



# Burbank School District 111

## Board Briefs

April 24, 2019

### Board of Education Meeting Summary

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- The students whose artwork received exemplary status at the district's art exhibition were invited to the board meeting to receive a STAR recognition pin. Their artwork is now on display in the board room for one year.
- Mr. Feldstein gave an update on this year's St. Baldrick's Fundraiser. He said this year there were 96 participants who shaved or donated ponytails. The grand total for this year's fundraiser is \$31,189.79, which brings District 111's grand total to over \$210,000.
- McCord School decorated the board room and presented for the month of April. Dr. Walker-Hood explained that each classroom created a masterpiece painting highlighting the one word that describes the class. She also shared a video slide show highlighting events and activities at McCord School.
- Ms. Lindemann spoke about today's half-day inservice which was the District's annual staff wellness day. She highlighted the numerous sessions offered and thanked Ms. Melton for organizing and coordinating the day's events. She also thanked Ms. Schmitz for her contributions in organizing career day for students, which also was held today. Ms. Lindemann also mentioned that the curriculum and human resources departments are requesting to post for four part-time summer help positions to assist with scanning records.
- Ms. Flavin announced that Liberty Junior High School has received the ASU/Verizon Innovative Learning Grant, which will include a Verizon Innovative Learning coach, student curriculum, teacher professional development, and an emerging technology package including coding and virtual reality simulations. She also spoke about the curriculum that is planned for this year's summer school program. Ms. Flavin mentioned that she was able to attend the Chicago Building Congress Merit Awards with Dr. Abousweilem, Cannon Design, and ICI to share information regarding the design, build, and use of the new Burbank School. Ms. Flavin shared that the Carnegie coach was in district on April 17 and 18 to observe lessons and provide feedback about the implementation of Carnegie Learning in District 111.
- Ms. Winterfield spoke about the recent presentations for students and the parent workshop that focused on self-harm awareness and social media. She said that the MTSS committee will meet again on May 16 and the next pre-school screening will be held May 1.
- Dr. Ochoa briefly reviewed the treasurer's first quarter investment report. She recommended that the board approve a one-year extension with First Student and reviewed details of the price increase and a new technology program that will automate routing and data compilation as well as provide real time status on locations of buses. She also recommended a one-year extension for Arbor Management for food service. Dr. Ochoa asked the board to adopt the

Resolution Ascertaining the Prevailing Wage, as is done annually. She also reviewed the FedEx 6B Tax Abatement Renewal.

- Mr. Ficker said that with the two new hires on the agenda, the buildings & grounds team will be 100% staffed. He said there was a great response on summer help, which include local students and some returning from last summer. He said that the construction fencing will be going up at Liberty next week. He also asked the board to take action on the contract with CTS for tunable lights at Kennedy and McCord Schools, which will result in energy savings and improved work environment for students and teachers.
- Mr. McCartney said that they will start summer projects in May due to the short summer break. Upcoming projects include: server refresh, refresh of student devices for 5<sup>th</sup> grade, projector refresh at Tobin & Kennedy, cloud based device management, phone line audit, auto-rostering with ClassLink, security cameras, and phones in classrooms for Maddock & McCord.
- The board approved the employment of part-time summer help employees.
- Summer school program staffing for 2019 was approved.
- The board approved lane changes and after school activities.
- The board approved student teacher placements for the fall of 2019-20.
- The first quarter investment report from the township treasurer was approved.
- The board approved a one year renewal with First Student for transportation and with Arbor Management for food service.
- The board adopted the Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Prevailing Wage.
- Action was taken on the Liberty Addition Project Bid Packages as presented.
- The board approved the contract with Control Technology Solutions (CTS) for lighting and energy savings at Kennedy and McCord Schools.
- The board adopted for first reading the policy changes as recommended by the Illinois Association of School Boards / PRESS.
- President Skowronski introduced and welcomed board members elect Thomas Jansen and Tricia Ponicki. She also thanked outgoing board members Kathleen Smith (28 years served) and Teresa Duzak (8 years served) and said that the board will reorganize at a special meeting on Monday, April 29 at 6:30 pm.

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

~ Sheryl Sandberg