team in the building and a Chromebook for each staff member. At the start of next year an additional lab will be purchased for our special education students in instructional classrooms, as well as additional Chromebooks for the art and music programs.

The improvement of Edison's technology has led to a number of benefits for students, teachers, and parents. Most of the staff are taking advantage of programs like Google Classroom, Discovery Learning, I civics and many others. These programs allow teachers to provide more timely feedback to their students than ever before. Students and teachers can even interact outside of the school day using technology. The portability of Edison's Chromebook labs has allowed teachers and students increased opportunities to use technology on a daily basis. Cloud based assignments and submission of those assignments allows our students to be better organized and have access to teacher created resources from home. Edison has also seen an increase in collaboration and interactive learning opportunities between students and teachers.

The technology deployment and use of that technology at Edison is a true example of our dedication to the Junior High Mission of preparing students to be independent learners and cooperative problem solvers. These experiences, lessons, and opportunities will follow our students into high school and beyond.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS & WARRANTS FOR APRIL 2018

Approved the Treasurer's Report and Warrants for April 2018 in the amount of \$3,826,239.99 of which \$1,740,102.97 was payroll.

HEAR REPORTS

- Edison Jr. High School Report-Mr. Bill Heisel, Principal
- Facilities & Safety Committee Report-Mr. Glayn Worrell, Business Manager

APPROVE MINUTES

Approved minutes from the April 16, 2018 Board of Education meeting.

ACCEPT GIFTS

The Board of Education accepted the following gifts to:

- Scott Altman Primary School is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of \$1755 from the Altman Parent Club. This monetary gift will be used to purchase academic resources for classrooms.
- Pekin District #108's Strings and Orchestra Program is pleased to acknowledge a donation of 3 violin outfits (Maestro by Amati's Fine Instruments) including Carboni bows and cases with a memorial plaque attached. The donation was made by Mrs. Carol Oakley in memory of her late husband Dr. Gregory Oakley who was an avid violinist. The total value of the donation is \$1400.
- Willow Primary School is pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the following gifts:
- A DonorsChoose grant in the amount of \$719 to be used by 3rd grade Teacher Monica Jacobs for the purchase of a sound system to accommodate students with attention difficulties.
- A DonorsChoose grant in the amount of \$406.60 to be used by Literacy Leader Abby Hill to be used to support the Reading Recovery Program for the students at Willow Primary School.
- A gift of \$388 from the Willow Parent Teacher Association (PTA) to Literacy Leader Abby Hill to update literacy materials for Reader's Workshop at Willow School.
- A donation of books from the Altrusa Club of Pekin to promote reading over the summer. Each 1st grade student will receive a book as a gift as part of the club's Reading is Fundamental program.

SET RATES FOR FY19 SUBSTITUTES AND SUMMER STIPEND PAY

Approved the FY19 substitute rates and rates for summer stipend pay as indicated in the table below.

Position	District 108 2017-2018	Recommended 2018-2019
Teacher Beg. Rate	\$85.00	\$85.00
26-50 Days	\$90.00	\$90.00
51+ Days	\$95.00	\$95.00
FMLA Subs 10 days or longer		\$120.00 per day
Summer Teacher Stipend	\$150.00	\$150.00
Summer Support Staff Stipend	\$75.00	\$75.00
Teacher Half Day	\$45.00	\$45.00
Home/Hospital Tutor	\$24.00 per hr.	\$30.00 per hr.
Teacher Assistant	\$8.75 per hr.	\$10.00 per hr.
Secretary	\$8.75 per hr.	\$10.00 per hr.

SET FEES FOR THE 2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR

Approved the 2018-2019 fee schedule as presented.

ACT UPON SUPERINTENDENT'S PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

EMPLOY

- Employ Ethan Swanson for the position of Math/Science Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year at an annual salary of \$33,783 + TRS.
- Employ Natalie Neal for the position of Speech-Language Pathologist for the 2018-2019 school year at an annual salary of \$40,016 + TRS.
- Employ Cara Lane for the position of School Social Worker for the 2018-2019 school year at an annual salary of \$43,513 + TRS.
- Employ William Akers for the position of Strings and Orchestra Teacher for the 2018-2019 school year at an annual salary of \$33,783 + TRS.

REASSIGN

- Reassign Julie Draher, Secretary at Willow Primary School, to the position of Central Office Secretary at an annual salary of \$34,000 + IMRF effective July 1, 2018.
- Reassign Cara Green to the position of Instructor of Student Support and Learning at Broadmoor Junior High School effective the start of the 2018-2019 school year.
- Reassign Bridgette Clements to the position of Instructor of Student Support and Learning at Washington Intermediate School effective the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

- Reassign Mary Kraus to the position of Instructor of Student Support and Learning at Wilson Intermediate School effective the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

SEPARATE

- Accept the resignation of Mary Sorenson, 7.0 Hr. Learning Center Paraprofessional, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Lori Preston, School Secretary, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Carrie McKinzie, Special Education Paraprofessional, for retirement purposes, effective the end of the 2020-2021 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Emily Cline, Teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Randi Deverman, Literacy Leader, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Carrie DeWitt, Teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Ashley Geil, Math Teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Sarah Leith, Teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Jack Ratzsch, School Counselor, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Jennifer Adkison, Special Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Ellen Murfin, 7.0 Hr. Learning Center Paraprofessional, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Accept the resignation of Tammy Block, Special Education Teacher, effective the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

APPROVE

- Approve an Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Julie Maras, School Counselor, effective April 16, 2018 through the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Molly Ippolito, Teacher, effective August 27, 2018 through November 21, 2018 for a total of 61 days, using 30 paid sick leave days and 31 unpaid leave of absence days.
- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Megan McMullen, Language Arts Teacher, effective August 20, 2018 through October 1, 2018 for a total of 30 days, using 30 paid sick leave days.

- Approve a Family Medical Leave of Absence for maternity purposes for Amanda Berg, Language Arts/Social Studies Teacher, effective November 5, 2018 through December 14, 2018 for a total of 28 days, using 21 paid sick leave days and 7 unpaid leave of absence days.

ESTABLISH A HEARING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET AMENDMENT

The Board of Education established a hearing for the fiscal year 2018 Budget Amendment.

RENEW FOOD SERVICE CONTRACT WITH ARAMARK

The Board of Education voted to accept a 2.5% CPI-U inflationary increase for food service for \$1,452,347 for the 2018-2019 school year.

OTHER BUSINESS

Online Registration

We are preparing to launch the 3rd edition of our online registration process. The first two years were very successful and we anticipate this year's efforts to be even better. On-site registration will be conducted at two district registration centers, Broadmoor Jr. High School and Wilson Intermediate School.

June Reports

- End of Fiscal Year 2018 Report
- Other TBD

Tentative June Items for Action

- Set Prevailing Wages
- Declare Surplus Property

Board of Education Announcements

May 21 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.
May 23 (Wednesday)	Junior High Recognition Night Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Broadmoor-6:00 p.m. • Edison-8:00 p.m.
May 24 (Thursday)	½ Day In-Service, Early Dismissal Day, Report Card Day
May 25 (Friday)	District Staff Institute (Washington Auditorium) 8:30 a.m.
June 18 (Monday)	Board of Education Meeting-6:45 p.m.