

# A-O CUSD #1

## Board Briefs



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March

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### BOARD BRIEFS

On March 12, 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.
- Comments were provided from staff.
- District administrators provided reports:
  - Mrs. Ryder:
    - Student of the Month Recognition
      - Kindergarten – Kylie Rood
      - 1st grade – Olivia Kirby
      - 2nd grade – Taryn Cobb
      - 3rd grade – Nathan Roasio
      - 4th grade – Mason Rucker
      - 5th grade – Jillian Bacon
      - Mrs. Stoerger recognized 5th grade students for their artwork that was accepted into the Young Artist’s Showcase, as well as a 5th grade student whose work is being displayed at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library.
    - Our current enrollment number is 403 for K through 5th grade.
    - The next two weeks leading up to spring break are very busy with PARCC testing for 3rd grade, the Illinois Science Assessment for 5th grade and parent teacher conferences.
    - We will have PBIS parties on March 23rd. Our BLT met today to discuss planning for the upcoming school year as well as building procedures in emergency situations.
    - At this point in time, the district curriculum committee is looking at Fountas and Pinnell reading curriculum for the district. This curriculum includes guided reading with leveled readers at individual student reading levels to challenge all levels of learners, interactive Read-Alouds, shared reading for the whole class instruction, phonics, writing about reading, book talks, intervention kits for special education and

RtI tiered instruction. Each lesson comes with a card of suggested materials, standards, discussion topics and reading strategies. A representative came to our building before Christmas break and our teachers were not sold. However, after visiting Sangamon-Valley who is piloting the program this year, they were on board and excited about the program. These are not consumable items, and the only purchases down the road will be when books wear out from continued use. There is a three-year plan for implementation for the district. It definitely is expensive but we feel very strongly about its value and the high quality education it will provide for our students. If you have any questions, we have some teachers who are very passionate about this and they would be glad to give their perspective too if you would like to reach out. In addition, we will email information out between now and next month's board meeting.

- Mr. Blair:
  - Monday was the first day of PARCC testing. The schedule worked very well. There was one minor technology issue which was corrected swiftly by Mr. Altig. Thank you Mrs. Ruwe for creating a very efficient schedule.
  - On March 8<sup>th</sup>, a group of middle school students went to read for the elementary. This experience provided an opportunity for our students to inspire others and gain valuable leadership experience.
- Mr. German:
  - AOHS enrollment is at 280 as of 3/7/18.
  - Our District Curriculum Committee met on Wednesday, March 7. We have determined that FastBridge will be our recommendation for our Universal Screener and Progress Monitoring resource.
  - Freshmen and Sophomores will be taking the PSAT 9 / 10 on Tuesday March 13.
  - Congratulations to our Band and Choir students who participated in the IHSA Solo and Ensemble contest on March 3. We had 15 first place ratings, 4 second place ratings, and 2 best performances of the day. Congratulations to these students, Mrs. DeSutter, and Ms. Adams.
  - Thank you to Mr. Krause for lining up an opportunity for our high school students to hear a presentation by Joshua Medcalf on Thursday, March 8. Mr. Medcalf is a nationally known author and speaker. This was a great opportunity for our students.
- Mr. Williams:
  - There are 21 boys and 22 girls out for High School Track.
  - There are 29 boys and 18 girls out for Middle School Track.
  - Congratulations to Cami Newbanks and Maggie Millington on making first team and Gabby Williams for making second team all LOVC Northwest division in basketball.
  - Congratulations to Drew Johnson for making second team all LOVC Northwest division in basketball.
  - Our Application to the junior high Little OKAW conference was discussed at their March meeting and tabled. It will be discussed again in May. They did say they are happy with their current set up, but if teams continue to pursue COOPS they would be open to adding a team. It was also relayed there was concern over travel from some of the eastern most schools.
  - The weather has slowed progress on the track and field. They are on site this week and expect to have the field rocked by the end of the week.
- Mr. Jones:
  - No report was provided.

- 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):
    - Tammy Pagel as special education aide.
    - Rebecca Williamson as first grade teacher effective at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year.
  - Action occurred on the following hire(s):
    - Dustin Krause as HS boys track coach.
    - Derek Crawford as JH boys track coach.
    - April Dambacher as JH girls track coach.
    - Angel Ryan as MS/HS custodian.
    - Keith Schmutzler as special education aide.
  - Action also occurred on the following:
    - Wage increases for Educational Support Staff (ESP) for 2018-2019 were approved.
    - Action occurred to approve administrator wages for 2018-2019 and to renew/provide multi-year contracts for all district administrators.
- Action occurred to approve the development of a new webpage and App for the district. The Apptegy App and webpage will replace our current webpage and SchoolMessenger for communicating with our community. They will provide multiple avenues for communication and interaction for and with our district.
- The status of facility improvement projects were discussed. Two final bid openings (Windows Project and HVAC) will occur over the next 10 days and a special board meeting will be held on March 22<sup>nd</sup> for bid approvals.
- The final reading and adoption of board policies (Exhibit A) occurred.
- Annual memberships with the IHSA and IESA were approved.
- The Activity Fund Bond was renewed.
- Approval for a Health Life Safety Amendment for the Removal of Asbestos Containing Window Sealant and the Removal of Asbestos Containing Pipe Insulation at the Elementary School occurred.
- Approval for a Health Life Safety Amendment for the Removal of Asbestos Containing Window Sealant and the Removal of Asbestos Containing Pipe Insulation at the Middle School occurred.
- One facility usage request was approved.

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- The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.