

# BOARD BRIEFS

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE & SPECIAL MEETING FEBRUARY 5, 2015

### CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 BOARD OF EDUCATION

#### BOARD APPROVES MOVING AHEAD WITH HHS FIELDHOUSE FLOORING, SCOREBOARDS

Security upgrades also coming to all District 158 schools

At its special meeting February 5, 2015, the Board of Education gave the go-ahead on two projects of the ongoing renovation of Huntley High School.

They approved the proceeding of the procurement process as presented by Director of

Operations and Management Doug Renkosik for Mondo rubber flooring for the HHS Fieldhouse.

He plans to bring a contract with Kiefer USA to the Board for approval at a future meeting.

The Board also accepted the Alternate bid of Correct Digital Displays, Inc. for \$33,195 for installation of five scoreboards.

In addition, the Board approved amending the security installation contract with Arcon Associates in the amount of

\$14,000. The change was requested due to the District's desire to install equal security upgrades to all schools, rather than the original plan provided by



the security grant, which would have seen some schools with more upgrades than others.

#### BOARD TO VOTE ON RX CONSORTIUM

In an effort to reduce health benefit costs to the District, the District has been working with several other districts to create the Northern Illinois Schools Employee Benefits Consortium (NISEBC). The Consortium is designed to create economies of scale in

purchasing employee benefits, especially in prescription drugs.

At its next regular meeting, February 19, the Board will vote whether to approve both an intergovernmental agreement for NISEBC and the District's joining the consortium.

#### SUMMER SCHOOL PLANS PRESENTED

The Board heard the plan for 2015 Summer School as presented by Chief Academic Officer Erika Schlichter.

The format would be similar to what it was in 2014, with some additions adjustments to better serve students.

A new program, Jump Start to Middle School, will be added. Targeted at incoming sixth-grade students, the weeklong camp will take place in August shortly before the start of school and will focus on giving students additional tools for success.

Summer school fees for most programs will remain stable, at the same rates that were charged in 2014. The fee for Summer ICE will increase from \$15 to \$25. It is projected that, as in previous years, the summer school program will be cost neutral, with incoming revenue covering programming and personnel costs.

### **Proposal to Hire New Staff Next Year on Tiered Approach**

Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources Jessica Lombard presented the District's recommendations for hiring of additional staff for 2015-2016. The list will be reviewed by the Board again in March. The preliminary plan includes 10 Tier 1 hires, including three teachers at the high school, five teachers at Marlowe Middle School, and a special education teacher and LIGHT Program job coach. Tier 2 would include two additional teachers at both the high school and Marlowe. Tier 3 hires would include a .5 FTE orchestra teacher, four FTE campus safety and security supervisors, restructuring of the assistant athletic director position, a .5 FTE nurse, and a .6 FTE assistive tech to support Special Education. Many of the new hires are being planned for to accommodate for growing enrollments and to maintain current class sizes.

### **High School Renovation Projects Progressing Under Budget, Additional Enhancements Possible**

Renkosik reported that because many projects in Bid Release 1 and Bid Release 2 of the HHS Renovation and Construction efforts have been completed under budget, an approximate amount of \$818,000 may be available for additional enhancements that initially were left out of construction plans. He reported that the Core Planning Group suggested additional enhancements to the cafeteria, collaborative space in the former library space, and the stadium entrance. No actions are planned at this time, and additional updates will be given as projects continue.

### **Informational Updates**

The Board heard informational updates on:

- The collaborative efforts of the Physical Education and Health Departments with the Staff Wellness Committee implement initiatives through the "We Choose Health" grant from the State of Illinois in partnership with the McHenry County Department of Public Health. Among other initiatives, the grant enabled the purchase of pedometers for students and teachers, which has led to positive health outcomes for both.
- Two options under exploration to add orchestra as a curricular or extracurricular program
- Monthly Revenue and Expenditures
- Monthly fiscal update and Paid Activity Funds
- The District's ongoing exploration of adding a Champions Daycare facility as a benefit for employees. Lombard reported that administrators toured a Champions site at a different district and are examining tuition projections. After further surveying of employees, the District will present another report to the Board.
- The first year of the District's 10-year guaranteed energy savings agreement with CTS Group, which has led to savings of \$347,430, a premium of \$31,336 over CTS Group's guarantee of \$316,094.
- The Request for Proposals issued for a guaranteed energy savings contract which might include energy conservation measures including:
  - Lighting systems retrofit where systems approach end of useful life
  - Kitchen equipment reached expected end of life
  - Other viable opportunities which may be presented.
- A 10-year capital project forecast and monthly Operations and Maintenance update.
- The Operations and Maintenance Department Annual Report, which detailed, among other accomplishments, the successful management of 1,528,108 square feet of building space and the achievement of Energy Star-eligible ratings at three schools.
- Legislative affairs, including the introduction to the Illinois State Senate of Senate Bill 1. Introduced last session as Senate Bill 16, the bill seeks to restructure the formula that determines state funding for school districts. Board member Michael Fleck reported continued concern over uncertainty in the state's budget.
- The Call for Proposals for sessions at the Annual Triple I Conference of the Illinois Association of School Boards in November.

### Pending Actions

In addition, at its next Regular Meeting February 19, the Board will vote whether to approve:

- Purchase orders at \$563,656.34; Imprest checks at \$160,693.71; accounts payable at \$1,953.79; and disbursements issued at \$5,431,844.18
- Establishing a fiscal year for CSD158 as per 105ILCS 5/17-1, for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
- The appointment of Chief Financial Officer Mark Altmayer as the person to prepare a Tentative Budget of the Board
- The declaration of a number of technology items as Equipment Surplus
- A first reading of Policy 5:185 – Family and Medical Leave, as recommended in the October 2014 PRESS update issue
- Minutes from the Regular meeting of January 15, 2015 and the Waiver Hearing of January 15, 2015
- Proposed change orders to trade contractor's contracts for the HHS Additions and Renovations Project in the total amount \$4,828.00.

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