

# BOARD BRIEFS

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 1, 2016

HUNTLEY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 158 BOARD OF EDUCATION

## STUDENTS ACHIEVE SEAL OF BILITERACY Class of 2016 First to Achieve Recognition

Several members of the Huntley High School Class of 2016 became the school's first-ever recipients of the Seal of Biliteracy.

The Seal of Biliteracy is awarded by the Illinois State Board of Education recognizing students who have demonstrated mastery in one or more languages in addition to English. Illinois is among 23 states who offer the Seal of Biliteracy.

To receive the recognition, students must demonstrate mastery of English and another language. At HHS, this is completed in different ways for students who are English Language Learners (ELL) and students who are native English speakers.



For ELL students, a composite score of 5.0 and a 4.2 in both reading and writing must be achieved on the ACCESS exam. In addition, they must meet or exceed state standards on the PARCC, ACT or SAT.

Native English speakers must achieve a score of 4 or 5 on an Advanced Placement Exam in a foreign language. Huntley High currently offers Spanish, Chinese, and French. The school is also investigating offering other options to demonstrate mastery accepted by the State, including portfolio reviews and alternate tests.

Students who achieve the Seal receive a gold seal placed on their diplomas and acknowledgment on school transcripts. For 2016, 26 students received the Seal, and 23 received the related Commendation of Biliteracy.

"We want as many students as possible to become biliterate," said Michelle George, director of curriculum, noting that biliteracy is a strong asset for future employability.

## HHS COMPOSITE ACT SCORE REACHES 23.0

The HHS Class of 2016 achieved an average composite ACT score of 23.0, tied for the highest-ever score in school history.

"In several areas, we actually scored higher than we ever have before," said Dr. Erika Schlichter, Chief Academic Officer.

Schlichter also noted that the District expects to be able to smoothly correlate ACT scores to the coming SAT Test.

"This puts us in a small group of schools when you look at the state as a whole. It's incredibly impressive," said Superintendent John Burkey.

The score also places HHS among the highest-achieving schools in the area.

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## ENROLLMENT UP 144

The Board was presented the sixth-day enrollment report, which indicated a total of 9,595 students enrolled District-wide, representing an increase of 144 from last year. The high school is up by 95, and kindergarten classes are up 75.

### Huntley High School Ranks High on Energy Efficiency

Doug Renkosik, director of operations and maintenance, presented a report compiled by clean energy management company Ameresco comparing the energy efficiency of LUDA member high school facilities. The report found HHS the 7<sup>th</sup>-most energy-efficient building of the 33 measured, and a 19.5% more efficient consumer of energy than the average. In addition, HHS serves students with 8.5% less space per student than the average high school, with energy service costs 24% less than the average, and total costs for natural gas 26% lower than the average.

### Pending Actions

In addition, at its next Regular Meeting September 15, the Board will vote whether to approve:

- Standard applications for recognition as public schools as required by School Code 105ILCS2:25f, to be sent to the Regional Office of Education by September 30, 2016
- The HHS Counseling Department's application to become recognized as a RAMP "Recognized ASCA Model Program"
- A suite of assessments offered by the College Board, culminating with the State-issued SAT in spring of 11<sup>th</sup> grade, at a cost of \$21,836.00.
- A first reading of a number of policy changes as recommended in the latest issues of PRESS (<https://v3.boardbook.org/Public/PublicItemDownload.aspx?ik=39263607>).
- Payables: Purchase Orders at \$479,562.61; Imprest checks at \$150,870.26; Accounts Payable at \$717.40; and Disbursements issued at \$3,290,824.79
- A proposed fundraising contract with Gold Cup Fundraising to benefit HHS Volleyball (\$8,000)
- Change orders to the trade contractor's contracts for the HHS Additions and Renovations Project in the total amount of \$11,630.00 for Bid Release 2 contracts
- Change orders to the Riddiford Roofing Co. contract for the HHS Flat Roofing System restoration work project in the total amount of \$30,532.00
- A change order for the contract with Abel Building and Restoration for Masonry Repair (Base Bid #2016-41) at Heineman and Marlowe Middle Schools, in the amount of \$16,179.40
- Minutes of the Board's Committee of the Whole August 4, 2016, Special Meeting August 4, 2016, and Regular Meeting August 18, 2016.

### Informational Updates

The Board heard informational reports on:

- Monthly fiscal, Revenue and Expenditure, HR, Operations and Maintenance updates
- The Huntley High School renovation and construction project, which is virtually complete and currently about \$800,000 under its budget goal. Mr. Renkosik stated that the remaining budget will allow for needed renovation of the tennis courts.

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