

Board Meeting Briefs

BOARD MEETING BRIEFS

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At its regular meeting held 16 November 2009, the Board of Education:

- Recognized School Board Members Appreciation Day for our dedicated members who continually strive for excellence in education for our schools and students; the Education Foundation acknowledging this year's grant applications totaling \$62,345.48, and Dr. Wolfe, Dr. Katzmann and Angie Ernst who presented a check from "The Griff" race which raised \$2,250.00 for District 157-C.
- Reviewed and heard reports from Principals, Coordinator of Special Education Services, Director of Student Services, Director of Technology and Instructional Coordinators relevant to current and upcoming projects.
- Heard from Superintendent Thomas Hurlburt regarding the IASB/IASA/IASBO Joint annual Conference being held on November 20-22 in Chicago; the district adding links for the Foundation and FSP to the front page of our webpage; and that he will be reading at the Frankfort Public Library the evening of November 18th.
- Heard a report on the Lincoln Way Special Education District 843 meeting held on 27 October 2009.
- Heard a report from Superintendent Thomas Hurlburt on the library's grant as it applies to our school district.
- Heard from Superintendent Thomas Hurlburt and Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon on the latest Taxing Body Coalition meeting held on November 4, 2009.
- Heard a report from Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon that there were no violations in our annual life safety inspection of all schools.
- Heard from Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon the Village of Frankfort is in the process of creating a Quiet Zone along the old EJ&E rail line, now owned by the Canadian National Railway. This Quiet Zone designation would require reduced speeds and not allow trains to blow their horns/whistles (except in emergencies) as they move through the village and school district.
- Heard from Assistant Superintendent Curt Saindon the tax levy 2008 actual and the 2009 projected.
- Heard from Superintendent Thomas Hurlburt recommended changes to the following 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.
- Adopted the Truth in Taxation Resolution and authorized the secretary to certify the Resolution as adopted by the Board of Education at said meeting and set the levy hearing to take place at the Board Room – Grand Prairie School at 7:10 p.m. on 21 December 2009.
- Approved Franczek & Radelet and Canna & Canna to act as an intervener and objector, as directed by us, on significant property tax appeals before the BoR and PTAB for the 2009 and 2010 property tax filing years.
- Approved the district to conduct electric supply and natural gas supply requests for proposals with the help of Energy Purchasing Services in the next month and approved the district to contract work with the low responsible supplier based upon the results.
- Directed the business office to update, amend and renegotiate the third party administrator service provider agreement, the School District's 403(b) master plan document, and all associated amendments, appendixes and exhibits to reflect CPI Qualified Plan Consultants of Great Bend, Kansas as third party administrators for the district.
- Renewed the district's worker's compensation insurance coverage with the Illinois Public Risk Fund (IPRF) at rates of 4.663 per hundred dollars of audited payroll for the non-certified staff group and .519 per hundred dollars of audited payroll for the certified staff group, effective for the premium year 12/16/09 to 12/15/10. This increase represents an approximately 20% increase in rates.
- Authorized the Superintendent to file the application for the Illinois School Library Grant for fiscal year July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010 and authorized the Board President to sign same.
- Took action to support the Village of Frankfort for its efforts to create a Quiet Zone along the old EJ&E railway and make the necessary crossing safety improvements.
- Approved the employment of Melinda Schimmel as a paraprofessional effective 12 November 2009 contingent upon the receipt and evaluations of employment documentation required by District 157-C and the Illinois State Board of Education
- Accepted the resignation of Katie Mulligan effective 23 October 2009.

- Approved to extend Pat Fleck's six month contract for autism consulting services for the remainder of the 2009/2010 school year.
- Approved snow removal pay at time and a half for custodian/maintenance/groundskeeping.
- Approved the increase employment of Charlotte Ruhbeck from a .5 to a .8 FTE effective 17 November 2009.
- Approved the employment of Taylor Bussie as a Speech Pathologist effective 19 November 2009 contingent upon the receipt and evaluations of employment documentation required by District 157-C and the Illinois State Board of Education
- Approved the employment of Megan Malia as a One on One Special Education Aide effective 17 November 2009 contingent upon the receipt and evaluations of employment documentation required by District 157-C and the Illinois State Board of Education