

A-O CUSD #1

Board Briefs



November

2017

BOARD BRIEFS

On November 13, 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.
- The board approved a resolution providing for the issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017A, of the District, for the purpose of paying claims against the District and refunding certain outstanding obligations of the District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and authorizing the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.
- The board approved a resolution authorizing and directing the execution of an Escrow Agreement in connection with the issue of General Obligation School Bonds, Series 2017A, of the District.
- Student recognition occurred.
- Staff comments were provided.
- District administrators provided reports:
 - Mrs. Ryder:
 - Student of the Month Recognition
 - Kindergarten – Kimber Lowe
 - 1st grade – Brooklyn Stewart
 - 2nd grade – Caden Eldred
 - 3rd grade – Maci Hill
 - 4th grade – Amelia Moore
 - 5th grade – Tristan Cobb
 - Our Veterans Day assembly and celebration went very well last Friday. We hosted a lunch again this year as well as activities for students such as a museum, boot camp and sensory station to try on gear. The positive comments from veterans and visitors were overwhelming. A big thank you to all staff, volunteers, student volunteers, and a special thank you to Mrs. Herek and her chorus students.

- It is estimated that the Jog-a-Thon raised about \$12,500.
- Our teachers always go above and beyond because they love AO and our students. Recently they have planned Ghouls at the School, Bomber Block Bash, Veterans' Day, and Family Dance Night. All of these projects have been teacher ideas and they run with them to make successful events for your community!
- Mr. Blair:
 - Current enrollment at AOMS is 206, approximately 10 less than last year.
 - The number of discipline referrals doubled from last month as compared to the previous month. Seven students, which is 3%, accounted for 30% of the discipline referrals.
 - There are 21 students on Tier III interventions, and 17 of them have not had a referral for the past two weeks.
 - The AOMS student Committee raised over \$500 by collecting change for a week, during Red Ribbon Week to donate to the PATT.
- Mr. German:
 - Our current enrollment at the high school is 279.
 - Thank you to all of our students and staff members who contributed to an outstanding Veterans Day Assembly on Friday, November 10. We had a great group of Veterans attend and it was our privilege to honor them and thank them for their service.
 - We conducted our Fall Parent Teacher conferences on November 1 and 2. We had approximately 180 individual conferences scheduled.
 - The High School Building Leadership Team met recently and reviewed SAT scores from last year. We also discussed the formation of a Curriculum Committee with representatives from each building. The committee will be reviewing and analyzing current practices as well as developing recommendations moving forward.
- Mr. Williams:
 - I would like to thank the fellow administrators and all the volunteers for assisting with the two home playoff games. Things ran fairly smooth and that couldn't have happened without the help of several individuals.
 - Congratulations to Kaitlyn Farrar, 1st Team Unanimous Selection and Tatiana Garcia & Amaya Fox for receiving all conference honorable mention in Volleyball.
 - Congratulations to Skyler Peterson 1st Team Offense Unanimous Selection, Michael Redpath 1st Team Offense Unanimous Selection, Devin Camfield 1st Team Offense Unanimous Selection, Trevor Webb First Team Offense, Garret Morrison 1st Team Defense Unanimous Selection, Trevor Webb 1st Team Defense Unanimous Selection, Josh Williams second team offense, Colton Tuebner second team offense, Kyle Rigsby second team offense, Zach Harrington second team defense, Makail Stanley second team defense, and Colton Tuebner second team defense on their all conference selections.
 - We need to keep an eye on our wrestling numbers. We currently only have 8 wrestlers out from Argenta Oreana.
- Mr. Jones:
 - Thank you to Todd Armstrong and Dick Logue for your assistance with the preliminary discussions, etc. involved in the upcoming facility improvements. A special thank you was provided to Dick Logue for constantly volunteering or agreeing to "get volunteered" to assist with facility improvements and projects over the last decade plus for the district.
- 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):
 - Jennifer Wentz as bus driver.
 - Action occurred on the following hire(s):
 - Dan Bergfeld as JH assistant boys basketball coach.
 - Jack Simpson as Varsity assistant boys basketball coach.
 - Joseph Rice as bus driver.
 - Action occurred to approve the following volunteer coaches:
 - HS Wrestling
 - April Dambacher
 - JH Boys Basketball
 - Kyle Logue
- A contract to utilize Midwest Engineering Professionals, Inc. (MEP) for the design, coordination, and management of the HVAC projects was approved.
- The bid for the football/soccer field and all-weather track bid was approved.
- The addition of security fencing at the high school was discussed and approved.
- The estimated levy was discussed and adopted.
- The property tax levy hearing date and time was set as follows:
 - Monday, December 11, 2017 at 6:00 pm in the MS/HS library.
- The Illinois School Report Cards for A-O were discussed. Each principal provided a summary of test scores for each of their schools. Further discussions on how to remediate some of the lower scores will occur in the future.
- The A-O Seniority List was approved.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.