

# BOARD BRIEFS

## REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 16, 2014

CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 BOARD OF EDUCATION

### BOARD RECOGNIZES LONG-TIME "VOICE OF THE RED RAIDERS"

#### Hoppy Kahl Leaving the Press Box After 25 Years

Longtime voice of the Huntley High School Red Raiders football team Hoppy Kahl was honored by the District 158 Board of Education at its regular meeting on Thursday, October 16, 2014.

Hoppy began announcing play by play for our football games during the 1988 season. HHS Principal Scott Rowe spoke about Kahl's incredible



matter over the last 25 years. Hoppy has been a consistent voice for our football program, never missing a game, and providing the friendly voice we have all come to expect as a part of our football game experience. Thank you Hoppy

for your years of service and dedication to our school, simple words cannot

tenure in the press box, which began when the school was still a small facility.

"Very few things have remained a constant at Huntley High School, or the village of Huntley for that

express our gratitude."

Kahl will be recognized at halftime of the October 24th game vs. Dundee-Crown. Rowe also presented Kahl with a pass good for lifetime free entry to home football games.

### DISTRICT RECEIVES DONATIONS

The Board acknowledged two recent generous donations to the District:

7-Eleven / Mr. Mohammed Hussan made a cash donation of

\$711 to the HHS Athletic Department.

Mr. Fred Leznick donated collage poster boards to the HHS Social Studies Department (\$170).

### ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT APPROVED

Representatives from Evans, Marshall & Pease presented on the annual financial report and audit for Fiscal Year 2014.

Despite the economic challenges facing school districts, the auditors reported that "the financial health of this District remains strong," noting that their assessment reflects the sound financial management practiced by the board and the administration over the last several years. The Board approved the Audit and Annual Financial Report.

### **2015-2016 Calendar**

The Board approved the 2015-2016 school calendar as presented, with a start date eight school days before Labor Day. This is consistent with the start date in past years. The Holiday Winter Break will be from December 21, 2015 – January 1, 2016. Spring Break will be from March 28, 2016 – April 1, 2016. The anticipated last day of school will be June 10, 2016.

### **Senate Bill 16**

The Board discussed Senate Bill 16, the proposed education funding reform bill that would cut state funding to the District by an estimated \$2.25 million. A Q&A about the issue has been posted on the [Legislation page of the website](#), and a public forum on the issue is expected to be held in the area soon.

### **Boundary Lines**

The Board approved a contract with DecisionInsite to help the district draw up boundary changes for the 2015-2016 school year. As discussed at the previous Committee of the Whole meeting, the District is seeking a solution that will last for several years. It is expected that the changes for next year would affect a small percentage of students.

### **Board Actions**

The Board voted to approve:

- October 9 meeting minutes, closed session minutes, six-month review of closed session minutes, and several recommendations from the Curriculum and Instruction, Policy, Finance, Human Resources and Building and Grounds Committees.
- Purchase Orders and Supplemental Accounts Payables as presented.
- The resolution to issue not to exceed \$9,750,000 General Obligation Refunding School Bonds, Series 2014, for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding bonds of the District, and providing for the levy of a direct annual tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds.
- The [2014 IASB Delegate Assembly Proposals and Resolutions](#), except for #1, #3, #7, #8. President Donald Drzal will represent these positions at the 2014 Delegate Assembly at the Triple I Conference.

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