

# Board Meeting Briefs

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## BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

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At its regular meeting held 21 December 2009 the Board of Education:

- Adopted the resolution levying taxes for District 157-C for the year 2009 and authorized the filing of a Certificate of Tax Levy.
- Recognized under Public Forum the Hickory Creek Middle School 2009 speech student who earned “Judge Choice” awards at the IEAS Speech Contest. They included Casey Matheu, Courtney Matheu, Danny Provis, Matt Stern, Lauren McGrath, Megan Arseneau, Jessica Stern, Kaylee Williams, Sarah Stone and Hanna Samawi.
- Reviewed and heard reports from Building Principals and Director of Special Education relevant to current and upcoming projects.
- Heard from Superintendent Thomas Hurlburt the District Office will be closed on Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, and Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Superintendent Hurlburt introduced a draft of a new “Performance Dashboard.” This is intended to be an additional tool to help the district monitor the progress of the goals of its five-year Strategic Plan. It is an instrument being designed to facilitate the compilation of goals, system-wide and school-based indicators and current/future timelines.
- Superintendent Hurlburt also reported that administrators are beginning to explore the feasibility of expanding the kindergarten program to a full-day program. Expanding the program would add ninety minutes of instruction for kindergarten students that would provide additional time for reading, writing and math. The district would offer the community a choice of full-day or extended-day kindergarten.
- Superintendent Hurlburt reported that he and Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon would be attending a workshop on the new Freedom of Information Act regulations what will become effective on January 1, 2010.
- Heard a report on the Lincoln Way Special Education District 843 meeting held on 24 November 2009.
- Heard a report on the latest Frankfort Township Planning meeting.
- Heard a report from Instructional Coordinator Wendy DiBartolomeo. She said that review is ongoing for the Premium Digital Content offered in the new math series. DiBartolomeo introduced students Trevor Stanevicius, Tyler Vaundry and Ford Libby along with their parents. In a demonstration of the Premium Digital Content of the new math series, the students and their parents took part in a game show type math contest using the technology program that is offered with the new textbook series.
- Heard an update from Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon with regard to the Suburban School Cooperative Insurance Pool; on the need for a transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund and the results of the recent request for proposal for electricity bids.
- The Board considered a title change for the Assistant Superintendent to include the transportation responsibilities that he is assigned. The district’s recent audit by the State Board of Education suggested incorporating the title change in order to claim the maximum percentage of reimbursement funding for student transportation from the state.
- The Board discussed the ISBE federal “Race to the Top” program which enables states to apply for federal funding in various categories. Local school districts in Illinois have been asked to complete paperwork so that the governor can file the application by the January 19 deadline.
- The Board discussed the partnership between District 157-C and the Frankfort Baseball Association. The Baseball Association has provided some initial funding to design and set up the baseball field at Hickory Creek Middle School and has agreed to share in annual maintenance and upkeep costs. A memorandum of understanding between the two entities has been created to formalize the partnership.
- Approved to amend or adopt the following Board of Education policies: 2:20 – Powers and Duties of the Board of Education, 2:40 – Board Member Qualifications, 2:110 – Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers, 3:40 – Superintendent, 4:30 – Revenue and Investments, 4:40 – Incurring Debt, 4:100 – Insurance Management, 4:110 – Transportation, 4:140 – Waiver of Student Fees, 5:30 – Hiring Process and Criteria, 5:90 – Abused and Neglected Child Reporting, 5:100 – Staff Development Program, 5:120 – Ethics, 5:280- Educational Support Personnel - Duties and Qualifications, 6:340 – Student Testing and Assessment Program, 7:100 – Health, Eye, and Dental Examinations; Immunizations,; and Exclusion of Students, 7:190- Student Discipline, 7:240 – Conduct Code for Participants in Extracurricular Activities, and 8:100 – Relations with Other Organizations and Agencies.
- Approved to renew comprehensive insurance policy through SSCIP for December 31, 2009 through December 31, 2010 for a premium of \$49,344.00.
- Approved the Resolution authorizing the School District Treasurer to make an inter-fund loan of up to \$42,000, as needed, in needed in December of 2009 from the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund

to help cover the January 1, 2010 bond payment obligations and that the loan be repaid as soon as administratively possible but not later than three years after the making of the loan. Additionally, the board reaffirmed the \$460,000 partial abatement of the Working Cash Fund to the Debt Service Fund that was initially approved last February in order to keep the current tax rate at or below \$3.13 and direct the transfer of those partially abated funds to help cover the January 1, 2020 debt service obligations.

- Approved adding the word “Transportation” to the title, job description and responsibilities of the Assistant Superintendent of Business of Finance and Operations. The official title for this position will be called Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Operations, and Transportation.
- Authorized the Superintendent and Board President to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for the ISBE application for the Federal Race to the Top program.
- Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the Frankfort School District and Frankfort Baseball, Inc. regarding the use of the Hickory Creek Middle School baseball field.
- Approved the Notice of Withdrawal and Board Resolution and directed the Assistant Superintendent to deliver such to the SSCIP Chairman by January 1, 2010.
- Approved the resignation of Cathy Morrissey effective 29 November 2009.
- Approved the resignation of Linda Slak effective 3 December 2009.
- Approved the resignation of Gerri Gordon effective 1 January 2010.
- Approved the FMLA of Sara Strum from January 4, 2010 through May 21, 2010.