

A-O CUSD #1

Board Briefs



May

2017

BOARD BRIEFS

On April 10, 2017, 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.
- Staff comments were provided.
- District administrators provided reports:
 - Mrs. Ryder:
 - Student of the Month Recognition
 - Kindergarten – Wyatt Guntle
 - 1st grade – Isabelle Frazier
 - 2nd grade – Tanner Keller
 - 3rd grade – Annya Hanson
 - 4th grade – Faith Hinton
 - 5th grade – Will Slep
 - Discover AO was a great success! Thank you to Mrs. Stoerger for all of her work with the art show. The talent she gets from and displays of our students is remarkable. Thank you to Mrs. Herek and Mrs. Jones for all of their work with the talent show. It's impressive how many students we have who like to perform!
 - BLT has updated our Strategic Action Plan and will present it to the board in June.
 - The next PBIS celebration will be team day on May 22nd.
 - Mrs. Stoerger helped students enter artwork and two students from our building were chosen to have their work displayed in Japan as part of their International Friendship Forum. These students received a certificate of appreciation from Japan. Another very rewarding opportunity provided for our students by Mrs. Stoerger.

- Mr. Blair:
 - The PBIS team is planning a surprise luncheon to recognize and honor those students who have not had a discipline infraction this year.
 - The AOMS Student Committee lock-in and game night was well attended. Approximately 115 students had fun and won prizes.
 - Recently, the AO 7th/8th Band and Chorus participated in the IESA Solo/Ensemble Contest at Sullivan Middle School. The mixed chorus won a 1st and the bands earned a 1st and one perfect score.
 - There was a significant increase in discipline infractions for April.
 - There was an increase of approximately 30 students over the monthly average who stayed for Academic Late Stay.

- Mr. German:
 - Congratulations to our seniors who were recognized before the Board of Education. Madyson Eller, Derek Jones, Madelyn Meyer, Hannah Slep, and Brody Ulrey.
 - We received a check from County Market for \$1,000.00. Thank you to our parents and community member who registered their Max Cards for AOHS and to County Market for their support of our students!
 - I recently had the opportunity to attend the National Association of Secondary School Principals Advocacy Conference in Washington D.C. This opportunity was provided by the Illinois Principals Association. We were able to meet with a variety of Representatives and staffers for Senator Duckworth and Senator Durbin to advocate on behalf of our students and public education. Thank you to Mr. Jones, the AO Board of Education, Mr. Sheehan, Mr. Blair and our High School staff for their support of this opportunity.
 - Congratulation to Mr. Sheehan! He was named the 1A/2A Division 5 Athletic Director of the Year by the Illinois Athletic Directors Association for the second year in a row at their recent annual conference.
 - We recently celebrated Teacher Appreciation Week and Administrative Assistants. Thank you to these very important individuals for your continued support of our students!

- Mr. Sheehan:
 - No report was provided.

- Mr. Jones:
 - Provided a short explanation of the final status of the district's poverty grant investigation. Senator Chapin Rose was recognized for his efforts in this endeavor.

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- 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)/retirement(s):
 - Carrie Jennings as teacher, HS cross country coach, HS Head Junior class sponsor, and JH Boys track coach.
 - Action occurred on the following hire(s):
 - Terry Grider/Connor Haltom as Co-assistant football coaches.
 - Tara Wickline as HS head girls basketball coach.
 - Ashley Livingood as cross country coach.
 - Alec Kepuraitas as JH boys track coach.
 - Rob Lane as H.S. Jr. Varsity wrestling coach.
 - Kaley Buchman as JH assistant girls basketball coach.
- Suggested changes to student and extracurricular handbooks were discussed. The board took action to approve the changes to the ES student handbook. The middle and high school handbooks will be discussed again in June.
- 2017-2018 student, academic, meal, and extracurricular fees were discussed. No meal or student fees will increase. The admission prices for sporting events were increased.
- Multiple building and ground projects for summer 2017 were discussed. Action occurred to approve exterior lighting upgrades and the ES and MS/HS, security camera repairs and improvements at the MS/HS, and the upgrading of the phone systems at all district schools.
- The final reading and adoption of board policies and revisions (Exhibit A) occurred.
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- The regular meeting was reconvened.
- Mike Williams was hired as the new MS/HS Assistant Principal and Athletic Director.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:04 p.m.