

A-O CUSD #1

Board Briefs



February

2018

BOARD BRIEFS

On February 13, 2018, the Board held its regular business meeting.

At 6:00 p.m., the regular meeting was called to order.

- Roll call and the Pledge of Allegiance occurred.
- Student recognition occurred.
- District administrators provided reports:
 - Mrs. Ryder:
 - Student of the Month Recognition
 - Kindergarten – Megan Volle
 - 1st grade – Lily Elsea
 - 2nd grade – Leeland Whitaker
 - 3rd grade – Elyssa Armstrong
 - 4th grade – Ellyana Alderson
 - 5th grade – Terrel Cazares
 - Our current enrollment number is 400 for K through 5th grade.
 - Our students raised \$11,500 for Jump Rope for Heart! Thank you to Mrs. Jones and Ms. Ortiz for all of their hard work, and to our students for contributing to the American Heart Association. Also, our staff sponsored students so that all could participate in the activities, which speaks volumes of our staff.
 - 5th grade student Mikee Montemar won 1st place in the annual Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum art contest. The news came in today to report her story. Her work will be displayed there for a year.
 - Our PBIS Valentine's Celebration is tomorrow. PBIS is having discussions about our discipline policies and CICO procedures.
 - The building curriculum committee is meeting once a week to focus on our ELA curriculum options.
 - Mr. Blair:
 - The middle school will take the PARCC tests March 12th through the 20th. The BLT team decided to change the schedule format for this year. Students will be testing with their subject area teacher, i.e., the math teachers will proctor the math test and

the language arts teachers will proctor the reading and writing tests. Thank you to the BLT team for taking the time and effort to put the schedule together. Thank you Mrs. Ruwe for finalizing the schedule, putting it online, and communicating with the staff.

- Discipline infractions per day continue to decline every month. Currently, there are 14 students in the Tier III Check-in/Check-out program. It seems as though approximately half of these students' behavior has improved significantly.
- On February 9th, the choir went to the Sangamon Auditorium in Springfield to watch the *Freedom Riders*.
- On March 8th, we will have a group of middle school students go to the elementary to read to the students.

- Mr. German:

- Student Recognition - Congratulations to Coy Simmons for being selected to the Illinois Music Educators All State Jazz Band! Coy was 1 of 5 alto saxophones selected to the Honors Jazz Band made up of 50 jazz students from 9 districts throughout Illinois. Coy was selected as 1st chair and had the privilege of performing several solos during the jazz band performance.
- Mrs. Young has been meeting with students to make their course selections for the 2018-2019 school year. We are moving forward with the implementation of an Agriculture course as part of our Science Curriculum.
- The District Curriculum Committee met last week to review potential universal screeners as well discuss curriculum options.
- Thank you to Mrs. Baer. She accompanied ten of our high school students and supervised them at the regional WYSE competition at Richland Community College last week.

- Mr. Williams:

- Winter Sports Seasons are coming to an end. Baseball, Softball, Track and Middle School Track will begin towards the end of the month.
- We will be playing Oakwood in week three for football in 2018. The expansion of 8-man football was also briefly mentioned.
- The track base rock has been installed, however, due to the weather progress has been slow on the track and field project.
- The planning for the new conference appears to be going well. All schedules have been approved for the 2019-2020 school year.
- We have made an application to the Little OKAW Junior High Conference and are awaiting a response to our application.

- Mr. Jones:

- No report was provided.

- Agenda item #14 "Facility Improvement Projects" was moved before the previously scheduled agenda item #8 "Call for Closed Executive Session."

- Mr. Williams presented on the costs of new track equipment. The board took action to approve that purchase. Mr. Williams also discussed the pending improvements to the weight room. The board took action to approve the floor improvement project for the weight room.
- Mr. Jones provided an overview of the status of all remaining projects.

- The board entered closed session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act-5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), which permits a closed session to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, and/or dismissal of specific employee(s) of the public body.
- The regular meeting was reconvened.
- Review and approval of Board Minutes occurred.
- The approval of Payroll/Bills occurred.
- Personnel Employment
 - Action occurred on the following resignation(s):
 - Dan Bergfeld as JH boys and JH assistant boys basketball coach.
 - Conner Haltom as Co-Assistant Football coach.
 - Christopher Tesdal as MS science teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year.
 - Anna Agee as the AOHS Student Council Sponsor effective at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year.
 - Action occurred on the following hire(s):
 - Emily Cleary as AOHS Student Council Sponsor beginning in the 2018-2019 school year.
 - Action occurred to approve the following volunteer coaches:
 - Scholastic Bowl
 - Andrea Woodruff
 - Softball
 - Ric Millington
 - Cora Herek
 - Kaley Buchman
- The employee health insurance renewal was discussed by Mr. Jones. All options were presented. The board took action to remain with Blue Cross Blue Shield for a savings of \$40,075 over this year's premium. This was a 5.82% decrease in premiums.
- The final reading and adoption of board policies (Exhibit A) occurred.
- The first reading of board policies (Exhibit B) occurred.
- Budget authorization for the superintendent occurred.
- A three year lease for 19 new buses was approved.
- A Certificate of Resolution-Section 125 Premium Only Cafeteria Plan Ending 2-28-19 was adopted.
- One facility usage request was approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.