



# Burbank School District 111

## Board Briefs

February 26, 2020

### Board of Education Meeting Summary

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- Ms. Welsh and Mr. Martin introduced and congratulated the Young Authors Contest winners from each grade level. Each winner was presented a STAR recognition pin and the district champion received a hard cover printed book of his story. The board congratulated the students for their outstanding achievement.
- Mr. Martin and Dr. Walker-Hood gave a principals report which included a flashback of events and activities that were held the previous month and a flash forward of great things to come.
- Tobin School decorated the board room and presented for the month of February. Ms. Welsh said that Tobin School's focus for the year is kindness at school and within the community. She also shared a video slide show highlighting the events and activities that have taken place at Tobin so far this school year.
- Dr. Riordan, Superintendent of Reavis High School, announced that they will have a \$45,000,000 bond issuance on the ballot on March 17. He distributed booklets with additional information and pictures of the life safety work, technology and pool wing, AERO project, and capital improvement projects included in the plan. Dr. Riordan invited everyone to attend the town hall meeting on March 4 at 7:00 pm.
- Ms. Lindemann said that combination class teachers had professional development with ASCD to collaborate on differentiation strategies to incorporate into lessons. She also reviewed the recent half-day inservice featuring a presentation by Manny Scott, one of the original Freedom Writers. He also conducted a presentation for the junior high students encouraging them to take responsibility for their own behaviors so they can succeed in school, work, and life. She said that Liberty planning continues with plans to post any anticipated vacancies at Liberty in March.
- Ms. Flavin said that Liberty curriculum teams for ELA and electives. She said that she will also work with Reavis to provide time for articulation with high school teachers. Ms. Flavin also said that planning for summer school is underway.
- Ms. Winterfield said that Easterseals collaboration continues, with a focus on support services for students. She said that they are currently fine-tuning 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade special education and EL student placements and scheduling. She said that the next professional development will focus on IEP writing. Ms. Winterfield also thanked Ms. Mueller for coordinating the fundraiser for the AERO student with Rett Syndrome.
- Dr. Ochoa clarified that the public hearing for the Transportation Fund transfer has been rescheduled for March 25. She asked the board to adopt the Resolution authorizing a \$10,180,000 transfer from the Working Cash Fund to the Capital Projects Fund. She briefly

reviewed the Township Treasurer's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Investment report, which shows an average weighted yield to maturity of 2.21%. Dr. Ochoa spoke about student fees and recommend no increase to registration, PASS, transportation, or record copy fees. She did recommend a \$.05 increase to breakfast and lunch prices in accordance with the guidelines provided by the National School Lunch Program.

- Mr. Ficker said that they would like to post for 25 summer help employees this year and noted that several on-call custodians have been added to the sub pool. He said that work at Liberty continues with brick work, framing, windows, drywall, painting, tile work. He said that lighting will begin soon and that furniture is beginning to arrive. Mr. Ficker said that they are also continuing to look at options for the fitness center, which would include circuit training and technology components. He said that architect RFQs will be reviewed and a short list will be interviewed on March 10. Mr. Ficker also asked the board to approve the contract with CTS for summer projects, which include roofing, painting, emergency lights, and security upgrades.
- After-school activities for the 2019-20 school year were approved.
- The board approved a \$.05 increase to the breakfast and lunch prices.
- The board authorized the administration to post for 25 summer help positions.
- The board approved the contract with CTS for summer projects.
- The board approved the Working Cash Fund transfer.
- The board adopted for second reading the PRESS updates to board polices as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards and the district's attorney.
- The board ratified the memorandum of understanding for the Liberty Junior High School schedule.
- The board set a special board meeting for Monday, March 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the district office to discuss staffing for the 2020-21 school year.
- The board approved the following placements for the 2020-21 school year:
  - Kristin Welsh - Director of Teaching and Learning at the District Office
  - Dr. Shwkar Abousweilem - Principal at Liberty Junior High School
  - Susan Turner - Student Services Liaison at Liberty Junior High School

*Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence  
and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.*

~ Sheryl Sandberg